St. John is a Stewardship Parish

# June 15, 2014 The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 14, 2014 4:00 – Eleanor Nuovo – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, June 15, 2014 8:00 – All the Fathers of St. John Parish 10:30 – All the Fathers of St. John Parish Saturday, June 21, 2014 4:00 – Parishioners of St. John Sunday, June 22, 2014 8:00 – Parishioners of St. John 10:30 – Deceased Members of the Zemeitus Family

### Important Dates

Sat. 6/21 – Boy Scouts' Bottle Drive – 9 – 1 PM Fri. 6/27 – Fireside Friday – 7 PM Sun. 6/22 – Blessing of Mission Trip – 10:30 Mass And Cookout Sat. 6/28 – Mission Trip Leaves for Nashville

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, MacDonald Family, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Bill Maloney, John Gomes, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bill Clements, Rita Orr, Nancy Porter, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Manuel Amaral. The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone in who is need of a Pastoral visit from either our Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Paul (in the case of the Sacrament of the Sick), please call the rectory.

#### What is the sacrament of the sick?

The Sacrament of the Sick is a common name used for one of the <u>seven sacraments</u>, the <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>the Anointing of the Sick</u>, which is administered both to the dying and to those who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation, for the recovery of their health and for spiritual strength.

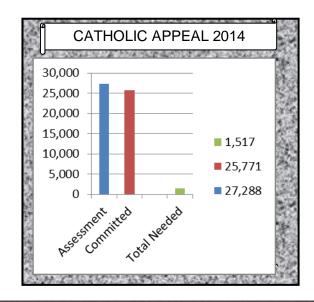
Do you like to decorate? Would you like to spruce up our Church. We are looking for volunteers to decorate the inside of the church. Each month the church would get redecorated by a new team. Interested? Call the Rectory - 508-378-4207

# HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

Our Shared Treasure		
June 8, 2014		
	<u>Last Wk</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Collection	\$ 4911.00	\$ 266,545.76
Budgeted	<u>5,882.35</u>	<u>282,352.39</u>
Excess/(Short)	\$ 971.35	\$ 15,806.63

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,709 Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = Short \$12,291 Catholic Appeal: \$25,771 from 162 parishioners Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 94% *Thank you for your continued generosity.* 

2nd Collection June 15, 2014 for the Church Maintenance





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Going away this summer?

Have fun and enjoy. You deserve it. But Please don't forget us. Our bills still need to be paid.

Make it easy for yourself, use our On-line Giving Program. Set it up before you go And then forget it.

Directions are available on the Ushers' Table

## BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 27th AT 7 PM ST. JOHN'S INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN FIRESIDE FRIDAY'S



CASUAL CONVERSTIONS, QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS REGARDING OUR FAITH. Kids welcome, marshmallows can be toasted

## ST VINCENT de PAUL

Please notice that a basket has been placed at both entrances of the church. Our hope is that you can place your food donations into the baskets when you come to mass. What a tremendous difference it would make if each family put even one food item into the basket each week. It definitely would help us keep the shelves stocked!! Some items that are needed now are cereal, white tuna, mac and cheese, and baked beans. Have a great week.



Saint John's is looking to create a team of greeters. The greeters would welcome our parishioners at church each week making them feel wecome and part of a greater community. We need people for each door at each Mass.

Please call the Rectory if you would like to be part of this important team. 508-378-4207



Dear friends, peace and love from Uganda. Hope you are all well... Just to update you on how we are progressing with our dream girls' dormitory. I will be sending you more pictures. **Fr. Lusiba** 



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate two important days on this same day, one a holiday and one a holy day. The holiday, of course, is Father's Day and the holy day is the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday). The former reflects the love that we have for our fathers, both living and dead; the latter reflects the love we have for God in the "three-in-one" reality of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Father's Day is an important day of reflection in many ways. Fathers in our culture have undergone many transitions throughout the years. Many years ago, they were seen as "provider", as "breadwinner", it was they who gave sustenance to their family by what they brought into the household to provide nourishment and comfort for their families. In our society, this role has changed over the years, especially with the advent of two-income families and "stay-at-home dads". In the Catholic-Christian tradition, the father still plays an important role in the "procreation and education of offspring" (one of the purposes of marriage, along with it being a reflection of the love of the couple), which is seen as one of the opportunities which traditional marriage (that is "one man, one woman") affords. This model is currently being challenged by cultural and social mores which often times are "at odds" with this view. The Church still maintains this view, for it is in this traditional structure of husband and wife" (again, that being one man, one woman) as the way which God intended marriage to be. The Church sees marriage not merely a "social contract" (which it is in the "civil" view) but as a "divine covenant", one which includes God in the "equation" (which is in the "divine" realm). This is why Father's Day (and Mother's Day, for that matter) remains an important day in the "social fabric" of our culture.

In much the same way, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity has undergone some changes. The changes to Trinity Sunday aren't so much liturgical as they are personal, and they can change even day-to-day. God meets us where we are at, and in doing so comes to us in the way in which we need to be touched and transformed. When one prays (I would hope!) one encounters the "essence" of God in the "persons" of God. One should "note the quotes", as my former English teacher would say; I use guotes to indicate that one, in using these terms, just "scratches the surface" as to who God is for us. In the Trinity, that is Father, Son and Spirit, one encounters the "creative", "redeeming" and "sanctifying" (again, the quotes) aspects of God. Throughout our lives, the ways in which we come to "meet" the Trinity (and the Trinity "meets" us) depends on a large part as to where we are. We 'grow where we are planted" and God nurtures us as we are, transforming us.

May this day bring about an appreciation for our fathers and Our Father. May it help us to understand who God is for us in the Trinity – Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier...and so much more! May the Blessing of Almighty God – Father, Son and Spirit be with you now, and remain with you forever!

A Blessed Trinity Sunday and Happy Father's Day to All,

Fr. Paul