
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**June 8, 2014
Ascension Sunday of Easter**

Saturday, June 7, 2014

4:00 – Francisco Figueiredo – 19th Anniversary

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, June 14, 2014

4:00 – Eleanor Nuovo – 5th Anniversary

Sunday, June 15, 2014

8:00 – All the Fathers of St. John Parish

10:30 – All the Fathers of St. John Parish

Important Dates

Wed. 6/11 – FIN COMM MTG – 7 PM

Wed. 6/11 – Info Mtg. for Leadership Retreat – 7 PM

Sat. 6/14 – Cheerleaders’ Car Wash – 10 – 2 PM

Sat. 6/21 – Boy Scouts’ Bottle Drive – 9 – 1 PM

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,.
The residents of Sachem & Westview.*

Global Rosary Relay for Priests: Celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with the faithful gathered at more than 60 shrines around the world praying the Rosary for our priests on Friday June 27.

Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton, Massachusetts, and our mission offices, will join with people gathered at more than 60 shrines around the world to pray the Rosary to support our priests. Let us come together and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and unite with others as we encircle the world in prayer.

Father Peyton Center - 518 Washington St., North Easton, MA, 11:15 am, Friday, June 27.

www.FamilyRosary.org/Events - 508-238-4095 - 800-299-7729 - A World at Prayer is a World at Peace

Our Shared Treasure

May 18, 2014

	<i>Last Wk</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Collection	\$ 5,276.00	\$ 261634.76
Budgeted	5,882.35	276,470.04
Excess/(Short)	\$ 306.35	\$ 14,835.28

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,709

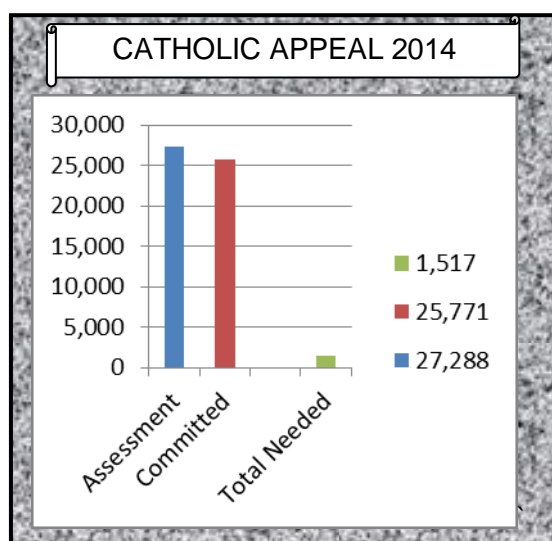
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,291**

Catholic Appeal: \$25,771 from 162 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 94%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection June 8, 2014 for the Seminary Collection



Congratulations to the winners of the Saint John Scholarships!

Zack Connelly
Brynne Connolly
Libby Connell
Kaeleigh Smith

St. John's is so lucky to have such a selection of worthy candidates, making the selection very difficult.

A special thank you to our panel of judges. No one envies your position. Thank you for stepping up to this most difficult task.

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.

Join LIFT Ministries for an exciting monthly worship event which includes uplifting music, relevant talks, confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Their events are FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. Be with them on Tuesday, June 10th for a great night of worship with guest speaker

Fr. Michael Sheehan.

The evening runs from 7 - 9pm
at Fontbonne Academy,
930 Brook Road, Milton, MA.

Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Witness to Truth

is a dynamic leadership experience for Catholic High School Teens who have completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. Meet teens from all over the Archdiocese, grow deeper in their faith, learn about and acquire the knowledge and skills to be an effective leader, and have a great time doing it!



The poster features a group of diverse high school students in the background. In the foreground, there is a large, glowing golden cross with a flame at its center. The text on the poster reads: "High School Catholic Summer Leadership Institute WITNESS TO TRUTH July 7th-11th, 2014 St. Thecla Retreat House, Billerica". Below this, it lists costs: "Cost: \$395", "Register by June 13th: \$350", and "Register by May 23rd: \$325". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For more information please contact Kathy Stebbins: kstebbins@rcab.org or 617-746-5811", "Registration and details: www.ONE4Boston.org", and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Pentecost Sunday: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the “birthday” of the Church. It is a feast which has multi-denominational roots. It is, in Christian circles, often called “Whitsunday” (especially in Great Britain); it is historically and symbolically connected to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Ten Commandments on Sinai fifty days after the Exodus event. It is marked for us, as Catholic-Christians, by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. **The symbols** of Pentecost are multiple, as well. Fire, wind and a dove are all used to connote the fact that the Holy Spirit has power and moves as God wills it. These symbols pale, as symbols do, in comparison to the actuality of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We need these symbols, however, to “wrap our minds around” a concept that is bigger than ourselves. This is why the biblical writers use such symbols – to convey a greater truth than one we could scarcely imagine on our own. This is why we, in the Church, use these symbols of fire, wind and doves – to help us to grow closer in the truth, the truth that God is still at work in our lives. Last month, 84 of our young people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was at that moment that they were “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. A power came into their lives greater than themselves, greater than any of us. This moment was a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our Church to this day.

The Apostles gathered in the upper room, most likely the same room in which they gathered for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The doors were locked, for they feared the authorities who had the power to end their earthly lives. Jesus, in standing in their midst, gave them His peace, a peace which the world cannot give. It is in the midst of this peace that they now stood, able to go forth from that place and do great things in the name of God. It is in the midst of that peace that we now stand, able to go forth from our places of worship to do great things in the name of God. And let us not kid ourselves – it was no easier for the disciples gathered at that first Pentecost than it is for us. They had challenges to their faith...we have challenges. They had persecution in the early Church, as do we today. They had the Holy Spirit in their midst...and so do we.

May we have the courage of the early Church to go out to all nations, proclaiming God’s truth in love, His victory over sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day and on every day that we have the opportunity to proclaim the truths of our faith. May we feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Pentecost, Fr. Paul