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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**February 5, 2012  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

4:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s

**Sunday, February 5, 2012**

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

10:00 – Christopher Thompson – 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

4:00 -- Katherine Tobin – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

8:00 – Robert & Rita Farrell – Memorial

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

**INTENTION MASSES**

It is often the practice that individuals will book a Mass to remember a loved one who has died. Those Masses are celebrated at the daily Mass or at the weekend Masses. Intention Masses should be arranged at the rectory several months in advance so that you are able to get the date that you desire. In fact, some people book Masses a year in advance. It should be understood that all Masses must be booked by the parish secretary and be in the weekly bulletin in order to be **celebrated. Masses not in the parish bulletin will not be celebrated as it is the bulletin that the priest uses to announce the name or names of the individuals for whom the Mass is being offered. The bulletin is placed on the altar so that the intention for a particular Mass is clearly understood by the priest.** The priests will not accept slips of paper either in advance or at the last minute with the names of loved ones on it for an intention Mass.

**Important Dates**

- 2/5 – No CCD – Super Bowl Game
- 2/8 – Finance Committee Meeting – 7 PM Rectory
- 2/12 – Coffee & Conversation after 10:00 AM Mass
- 2/12 – Freshman/Sophomore Retreat Planning Meeting – 4 PM
- 2/12 – TEEN MASS 6:00 PM
- 2/12 – Lollipop Sales after Masses
- 2/15 – PPC Meeting – 7 pm in the Chapel
- 2/22 – ASH WEDNESDAY – Masses - 9 AM & 7 PM
- 2/26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Commitment Mass – 10:00 AM
- 2/26 – RCIA Rite of Election Mass – 6 PM

**March Baptisms will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday-March 18**

***Our Shared Treasure***  
**January 22, 2012: \$5210**  
**Church in Latin America: \$1151**  
**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$925**  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

***Please keep the following in your***

***prayers:*** Pam Adornato, Dorothea Delano, Cecilia Chapman, Baby Isabella, Joseph A. Hurley, Cittadino Family, Nora Savoy, Walter F. Keymont Sr, Frank McCarthy.

***\*Due to the ever growing number of names in our prayer list, we will be removing names after one month’s time to make room for more people in need of our prayers. The complete list of names can be found on our website:***  
[www.stjohne.org](http://www.stjohne.org)



**Irish Night—coming soon**

**When:** Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**Where:** The Commercial Club  
**Time:** 7 PM

**Dinner:** Corned Beef and Cabbage

**Entertainment:** Noel Henry’s Irish Show Band

**Cost:** \$45 pp or \$80 per couple  
 \$5 discount if purchased before March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Cash Bar & 50/50 Raffle**  
 For ticket info, please call the Rectory **508-378-4207**

**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 \$41,064. If you haven’t had an opportunity to return your donation, please do so as soon as possible. The Parish Finance Council has recommended a donation in the amount of \$250. Perhaps you do not worship with us on a regular basis, but count on St. John’s to be there when you need us. Now 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.**

The Fundraising Committee is looking for help with this year's Irish Night. "Many hands make light work". Please contact Bob Katilus, [bkat90@aol.com](mailto:bkat90@aol.com) if you can help in any way. Set-up, clean up, selling tickets at Masses, etc. So much to do and so few to do it!



Dear Friends

I have lots of unconnected messages to share with you. First of all, a special thank you to the 213 families who contributed to the Grand Annual Collection. They have raised over \$40,000 for which we are very grateful. That is about 10% of our 2,000 families. Imagine what we could do if 20 or 30 percent of our families made a contribution to the Grand Annual Collection. The Finance Council suggested a family donation of \$250. However, please know that we will gratefully accept whatever you can afford. There are GA envelopes at the usher's tables if you wish to use them.

Also, check out the Offertory totals in last week's and the previous week's bulletin. The totals are between \$1,000 and \$2,000 off from what they are normally. Remember, each week that the Offertory collection is less than \$6,000 we are running a deficit. If you have not been attending Mass lately, please remember to send in your weekly donation. One final thought--I dislike talking about this more than you dislike listening to it, so thanks for listening.

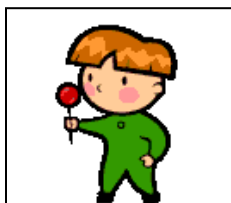
On a happier note, on March 17, the Feast of St. Patrick, we will be having a "Grand" celebration at the Commercial Club of East Bridgewater. The event will feature a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, as well as Noel Henry's Irish Show Band. They are, without doubt, the best Irish band around. Please consult the bulletin for more details. Also, we need help to make the Irish Night a success. You will find Bob Katilus' name and email address next to my column. If you can help, send him an email and he will get in touch with you. Finally, Fr. Don Skerry is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination this year. There will be a parish celebration to honor him on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 Mass followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please try to save the date!

God, Bless,  
Fr. Wally

CELEBRATE VALENTINE DAY AT MIRAMAR  
RETREAT CENTER



Enrich your marriage at an elegant dinner!! Miramar Retreat Centre, 121 Parks St. Duxbury, will honor married and engaged couples at a Wine and Dine evening on **February 11 at 6:00 p.m.** The evening includes a wine and cheese social, an elegant dinner prepared by Chef Frank Lachimia and dessert. Between dinner and dessert Fred and Diane L'Ecuyer and Fr. Tom Griffith, SVD will offer a short presentation: "Have I Told You Lately that I Love you?" **The price is \$75.00 per couple.** For reservations or more information, call Ann at 781-585-2460 ext. 312.



*LOLLIPOPS SALES  
AFTER MASSES  
This weekend  
Proceeds to help  
Family Life Ministry*

**PROJECT RACHEL**

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church which offers hope and healing from the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer three "Come to the Waters of Healing" post-abortion retreats this winter/spring: Saturday, February 25, March 17, and May 5. Location is confidential. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

*Trust in the tender mercy of God*



*LENT BEGINS  
ON  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
February 22, 2012  
EASTER SUNDAY  
IS  
April 8, 2012*

