
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**March 17, 2013
5th Sunday of Lent**

Saturday, March 16, 2013

4:00 – Francis Barry – Memorial

Sunday, March 17, 2013

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 -- Francis “Tookie” O’Brien – Memorial

Monday, March 18, 2013

9:00 – Rev. Christopher Adombilah – 4th Anniv

Friday, March 22, 2013

9:00 – Martin J. Hanley – 23rd Anniv

Saturday, March 23, 2013

4:00 – Louis Lombardi – 2nd Anniv

Sunday, March 24, 2013

8:00 – Rev. John Corcoran – 9th Anniv

11:30 –Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Thur. 3/21 & Wed. 3/27 –Confessions @ 6:30 PM

Mon. 3/18 – Session 5 – Sacrament of Penance @ 7:00

Thur. 3/21 – PPC Mtg –7:45

Sun. 3/24 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM – No dinner to follow

Tues. 3/26 – Sun. 3/31 – NO CCD – HOLY WEEK

Thur. 3/28 – Holy Thursday Mass – 7 PM

Fri. 3/29 – Good Friday – SEVEN LAST WORDS – 12:00

Good Friday Service – 7 PM

Sat. 3/30 – EASTER VIGIL MASS – 7:30

Sun. 3/31 – EASTER SUNDAY – Easter Egg Hunt to

follow 9:30 Mass – Regular Schedule of Masses

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hennebury, Billy Brown, Debra Vass, Meaghan O'Brien, Judy Potts, Debbie Sperre, Ellen Hansen, Niko Westhaver, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Brittany Paluch, John Gray.

Catholic Appeal is here!

Your support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal helps countless people of all ages and backgrounds through 50 ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal at Mass last Sunday. If you have not yet participated in the Appeal, you can make your pledge by completing one of the forms available at the back of the church or by contacting St. John Parish by calling 508-378-4207. You may also pledge your support to the parish campaign at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Weekly Offertory: \$6168.00

Grand Annual: \$125

Thank you for your continued generosity.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of this weekend, 148 families/individuals have contributed \$31,846 towards our parish goal of \$50,000. At this point in time last year, the parish had raised \$47,000 toward our goal of \$50,000. So as you can see, we have a way to go. The Finance Council has suggested that each working person/family contribute \$250 towards this important financial campaign. The council is well aware that some individuals will be unable to make a contribution of \$250 but some others will be able to make a larger contribution and many have already done so. Please know that whatever you are able to contribute will be gratefully received.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Mass @ 9:00am Monday - Friday

“YEAR OF FAITH” SERIES

*Last Talk of the series will be:
Monday, March 18 @ 7:00- Sacrament of Penance, Anointing of the Sick & Holy Orders*

Lenten Obligations

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Easter this year is March 31st.

Easter Flower Donations should be in by March 22nd

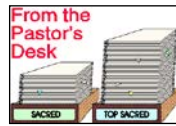
Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, 3/28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7

**Friday, 3/29 - Seven Last Words @ 12 (noon)
An Ecumenical Service by the Clergy of EB**

**Friday, 3/29 - Solemn Celebration of the Passion of
Our Lord @ 7**

Saturday, 3/30 - Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:30



Dear Friends,

“Habemus Papam” we have a Pope!
What wonderful news for the Church in general and for our friends in Latin and South America. The fact that he took the name of Francis should serve to remind us all of his real love of the poor and the marginalized. It is a great opportunity for all of us to recommit ourselves to the Lord and His Church and to once again embrace our Holy Father Francis. On March 19 at 7:30 pm there will be a Mass in St. Jerome Church in North Weymouth for the South Region to celebrate the election of Pope Francis everyone is invited to attend this special Mass.

I want to encourage our High School Seniors to consider applying for the Youth in Ministry Scholarship. Each year the parish awards 2-4 \$500 scholarships to high school seniors. The applicant must be someone who attend Mass very regularly, is involved in the ministry of the parish in some capacity, and can demonstrate a sense of devotion to the parish. The applications are available at the rectory and the CCD office.

I would like to invite you all to consider attending the Holy Week services that will once again lead to the glorious celebration of Easter. First of all, I would suggest that you begin by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance or confession as it is commonly called. I will hear confessions next Thursday evening and the following Wednesday evening at 6:30. On Holy Thursday we will have the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00. This special celebration includes the washing of the feet of 12 members of the Parish, and the renewal of vows for me, Fr. Don and Deacon Joe. The Mass will end with the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the chapel where you can spend some time in prayer until 10PM. On Good Friday there will be an ecumenical celebration of the Seven Last Words of Christ at 12noon. Each of the pastors of the churches in town will preach one of the Words. At 7:00 pm we will have the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord. As you know, the service consists of the Liturgy of the Word, the General Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. On Holy Saturday we will have the Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30pm. The service begins outside with the lighting of the Easter fire and the lighting of everyone's candle followed by the singing of the Exultet. It continues with a selection of readings from the Old and New Testament that trace the path of Salvation history. The service concludes with the Eucharistic celebration.

These are the Church's most important and sacred liturgies of the year and I hope that you will join me in celebrating them.

God bless,
Fr. Wally

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available on Thursday evening 3/21 & on Wednesday evening 3/27 at 6:30 PM.

Good Friday at 12:00 noon will be the “Seven Last Words” presented by all the clergy of East Bridgewater

Benefit for Meaghan O'Brien's Road to Recovery

Meaghan is the daughter of Jim & Elaine O'Brien of East Bridgewater. Meaghan who is 22 suffered a stroke in January while exercising. She was at Mass General Hospital for treatment and is now home and doing well with her outpatient therapy. Her family and friends are having a fundraiser to help her with the cost associated with her treatment and to raise money for other stroke victims.

The fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 5th - 7 PM at the Commercial Club in East Bridgewater. There will be refreshments, raffles & auctions at the event. A \$20 donation is requested. The tickets are available at the rectory Monday – Friday from 9 – 4. Donations can also be sent to: Meaghan O'Brien Fund, c/o Bridgewater Savings Bank, 29 Bedford St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.