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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**February 3, 2013  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, February 3, 2013**

9:30 – Ralph E. Ortenzi – 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Patrick Abati – 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Wendel Harrington – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

4:00 – Frances Swinamer – 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, February 10, 2013**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Christopher Thompson – 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Important Dates**

Sun. – Feb. 3 – NO CCD – SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Mon. – Feb. 4 -- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Mtg. – 7:00 PM

Mon. – Feb 4. – Finance Comm. Mtg – 7 PM (chg'd)

Fri. – Feb 8 – First Penance – 6:30 PM

Sat./Sun – Feb 9 & 10 – Valentine Lollipop Sale

Sun. – Feb 10 – Grade 10 Retreat – 2:30 – 7:00 PM

TEEN MASS @ 6:00 PM

Wed. – Feb 13 – ASH WEDNESDAY –

Masses @ 9 AM & 7 PM

Fri. --- Feb. 16 – Feb. 24 – NO CCD – SCHOOL VACA.

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Christine Hichins, Ray Shope, Don Kitchell, Janet Coe, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hennebury, Billy Brown, Debra Vass, Meaghan O'Brien, Peggy Jordan, Judy Potts, Debbie Sperre, Ellen Hansen, Niko Westhaver.*

**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](http://www.stjohneb.org) or call the Rectory for assistance.

***Our Shared Treasure***

*Sunday, January 27, 2013*

**Weekly Offertory: \$5587**

**Church in Latin America: \$1045**

**Grand Annual - \$425**

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

As of this weekend, 128 families/individuals have contributed **\$29136** 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We are a group making knitted or crocheted shawls or lap robes to be given to people who are homebound or going through illness and need a spiritual lift. We have also donated to the Norfolk Medical Group, Lifecare, Brockton Hospital Radiology, Brockton Hospital, Brockton Hospital-Chemo, St. Joseph's Manor, Lakeville Nursing Home, Bridewater Nursing Home, Good Samaritan, Embassy House, Baypoint, Copley, Kindred Care, West Acres, and My Brother's Keeper.

If you know of a facility that could use our items, please phone MaryAnn at 508-378-4704 or Rose at 508-583-5045.

We can also use donation of yarn.

Our next meeting is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at Riddell Road Function Hall at 3 o'clock.

The **Family Life Committee** will be selling Valentine Lollipops the weekend of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> following all the Masses.



***They are delicious!***

**Ash Wednesday** 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 of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

LENT begins this year on **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**. MASS will be celebrated at:  
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM in the Church.



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of preaching at the Community

Covenant Church in East Bridgewater. It was a wonderful experience. The people could not have been more welcoming and kind. While I was at the Community Covenant Church, their Pastor, Rev. Don Olsen, preached at the 11:30 Mass. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome that you extended to him. It is always a grace-filled day when the churches of East Bridgewater can celebrate their common Christian heritage. Each month the six of us meet for prayer, lunch and a discussion on the issues of the day.

This past week the computers have not worked due to a problem with the server—thus no internet access or email. So if you have sent me an email or the office an email, we have been unable to receive it. This has been the case since last Thursday. The problem is being worked on and, hopefully, by the end of this week it will be fixed. I was able to get my emails through another computer and responded to over 50 of them.

I am asking everyone in the parish to please pray for a 9-year old boy, Niko, who is having surgery to remove a tumor. His family just moved into East Bridgewater and has requested these prayers. It was very inspiring to see so many families attend the 9:30 Mass last Sunday which was a special celebration for those second graders who are receiving their First Penance and First Communion. I would encourage all parents of our children to please do your best to take your children to Mass each week.

God bless,

Fr. Wally

**Seeking the Peace of Forgiveness -Women's Retreat day. Saturday, Feb. 23rd. 9 - 3:30 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center.**

Everyone has someone with whom they struggle with the issue of forgiveness - family, friend, foe, co-worker, yourself or maybe even God. Reconciling the pain or letting go of the anger and finding peace requires God's grace, it's not an act of the will. A wonderful day of music, inspiring talks, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and much more. Event open to public - invite a friend! Cost \$25 - includes lunch. For More Information Contact Allison Gingras 508-243-1133. To register online:

<http://forgivenessbridgewater.eventbrite.com>.

To Register by mail use the form below and send with payment payable to Reconciled To You,  
@ P.O. Box 784, Raynham Center, MA 02768.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Lunch Choice: Turkey, Ham/Cheese, Tuna

**A Valentine Evening  
at Miramar Retreat Center**

Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, will celebrate couples at an elegant Wine and Dine Evening on  
**February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

The evening includes a wine and cheese social, an elegant dinner and dessert prepared by Chef Frank Lachimia. Fred & Daine L'Ecuyer and Fr. Griffith, SVD will offer a short presentation on "Making the Most of Your Marriage, Monogamy Doesn't Have to be Monotony", all for \$80 per couple. Please make reservations before Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 781-585-2460 or go online to [MIRAMARRETREAT.ORG](http://MIRAMARRETREAT.ORG).

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