
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

November 9, 2014 –

32th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday, November 8, 2014

4:00 – Dorothy Diczno -- Memorial

Sunday, November 9, 2014

8:00 – Clement Power – 5th Anniversary

10:30 – George DeChristopher -- Memorial

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, November 15, 2014

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, November 16, 2014

8:00 – Medhat Eskander

10:30 – James Cassidy – 11th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Mon. 11/10 – Bowling – Viking Rec Center – 7-9 PM

Tues. 11/11 – VETERAN'S DAY – RECTORY CLOSED

Sun. 11/16 – First Grade Mass – 10:30 Mass – followed by coffee and conversation

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Henry "Harry" Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Gary Saccocia, Elaine McKeon, Kirra Lee Callahan, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, Alex Hankey & 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.



Thanksgiving is right around the corner

The food pantry will be putting together Thanksgiving meals again this year and could use the following items to help out:

Stuffing, gravy, bread mixes ie. Cranberry or Pumpkin, pie crust mix, pie fillings, etc.

Gift cards to local markets are always a huge help and money donations are always appreciated.

Our Shared Treasure

October 26, 2014

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 5,510.00	\$93,746.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$104,117.58
Excess/Short	\$ 274.31	\$13,708.86

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection – Campaign for Human Development

Catholic School Open Houses:

Cardinal Spellman High School
November 23, 2014 at 1:00 PM
Presentation in Auditorium followed by
Tours of school.
www.spellman.com for more details



Demonstrate your thankfulness this season!

It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stjohnsb.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



**Catholic Women's Club Annual Craft Fair
coming in NOVEMBER**

**Used goods are needs for our Attic Treasures
Table. Anything used and in good shape is
welcomed.**

**We will be collecting these goods the week
before the fair.**

November 29th – 9 AM – 2 PM



**Crafter's tables available. Please call
MaryAnn Boyle
508-378-4704
To reserve a table.**



**Vikings Recreation
Center**

607 Bedford St. EB Rte 18

Monday, November 10th from 7:00- 9:00
Admission \$10.00

All ages are welcome to attend and we encourage you to bring lots of friends. The Bowling Alley will be reserved just for us. We have 80 tickets available to sell. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses or in the Religious Education Office. If this event is a sell-out our Youth and Family Ministry will raise \$400. To help with the costs of our larger retreat or travel programs.

Your \$10 includes:

Unlimited amount of bowling from 7 – 9 PM
Shoe Rental

Bumpers will be available for younger bowlers (or older bowlers) that need a little extra help with gutter balls!

All are welcome!



THANKSGIVING MASS will

be celebrated **at 4:00 PM on Wednesday,
November 26, 2014.**

There will NOT be a Mass on Thanksgiving Morning,

Please bring a bag of food for the food pantry to this Mass.

*****My Dear Friends in Christ, *****

If you ask someone "What is considered the Pope's 'primary' Church?", most would respond

St Peter's Basilica"...and they would be wrong (sorry...thanks for playing!)! That distinction belongs to St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome (a title held by the Pope) resides. Every diocese has a main cathedral, a "touchstone" of sorts which the faithful from all corners can call their own. Our own Cathedral of the Holy Cross, in Boston, serves this purpose. It is traditionally where Archdiocesan events such as the Rite of Enrollment (for the RCIA), the Chrism Mass (when the Holy Oils are blessed and distributed) and, of course, Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood are celebrated (these last celebrations make the Cathedral a particularly important worship space for yours truly!).

The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. So, in a sense this is a celebration for the Universal Church, as St. John Lateran is the "mother of all churches". It is the "parish church" for all Catholics, for it is the pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. I had the opportunity a few years ago, on a trip to Italy, to pay a visit to St. John Lateran, and it is an edifice fitting to be considered the "mother of all churches" for the Catholic faithful. From its towering façade, crowned with 15 statues of Christ, John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist and Twelve Doctors of the Church, to its remains of the small wooden table (where St. Peter reportedly celebrated Mass) under the high altar, St. John Lateran stands to this day as a monument to the "Catholic spirit" which builds up the Church Universal. I think St. Augustine said it best when he was quoted thus:

"What was done here, as these walls were rising, is reproduced when we bring together those who believe in Christ. For, by believing they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism and instruction they are, as it were, shaped, squared and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans. Nevertheless, they do not make a house for the Lord until they are fitted together through love" (St. Augustine, *Sermon 36*>).

I think (at least it is my hope) the above quote can be attributed to any Catholic Church, our own "St. John's" included! I believe that when one steps foot in a Catholic Church, they are brought into that "circle of love" which begins at Baptism and continues through our life of faith. May we, as a People of God, continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters, inviting them to take part in the celebrations of our faith. It is these celebrations which unite us in faith, hope and love. It is these celebrations that make us who we are – Catholic-Christians seeking to deepen our relationship with Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the all-encompassing love of Almighty God

Have a Blessed Week,
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