

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**June 14, 2015
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, June 13, 2015

4:00 – Lina Merianos – 26th Anniversary

Sunday, June 14, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Irene Shalginewicz – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, June 20, 2015

4:00 – John McPartlin – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 21, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Thomas Buckley -- Memorial

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat. 6/13 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Sat. & Sun. – 6/20 – Fr. Bernie Olszewski – Cross International Appeal

Sat. 6/27 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Sat. 6/28 – 7/4 – Mission Trip to Nashville

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

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

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary D. Sullivan whose funeral was celebrated June 3rd and our dear friend, Bill Monahan whose Mass was celebrated this past Tuesday, June 9th.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O’Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Tom Farley, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang, Bob Foley & 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.

Father Bernard Olszewski

Will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Our Shared Treasure

June 7, 2015

Offertory: \$6,378

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Above budget: \$594**

Grand Annual : \$31,816-- \$3,184 away from goal!

Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015

Thank you for your continued generosity

The Family and Youth Ministry has completed its first year. The year has been an amazing year of faith, love, and support for our Parish Families. We look forward to building on our first year and creating even more opportunities for our family to grown together in faith. We are not going on vacation this summer! Watch for details about our Parish Yard Clean-up, Beach Day, VBS, a Backyard Camp-out, and a field day coming soon. Our "Flocking" fundraiser has been such a success that the requests keep coming in, so we have decided to continue the flocks into the summer. Any additional funds raised will start our efforts off for our coming year of events, Mission Journeys and faith experiences. This weekend also saw the completion of the fundraising for our Mission Journey to Nashville. Thanks to the prayers and generous support of our Parish we reached our fundraising goal. Many have asked about supplies for our journey. We would love any kind of goodies for our 28-hour Train Ride. All goodies should be dropped off by Thursday, June 25th so that we can have time to pack them. Your continued prayers for a safe journey are always welcome!

We leave in 19 days with a full team of 20 members!

St. John’s Rosary Makers

PRAISING JESUS THROUGH MARY

Celebrating our 14th year of making rosaries. Over 6,000 rosaries have been sent to either missions, for our soldiers, or for members of our parish.

Thank you for remembering our canisters with your weekly spare change.

“The Family that prays together stays together.”

Religious item are being collected for a non-profit mission in Pennsylvania who repair, collect, and recondition the item to be given to churches in need. Items will be stored in the barn until they picked up June 22nd or 23rd.

FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

IS COMING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015.

It takes many people to make this event the success it is every year. The Family Life Mission could use more hands to help this year. Please Contact Carmen Pearson (508-378-7364) if you can help in any way.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, my family never began a meal without "saying grace". When the food was ready and on the table, and everyone was seated, we would offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God "for the bounty we are about to receive" (using the "old school" grace!). It is a small gesture, but one which can bear great fruit. Evidence came of this when I was out to dinner recently and engaged in this practice. A fellow diner at a nearby table commented that it "did his heart good" to see that some people aren't afraid to express their faith publicly. As I say, it's a small gesture, but sometimes the smallest acts can bear the greatest benefits.

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

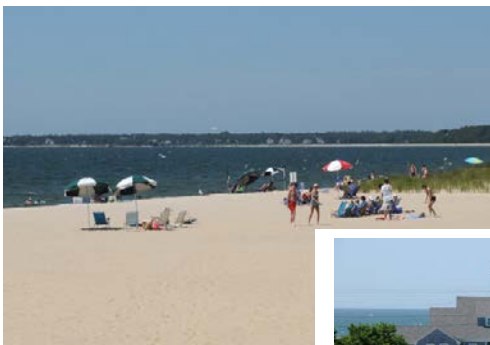
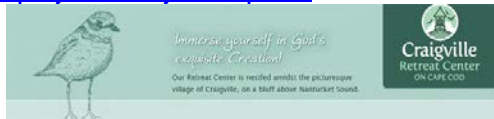
\$23,335 pledged	89% participated
\$26,637 our goal	88% goal
156 participants	176 our goal of participants
An increase of \$200 from last week.	

St Vincent de Paul

School will be out in a couple of weeks and many families who come to the pantry have children. Please think of items you might buy for your children (especially cereal) and maybe pick-up and extra box for the food pantry. We are still in need of summer items. In particular mayonnaise, relish, salad dressing and pickles. Once again donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.

"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.



Isn't that the way it is with God? Jesus uses two parables today, the "parable of the sower" and the "parable of the mustard seed". While the latter image is the one we tend to remember, we shouldn't lose sight of the first story. In the parable of the sower, the one who scatters the seed doesn't see immediate results. This can cause frustration, confusion and anger. One can lose heart, and think that God isn't working in our lives. Patience is the key; if we persevere, we will see results. In the story of the mustard seed, the adage that "good things come in small packages" might come to mind. It is often from small, humble beginnings that great growth can occur. One only need look at the Savior to see that thought come to bear; it was from the small town of Nazareth (a town so small, it probably didn't warrant a mention on the map) that the great King comes forth into the world. One cannot underestimate potential growth, no matter how humble the beginning.

In "cultivating" our faith, we must exhibit both patience and perseverance. If we allow God to work in our lives and if we "stay the course", then amazing things can happen and God's glory can come shining forth into the world. If we look to God to place in our hearts a spirit of patient endurance, then we can hold out until the end and receive the reward of the just, the Kingdom of God. May we pray for these gifts so that God may work in our lives. May we come to know that God is at work in our lives so that our lives may "bear great fruit".

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul