
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**July 19, 2015
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, July 18, 2015

4:00 – Ann Contrada, Patrick Connolly, & Eric Fishbaugh – Memorial

Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00 – Robert Franciosi – 1st Anniversary
10:30 – Richard Hutchins

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

9:00 – James W. Thompson – 19th Anniversary

Saturday, July 25, 2015

4:00 – William T. Monahan – Month’s Mind

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:00 – Maria Luz – 22nd Anniversary
10:30 – Wilfred Duffany – 10th Anniversary
Louise Duffany – 3rd Anniversary

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat/ 7/18 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Wed. 7/22 – Beach Day (Rain date 7/23)

Mon – Fri - 7/27 – 31 – Vacation Bible School 9 – 12

Sun. – Thurs - 8/2 – 8/6 – Leadership Retreat

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen DeBenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, Ruth Marx, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, Beverly Salamone, Patricia Cockran & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.
If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.*

**Lord Teach Me To Pray
Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do the Same!**



Are you a woman or man of prayer?
Are you comfortable working with small groups?

July 31 – August 1, Glastonbury Abbey will host a Facilitator *Training Retreat* for the “Lord Teach Me to Pray” prayer series. It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the “Lord, Teach Me to Pray” (LTMP) prayer series, you are also invited! For info and registration: Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com

*Our Shared Treasure
July 12, 2015*

Offertory: \$5,709

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$75**

Grand Annual -- \$3,112 away from goal!

NEXT YEAR WE WILL MAKE IT!!!!

Thank you for your continued generosity

St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John’s needs “A Few Good Men” (or women). Are you available to volunteer a few hours a month? There is some lifting involved and assisting with pick-ups and deliveries for the Food Pantry. Consider lending a hand to the pantry and in turn you will be helping others. You can leave a message on our hotline at 508-378-3760 or stop by the Food Pantry on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month after 3PM. Please ask to speak with Bob Hill or any other pantry volunteer.

Our kids eat the same things as yours: all kinds of breakfast cereals, pancake mix and syrup, PB&J, Spaghettios, mac & cheese, tuna, chicken soup, canned fruit, jello and pudding. How about cake, cookie and brownie mixes (for those rainy days) when you just need something to keep them busy. We are truly grateful for all donations. What you give to the pantry is used for the pantry!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Embark upon an icy expedition where your kids learn to overcome obstacles with God's awesome power!



Programs begin at age 3!
July 27 – July 31

Follow this link to register
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/StJohnsVBS

CHURCH PICNIC COMING, CALL CARMEN PEARSON TO HELP!!!! SEPTEMBER

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$24,660 pledged 93% participated
\$26,637 our goal 93% of goal

164 participants 176 our goal of participants

Stayed the same this week.

Only need \$1977 to meet our GOAL
We are almost there!!!!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a child, I went to camp every summer. It was a week long experience of hiking, swimming, arts and crafts – your typical camp experience. One thing that we did that was somewhat unusual, however, was a “trust walk”. For those of you who have never experienced it, what happens is that you are blindfolded and led by the hand or arm by a partner who is not blindfolded (can’t have the “blind leading the blind!”). The key to the walk for the blindfolded one is to listen to and trust your partner; the key for the leader is to be aware that you have someone else in your care. It can be a challenging, yet rewarding, experience for both leader and follower.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is asking His disciples (whom He is sending out, two by two) to trust – trust in Him, trust in the Spirit. In taking nothing for the journey, they are to rely on the goodness of others, strangers who would become followers of this “New Way” (Christianity). They are to take only those things that are absolutely essential, taking nothing but a walking stick, sandals and a tunic – no food, no money. For those things, they are to trust that God will provide. They are to go from town to town preaching Jesus’ message of hope, life and repentance. If they do not accept this message, they are to leave and shake the dust (of the town) from their feet as testimony against them.

It appears, at first reading, that the disciples were successful. Many heard the word and accepted it. Many were healed and freed from demons. Many came to accept the Word and began to spread it themselves. It does not say all accepted this word, so we know that the work of discipleship goes on. It lives on, in fact, in you and me. We, like those who were sent by Jesus have an opportunity to spread the Word of God. We do so both in word and deed – in word by speaking messages of hope and peace, in deed by living lives in accord with the Gospel and the teachings of the Church.

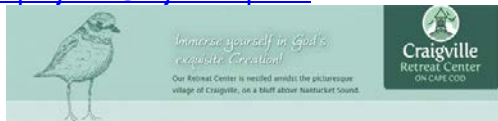
This can be a challenging thing. At times we can feel like Amos (the prophet from the first reading), who contends that he is no prophet, but a simple dresser of sycamores. Like Amos, we can feel sometimes unable or unprepared to proclaim these truths that we live. We might be content to live our lives simply, humbly and anonymously. We have a call, however, like Amos did to go out and proclaim the Truth – the Truth of God’s word. May we have the courage to be like Amos and go out into the world, proclaiming God’s truth in love, His victory of sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that God is with us on this journey so that we may have the courage to trust in God’s plan for us, His people.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6th at Craigville Beach

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.



COME JOIN US AT
MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER
FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL

“Some Enchanted Evening” Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for August 1st from 5 – 9 PM.
Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St. Duxbury, MA

Break away from today’s stress and worry! Relax and enjoy the social hour, elegant dinner, cash bar, silent auction raffle and live entertainment in Miramar’s comfortable atmosphere. Tickets are \$100 per person. All proceeds go toward the Miramar Retreat Center Capital Campaign.

For more info on placing an ad in the program or to make reservations, call Mary Fran at 781-585-2460 ext 312 or visit our website: www.miramarretreat.org