**************** St. John is a Stewardship Parish ******************************

January 15, 2012 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14, 2012

4:00 - Frances Swinamer - 25th Anniversary Sunday, January 15, 2012

10:00 - Chet Shalqinewicz - 3rd Anniversary

6:00 - Mass for the People of St. John's

Saturday, January 21, 2012

4:00 - Samuel Harrigan - 30th Anniversary Sunday, January 22, 2012

10:00 - Mass for the People of St. John's

Important Dates

1/13-15 - SKI TRIP

1/18 – PPC MEETING 7 PM IN CHAPEL

1/28 – Blood Pressure Clinic following 4 p.m. Mass

1/29 -- 6 pm Mass – Rite of Acceptance for RCIA candidates

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

Grand Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by **226 (12%)** of our **2,000** families to our Grand Annual Collection. To date, these families have contributed \$37,229. 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.

Second Collection January 15 -- Special Collection for Catholic Charities

The Special collection on January 15 will go to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston. This ministry is focused on support of children and families as well as newly arrived immigrants in the Archdiocese. Programs include food pantries, residential care for women and children in poverty, substance abuse counseling and assistance with rent and heating oil. Catholic Charities regularly serves over 175,000 people each year. It is focused on direct personal and social support of those in need.

Our Shared Treasure

January 8, 2012 \$5,968 **Second Collection – Utilities- \$1729 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$37.229** Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please keep the following in your

prayers: Pam Adornato, Dorothea Delano, Holly Benson, Cecilia Chapman, Baby Isabella, Joseph A. Hurley, Ben Cittadino, Nora Savoy, Walter F. Keymont Sr.

*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.stjohneb.org



ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BABY **SHOWER**

The Pro-Life Committee will host the Annual Parish Baby Shower from Saturday, December 31st through Sunday, January 22nd. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. The following items are needed:

Disposable diapers (Newborn to size 1) Diaper bags Baby towels

Crib sheets

Sleep n Play sleepers (up to 12 mo. Very much in

need of size small)

Nightgowns Crib sheets **Baby Bottles** Blanket Sleepers

Receiving Blankets Socks

Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers

Toiletries ie...

Wipes, rash ointment, baby shampoo, baby soap, Baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE ITEMS—PLACE IN CRIB BY JAN. 22, 2012

Questions, Call Missy Schrader at 508-350-0017 or email missyschrader@verizon.net

SNOWBIRDS PLEASE INFORM THE RECTORY OF YOUR DEPARTURE

300 CLUB WINNERS

Louise Brown Dianne Engren Kate Wasser Linda McNally



Fundraising Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year's BiG Event—Our Annual Irish Night to be held on St. Patrick's Day at the

Commercial Club. The band, Noel Henry's Irish Show Band, will be playing to make the night a wonderful time. Please contact Bob Katilus if you can help. Bkat98@aol.com



ST. VINCENT de PAUL HOTLINE: 508-378-3760

SVdeP has a direct number now. Please use this number when seeking help from St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your continued generosity to this very worth-while parish organization.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE June 2012

Fr. Jay Makos, Pastor of Holy Ghost invites you to join him on this wonderful trip!

Cost is \$3,499 pp. Includes airfare, hotel, meals, baggage handling, fuel charge, admission fees, and more!

For more information call Jane Gilson, 508-944-5910

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 to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer four "Come to the Waters" post-abortion healing retreats on January 21, 2012. For more information and registration, contact **Project Rachel** at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com . *Trust in the tender mercy of the Lord*.



Bridgewater Community Blood Drive Monday, January 16, 2012 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Conant Community Health Center, 5 Wally Krueger



Dear Friends

This weekend is the annual ski trip to Stowe Vermont. As of this writing it looks like they will have plenty of snow--thank God. Therefore, I will be away from Friday thru Sunday with our young people and I am sure that we will have a wonderful time. Father Kani and Father Don will be celebrating the weekend Masses.

I am sure that you have all heard about the Pastoral Planning that the Archdiocese is going through so that the Catholic Community, which in many places is suffering due to lack of resources, clergy, and communicants, can thrive and grow once again. All change is painful but we have the comfort of knowing that no church will be closed by this process. The 290 parishes will become part of 125 Pastoral Collaboratives. Each collaborative of from one to four parishes will be administered by one pastor, who ordinarily will not come from one of the parishes that the collaborative will serve. Thus, there will be significantly fewer pastors in the future. The number of employees will also be reduced, as collaboration between parishes will be the guiding principal. The proposal will be discussed and critiqued by the priests, deacons, lay employees and the Parish and Finance Councils. The following is the schedule of these meetings.

Dec. 5-the priests of the Archdiocese met.

Jan. 8-the deacons of the Archdiocese met.

Jan. 9-the parish business managers met.

Jan.12-the religious education directors met.

Jan.18-the priests of the South Region will be given the Parish Pastoral Collaboratives.

Jan. 23-the music ministers and other parish staff members will meet.

Jan. 25-the business managers, music ministers and other pastoral staff will meet again.

Jan. 26-the religious education directors will meet again.

March 20-the PPC and FC will meet

As always, I will keep you informed as to the results of these meetings.

God, Bless, Fr. Wally

WOMAN'S CURSILLO

Thurs. evening, Feb 23 through Sunday, Fe 26, 2012 at the Campion Center in Weston. For more information, check the

website: www.bostoncursillo.org; or

call 617-779-3640