
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**December 23, 2012
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sunday, December 23, 2012

- 8:00 – Christopher Thompson – Memorial
- 9:30 – Ewa Morowski – 18th Anniversary
- 11:30 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

Thursday, December 27, 2012

- 9:00 – Marjorie Thomas – 9th Anniversary

Saturday, December 29, 2012

- 4:00 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

Sunday, December 30, 2012

- 9:30 – Angelina & Albert Clary – Memorial
- 11:30 – Henry Curtin – 2nd Anniversary

Important Dates

- Sat. 12/15 – Christmas Pageant @ 12:00 in Hall
- Sun. 12/15 – Family Mass, Coffee n’ Conversation with SANTA
- Sun. 12/16 – Teen Mass @ 6:00pms
- Mon. 12/17 – Confessions 7 – 8 PM
- Tues. 12/ 18 – Confessions 3 – 4 PM

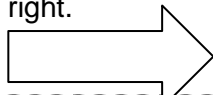
Please keep the following in your prayers:
Stephanie Cuffe, Eva LePine, Pam Adornato, Jenn Keymont, Christine Hichins, Ray Shope, Don Kitchell, Janet Coe, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hunnebury.



Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule

- 12/24 - Christmas Eve – 4:00pm & 6:00pm
- 12/25 - Christmas Day – 10:30am
- 12/31 – New Year’s Eve - 4:00pm
- 1/1/13 – New Year’s Day – 9:00am

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Saturday, January 1st through Sunday, January 23rd. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed in the box to the right.



Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, Dec 16, 2012

**Weekly Offertory: \$
Grand Annual - \$**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of this weekend, 92 families/individuals have contributed \$15,326 towards our parish goal of \$50,000. The Finance Council has suggested that each working person/family contribute \$250 towards this important financial campaign. The council is well aware that some individuals will be unable to make a contribution of \$250 but some others will be able to make a larger contribution and many have already done so. Please know that whatever you are able to contribute will be gratefully received. Any funds not needed from this financial campaign for general operating expenses will be used to replace the floor in the parish hall.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

- Every Christmas, the diocesan-wide collection is for our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in the Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Christmas collection which will directly benefit more than
- 645 active and senior diocesan priests whose health, welfare, and retirement needs are cared for through the Clergy Funds. On behalf of the priests who will benefit from your generosity this
- Christmas, we thank you.

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| Disposable diapers | Diaper bags |
| Crib Sheets | Baby towels |
| Sleep n Play sleepers | Nightgowns |
| Baby Bottles | Blanket Sleepers |
| Receiving Blankets | |
| Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers | |
| Toiletries ie...Wipes, rash ointment, <u>baby shampoo</u> | |
| Baby soap, baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers. | |

CYO SKI TRIP

The Annual CYO Ski Trip is Jan 18, 19 & 20th in Stowe Vt. The cost is \$285 and includes transportation, lift tickets, lodging, and three meals. For this trip to happen, we need 40 paid students in grades 8-12.

We have a couple more spots available; But payment is due NOW!!!

Please bring a \$100 deposit to the CCD Office or Rectory to secure your spot.



Dear Friends,

This marks the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudate Sunday or the Sunday of Joy. The children are very excited and filled with joy as they prepare for Santa's visit. It truly is "The most wonderful time of the year." It truly can be also the most stressful time of the year for many reasons. There is so much to do and so little time left--just a little over a week. Throw in a recession, a little unemployment, some illness and maybe some family problems and some may be more inclined to skip the entire Christmas Holiday. I think that if we are honest with ourselves, everyone has felt that way from time to time. However, if you do feel that way, I would suggest that you need Christmas more than those who have an easier time singing "Joy to the World."

The birth of Christ is a reminder to us all that the Father sent his only Son, not to make us smile and be happy but to show us the Way-the Truth and the Light so that we can make our way through the Calvaries of our lives. In Heaven we can be happy and smile but on earth we need to trust that the Truth of the gospel will set us free from all the lies that our world would set before us. We need the Light so that when darkness comes, and it comes to us all, we will not be afraid and the Way so that we can walk through the many difficulties and problems of life with our head held high because we walk not alone but with Christ.

Listen to the words of a great American homilist Walter J. Burghardt. *"You must be men and women of ceaseless hope, because only tomorrow can today's human and Christian promise be realized; and every tomorrow will have its own tomorrow, world without end. Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means you must be men and women of the present, you must live this moment-really live it, not just endure it--because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, because of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ."*

God bless,

Fr. Wally

St Vincent DePaul

We wish to thank everyone for the tremendous financial support. St. Vincent de Paul has calculated, in the last year alone, there was a total of 2,280 family members supported with food, clothing, and to some degree financial assistance. Therefore, we hope in going forward, you are aware that each time you make a food or financial contribution, you are really helping St. Vincent dePaul provide help to numerous East Bridgewater families. Upon the request of some of our parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul donations can be made through the On-Line Giving Program for your convenience. Check it out!

ST. JOHN'S ON-LINE GIVING PROGRAM

The gift that keeps on giving without much effort on your part.

St John's is offering a program for offertory and special collection giving that is set up on your computer and through your bank; very similar to your on-line bill payments set up through your bank. It requires very little set up and relieves you of the fuss and trouble of weekly envelopes or trying to remember St. John's when you cannot attend Mass or are away. Please see the website for directions. www.stjohneb.org or call the Rectory for assistance.

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MONTHLY MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday, December 29th**

1 - 3 p.m.

**Five delicious Meat Trays = \$70 Avg. Value
Two 50/50 Raffles = \$60 Avg. Winnings
1 Consolation Prize**