St. John is a Stewardship Parish

# November 4, 2012 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 3, 2012 4:00 – Parishioners of St. John Sunday, November 4, 2012 8:00 – William, Geneva & Kendra Frabetti --Memorial 9:30 – Jennie Kucinsi – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 11:30 – William Browne, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary 6:00 – Frances R. Pritchard – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thursday, November 8, 2012 9:00 – Clement Power – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Friday, November 9, 2012 9:00 Frances Pritchard – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Saturday, November 10, 2012 4:00 – Deceased members of the Hanley Family Sunday, November 11, 2012 8:00 – Parishioners of St. John 11:30 – Peter Digiacomo – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond C. Armstrong whose funeral mass was celebrated this past Friday.

### **Important Dates**

**GRAND ANNUAL BEGINS on NOVEMBER 11** 

Sun. 11/4 – Teen Mass – 6 pm Tues. 11/6 – No CCD – Election Day Sun. 11/11 – No CCD – Veterans' Day Mon. 11/12 – RECTORY CLOSED

Wed. 11/14 – No CCD – Parent/Teacher Conferences Thurs. 11/15 – No CCD – Parent/Teacher Conf. Fri. 11/20, 21, 22 – No CCD – Thanksgiving Holiday

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John & Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan, Albert Federico, Bill Neyman, Annette Moriarty, Judy Potts, Fedela Nuovo, Judy Potts, Joanne Rawson, Debbie Sperre. 

### RCIA

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion or Confirmation and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes for this program will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 beginning in the Fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

# **Our Shared Treasure** Sunday, October 28, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$6620

### Thank you for your continued generosity.

### INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN:

THANK YOU

We are pleased to announce that the regular offertory to St. John's was sustained during the second week following the Increased Offertory Campaign Commitment Weekend. Our collections over the past three weeks are more than 16% higher than the same three weekends in 2011.

Thank you so much to the 102 families that have now made commitments to increase their giving. Thank you also to the 28 families who have decided to switch to electronic giving as their way of regularly supporting the parish.

If you have not already made your commitment, Commitment Envelopes are available on the ushers' table at the entrances of the church.

<u>Stewardship Link</u>: Deuteronomy 14:22 "Each year you shall tithe all the produce that grows in the field you have sown."

### **ON-LINE GIVING**

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? 28 Families have begun to use this service. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. It makes it so easy and convenient. Please check the bulletin or visit <u>www.stjohneb.org</u> to find out how to give online. The steps are all outlined for you on the site. If you need help getting started, give Debbie a call at the 508-378-4207 and she can walk you through the steps to begin.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS** 

We are still in need of several Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. If you are able to help out please contact Fr. Wally or Deacon Joe.

# Archbishop Williams High School Open House

Thursday, November 8 6:00-8:00 PM 80 Independence Ave Braintree, MA 02184 781-843-3636

CURSILLO offered by the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life *"is an experience of spiritual renewal and a method for Christian living and Evangelization"* Held at the Campion Center in Weston Men's Weekend – Nov. 29 – Dec. 2, 2012 For information: <u>www.bostoncursillo.org</u> or call 617-779-3640 See Deacon Joe or Lorraine Hopgood if interested

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer "Come to the Waters" post - abortion healing retreats on Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 17, 2012 at confidential locations. For more information and registration information, contact

# Project Rachel - Archdiocese of Boston at

508.651.3100 or <u>help@projectrachelboston.com</u>. *Trust in the tender mercy of God!* 

"COPING WITH HOLIDAY GRIEF" Support Group

The death of a loved one naturally brings grief and pain. The family and social gatherings, memories, chores and expectations of the holiday season may impact your sense of grief, loss or loneliness. This seven-week support group will provide helpful tips to manage and cope with the grief during the holiday season.

Bridgewater Group Location: Given at pre-registration Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2 Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

# ALL SOULS

November is the month dedicated to all those who have gone before us marked with the gift of Faith. During the month of November, a Novena of Masses will be celebrated for those loved ones that you want to be remembered. Simply use the envelopes that you have received or the ones on the ushers' tables for this purpose. The names of your loved ones will be remembered in this Novena. The envelopes will be placed on the altar.



Dear Friends,

This Tuesday is our National and State voting day. My dad use to refer to it as a Holy Day of obligation, so important a day was it for him. I would agree with my dad and add that voting is a sacred obligation of every citizen and so I would strongly urge you to exercise your right and duty and vote on Tuesday. It is not for me to tell you who to vote for but I do believe that it is my duty to remind you that not everyone in the world has this important and basic democratic right, so don't take it for granted by staying home on Tuesday-- go vote.

I would also urge you to vote "No" on Question 2, the so-called death with dignity proposal. Because this question is directly in conflict with the teaching of the Catholic Church and the teaching of Jesus as found in the scriptures, I would once again urge you to vote "No". I have placed as an insert in today's bulletin, a homily given by Cardinal Sean O'Malley which he preached last Sunday. I hope that you will read it before voting next Tuesday.

> God bless, Fr. Wally

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is election day and we encourage everyone to get to the polls and vote. There is a question on the ballot (Question 2) about Physician Assisted Suicide. There are many <u>flaws</u> to this bill and we want you to know what the bill entails. Please visit our website to find links to the problems of this bill before you cast your vote.



November 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Volunteers desperately needed For setup, and tear down Call Mary Ann @ 378-4704



Family Life Committee will be selling Lollipops after all the Masses the weekend of Nov 17 & 18