****************** St. John is a Stewardship Parish *******************

Nov 20, 2011 **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING**

Saturday, November 19, 2011

4:00 - Mass for All Souls

Sunday, November 20, 2011

8:00 - Mass for All Souls

10:00 - Mass for the People of St. John's

6:00 - John & June McHugh - Memorial

Saturday, November 26, 2011

4:00 - Mass for the People of St John's

Sunday, November 27, 2011

8:00 - Mass for All Souls

10:00 - Richard Hildor Foss - 15th Anniv.

Important Dates

11/23 - Thanksgiving Mass - 6:00 PM

11/26 - CRAFT FAIR - 9am - 2pm - Church Hall

12/1 – Ecumenical Service – St. John's – 6 pm

followed by Lighting of the Lights on the Common

12/3 – Christmas on the Common

12/8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Nelson Powers , Lana Thomas, Don Kitchell, Bill Browne, Russell L. Clifford Jr. & Ruth Russell, Jack. Sheila, Joseph McElhiney Mary Ellen Johnson, Robert Small, Madison Murray, Ian Hickey SPC, Nathan Gilbert BU3 and Rita LoCicero, Fedela Nuovo, Betty DePietro, Pam & Vince Adornato, Jane & Michael Sheehan, Patricia Polcaro.

*Due to the ever growing number of names in our prayer list, we will be removing names after one month's time to make room for more people in need of our prayers. The complete list of names can be found on our website:

www.stjohneb.org





Christmas Giving Tree

ls up.

Please help someone in need by taking a tag from the tree.

All donations should be returned no later than Sunday, December 11th.

Please remember to write the amount of the donation on the gift card.

Our Shared Treasure November 13, 2011: \$5577

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION BEGINS NOV 13 \$3130 already in (great beginning)



THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE WILL BE SELLING LOLLIPOPS AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF NOV 19 & 20



THANKSGIVING MASS will be

celebrated at 6:00 PM on Wednesday. November 23, 2011 so as to allow parishioners time to prepare their meals or attend the EB High School Football Game. Please bring a bag of food for the food pantry to this Mass.

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No Mass will be celebrated Thanksgiving Morning.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS DURING **ADVENT**

I have often thought that we celebrate Christmas best during Advent. That's probably because the preparation for Christmas takes much more time and effort than the celebration of Christmas Day (which seems to come and go so quickly).

Fr. Wally's suggestion of four talks during Advent may test that theory. Looking at the Nativity Narratives and other related stories during Advent can help us find the spiritual center of Christmas as we go through the Advent season. We will take time each Wednesday evening at 7 PM during Advent to look at the Scripture account of Jesus' birth, some light theology, and hopefully some sharing can lead us to a more fruitful celebration of this amazing truth of our faith: "The Word became flesh." God Bless, Fr. Skerry



Start your Christmas Shopping
At St John's 3rd Annual
CRAFT fAIR

November 26th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Church Hall
Free Admission
Volunteers desperately needed
For setup, and tear down
Call Mary Ann @ 378-4704





"TREASURES" for the CRAFT FAIR can be dropped off in the basement of the Church after the 9:00 AM daily Masses beginning NOV 21 on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY until 12 PM.

Someone should be there but if not, just leave the items on the stage. Call Mary Ann Boyle if you have any questions. PLEASE DO NOT call the Rectory.

Up to 28 people.....12 people needed



CYO Ski Trip NEEDS MORE PEOPLE®®®®®®®®®®®®®®®

Annual CYO Ski Trip will be held the weekend of Jan. 13-15 (MLK Weekend) to Stowe Vermont. The cost is \$264 per person (4 to a room) and it includes, 2 nights accommodation at the Doubletree Hotel in S. Burlington, 2 breakfast and 1 dinner buffets, 2 all day lift ticket to Stowe Mountain Resort and transportation by motor coach. We must have 40 paid persons to make this trip happen and we must have that information soon so that accommodations can be booked. The people at First Tracks have graciously **extended the due date for ONE more week**. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to attend, please contact Mrs. Hopgood as soon as possible.



Dear Friends,

I would like to share this piece by Wilfred A. Peterson with you for the up-coming Thanksgiving Holiday (food for thought).

THE ART OF THANKSGIVING

The art of thanksgiving is thanksliving. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of thanksgiving.

> God, Bless, Fr. Wally

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC NOVEMBER 26TH FOLLOWING 4 PM MASS

THE CHRISTMAS PAGENT IS COMING AGAIN FOR DETAILS IN THIS YEAR. LOOK **NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!!!!**