
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, February 18, 2012

4:00 – Alfred Sousa – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 19, 2012

8:00 – Mass for the People of St John’s

10:00 – Rose Rodricks – 1st Anniversary

6:00 – Jacob Calangi

Monday, February 20, 2012

9:00 -- Chuck Thomas—7th Anniversary

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

9:00 – Patrick W. Sullivan – Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 25, 2012

4:00 – Mark Cosgrove – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:00 – Robert & Theresa Mason – Memorial

10:00 – Mass of the People of St. John’s

6:00 – Stephen Hopkins – 13th Anniversary

March Baptisms will be on the 3rd Sunday-March 18

Important Dates

2/22 – ASH WEDNESDAY – Masses - 9 AM & 7 PM

2/25 – BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC—following 4:00

2/26 – 2nd Gr. Commitment Mass – 10:00 AM

2/26 – Coffee & Conversation after 10:00 AM Mass

2/26 – RCIA Rite of Election Mass – 6 PM

2/28 – Fundraising Meeting – 7 pm

2/29 – Finance Committee Mtg –7 pm --Rectory

TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH YEAR OF MAKING ROSARIES, "THE PRAISING JESUS THRU MARY" ROSARY MAKERS ARE HOSTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE FR. PEYTON CENTER, FR. JOHN PHALEN, CSC AT OUR MARCH MEETING, ON THE 26TH OF MARCH AT 10 A.M. AT RIDDELL ROAD HALL. ALL ARE INVITED -- COME LEARN WHERE THE ROSARIES GO AND HOW TO MAKE THEM -- JOIN US. QUESTIONS, CALL MARY ANN BOYLE 378-4704

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Children’s choir rehearsals for Easter Sunday will take place Monday evenings from 6-7 pm during Lent. Teen /Adult Choir Rehearsals for the Paschal Triduum will take place Monday evenings during Lent from 7:15-8:45 pm in the Church! All are welcome! Contact Paul Hoffman if you would like to join.

“Thank you” to Christine Webb, Fr. Wally’s new grocery shopper! ☺

Our Shared Treasure

February 12, 2012: \$5,057.50

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$44,004

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection This Week for Religious Education

Please keep the following in your

prayers: Pam Adornato, Dorothea Delano, Cecilia Chapman, Baby Isabella, Joseph A. Hurley, Cittadino Family, Nora Savoy, Frank McCarthy, Mary Saikin, Steve & Evelyn Mason, Annette Tarentino

Grand Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by 230 (12%) of our 2,000 families to our Grand Annual Collection. To date, these families have contributed \$42,439. We need you and all our parishioners to be there for St. John so that we may reach our goal of \$46,000. May God Bless your generosity.

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed. Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted and necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer as preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lenten Mass Schedule

Beginning Thursday, February 23rd and continuing until Holy Week (April 1st) the following will be the Mass schedule:

Mon - Fri - 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel

Weds – 6:30 PM – Divine Chaplet of Mercy

Weds – 3/28 & 4/4 – The Light is on for You (Evening Confessions) 7-8 PM

Thurs. – 6:30 PM Mass

Fri – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 PM

HOLY WEEK –Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Mass at 7 PM -- No afternoon Stations.

EASTER SUNDAY – 8, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt to follow 9:30 Mass

KEEP THE DATE OPEN FOR:
THE
Parish Irish Night
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2012
7:00 P.M.

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

\$45 PER PERSON
\$80 PER COUPLE

*\$5 discount for tickets purchased
before March 1*

NOEL HENRY'S IRISH SHOW BAND
IRISH STEP DANCERS

50/50 RAFFLE – CASH BAR
LOTS OF FUN!!!!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE
CALL THE RECTORY
508-378-4207



☺ PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN ☺

A special thanks to the teams of parishioners who work diligently to keep the church clean each week. Please try to help them out by taking special care not to leave things behind or on the floor.

CATHOLICISM Series to screen at The Father Peyton Center: Please join us Wed., Feb 29 as we begin a 5-week series for Lent. From 10 - 11:30 am, we will screen a 1-hour segment of the series followed by discussion. The beauty of the Catholic faith is illustrated in a rich multi-media experience. The first week's topic will be: *Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man*. For more information on the series, visit www.CatholicismSeries.com. For more info on events at The Father Peyton Center visit www.FamilyRosary.org/Events or call 508-238-4095. Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by The Rosary Priest, Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, is at 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA. Event is free and open to the public.



Dear Friends

It is hard to imagine but Lent is upon us. I am excited about the various devotions that will be offered here at St. John's. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and at 7:00 pm in the church. This is a very important day for us all. This is the day that we come into contact with that part of us that needs to seek forgiveness. It is also the day that we chose to "give something up" and by doing so fill that empty space in our lives with God's grace. When the priest or deacon or lay person place the ashes on your forehead they will say, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Good News." I pray that the ashes will be an exterior sign of an interior conversion for you and for me.

During Lent Mass will be offered each morning at 9:00 (M-F). On Wednesday evening at 6:30 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be celebrated in the Chapel. Mass will be offered on Thursday evenings at 6:30 and the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday evening at 6:30 in the chapel. For those who may not know about the Chaplet of Divine Mercy I would offer a brief explanation. The Chaplet is a devotion based on the visions of St. Faustina Kowalska, known as the Apostle of Mercy. She was a Polish sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, and was canonized a saint in 2000. It is a beautiful rosary-based devotion that includes music and traditional Catholic prayers. I hope that many of our parishioners will take advantage of the many devotions that are offered during these Lenten mornings and evenings.

**God Bless
Fr. Wally**

WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK

Starting Wednesday, April 11 and running for six weeks, a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound* will be offered at **St Mary's Parish in Hanover from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. Sr. Paula Tinlin, SND a certified Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at Carney Hospital will teach the *course*.

Thank you to the parishioners of St. John's for participating in the Archdiocesan Baby Shower Program. Your collaboration in this effort to help women make life-affirming decisions when faced with crisis pregnancies is an indispensable part of our Archdiocesan effort to live out the Gospel of Life. Thank you Missy Schrader for all your efforts to make this a success.

Catholic Appeal launches March 3rd & 4th.