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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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October 13, 2013  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Lorraine & Don Kerrigan – Memorial

Sunday, October 13, 2013

8:00 – William & Geneva Frabetti & Kendra Memorial

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, October 19, 2013

4:00 – Leona DeCoste – Memorial

Sunday, October 20, 2013

8:00 – Deceased Member of the McLaughlin Family

9:30 – Linda Fontaine – Memorials

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sat 10/12 & Sun 10/13 – NO CCD

Sun. 10/13 – An Evening w/ Frank Runyeon – 6:30

Mon. 10/14 – RECTORY CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Sun. 10/27 – TEEN MASS

Thurs. 11/1 – Fr. Lusiba goes home to Uganda

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Nikki Bosse, Alison LaLond, Joe Bosse, Michael MacDonald, Ann Storti, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Aline Clish, Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Marie Cameron, Michael Terry, Sheila Crenay.*



**300 CLUB WINNERS**

Linda Trask Mary Soucie  
Mabel Ortenzie  
Charles & Marylou Thompson

**The Catholic Women's Club will be having their  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair  
November 30th**



**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. More information will be announced in  
November.**

*Our Shared Treasure*

October 6, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$6492.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - Youth Ministry*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - World Mission Sunday*

**Catholic School Open Houses:**

**Cardinal Spellman HS – 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.**

[www.spellman.com](http://www.spellman.com)

**Tour, Placement test, Admissions Process**

**Archbishop Williams—7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> grades**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 1:00**

**November 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00**

**Pre-register at [awhs.org/events!](http://awhs.org/events!)**

**Adding grades 7 & 8 this year**

**Tour, Meet current AWHS students/faculty**

**Learn about Admissions process**

[www.awhs.org](http://www.awhs.org)

**Notre Dame Academy**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00**

**781-749-5930 or**

[www.ndahingham.com](http://www.ndahingham.com)

**Tour, Register for HSPT test for 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Register for ISEE exam for 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

**applicants.**

**BC High – Grades 7-12**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

[www.bchigh.edu/admissions](http://www.bchigh.edu/admissions)

*Mass Cards*

A Mass card is a remembrance card created for a deceased member's family. The card expresses condolences and lets the recipient know that he/she or his/her loved one will be remembered during the announced intentions at a Mass. To have an intention heard, a donation is usually made to the church. Cards can be obtained from parish offices or purchased through Catholic societies.

St John's has Mass Cards available for your convenience.

## WHY NEED FOR A GIRLS' DORMITORY IN UGANDA?

According to the research that was conducted in Mubende district (Uganda) in 2009, 82% of the successful women in the district were products of dormitories/Boarding schools. The reasoning behind this is the academic environment they got while at school. It so happens that the girl child, if not in boarding school, is very much troubled, tempted, solicited by men and end up diverted from studies. I have seen with my naked eyes school dropouts getting married at the age of 14/15!!! Many of these girls get men on their way to or back from school as they walk long distances of 4 to 6 miles! No buses over there!

Consequently, to keep our girls focused on their education, we have resorted to building a dormitory at St. Benedict High School in Our Lady Source of Joy, Kasambya Parish. We intend to build a dormitory of 300 girls costing \$300,000. It is on this note my dear friends of St. John, companies and all people of good will, I appeal to your generosity.

We shall have a second collection on 26/27 October 2013 weekend in view of that project. However, if you prefer to donate before or after, you can kindly give me your contribution/check through St. John Parish indicating Dormitory project, or Contact me on my email: [Lusteve2012@gmail.com](mailto:Lusteve2012@gmail.com) or call the rectory 508-378-4207.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba.

The Knights of Columbus Bridgewater has a program to support registered Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts in getting Catholic Religious Emblems. Programs are for youth ages 5 to 18. Support is provided for materials, counselors (as needed), emblems, etc. Emblems are presented at Scout Sunday for scouts under 11 and at the Cathedral for scouts over 11. If you know of a scout that is interested, have them contact Bob Sullivan ([Robert\\_Sullivan@comcast.net](mailto:Robert_Sullivan@comcast.net)) 781-856-0277 or Kate Anderson ([cnjanderson@comcast.net](mailto:cnjanderson@comcast.net)) for more information.



### My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, I went to a day-long seminar entitled "Developing an 'Attitude of Gratitude'". The presenter challenged the listener to cultivate a viewpoint that everything is a "gift", things for which we should be

grateful. He pointed out that even the challenging events and moments of our lives are times when we should not necessarily *rejoice*, but see them as "teachable moments" (as we used to call them in seminary).

They are (or can be) life-changing, and should be seen in that light. The speaker went on further to say that if we missed out on these "teachable moments", then we miss out on opportunities of growth and enrichment.

In today's gospel, Jesus encounters ten lepers. They all cry out to Him to have pity on them. They are not asking for a handout, but a miracle. In addressing Him as "master", they recognize Jesus' power over this leprosy which has separated them from the community not only physically, but spiritually as well, for disease (in Jesus' time) had a spiritual component to it. Their outcry comes from a desire for restoration, for "wholeness". Jesus directs them to the priest (as was the custom in Mosaic Law); as they do so, they are healed. This links Jesus to the Law, something which He had been accused of "skirting" by the Pharisees. In realizing that they were cured, only one (a "foreigner", probably a Samaritan) comes back to pay Jesus homage. Why is this? Were the others ungrateful? Were they unaware of what this meant? Was the "foreigner" the only one to realize that Jesus' power knew no bounds, as He healed this "outsider"? The gospel leaves this question for our imagining.

This is where we come in. In "placing ourselves in the story", we might do well to ask the question, "for what am I grateful?" I think that one of the things for which we can all be grateful is our very existence, which is the ultimate gift from God – the gift of life. Last week, we as a Church celebrated "Respect Life Sunday". At this time, the Church asks us to take a reflective moment to see the value of life, from "conception to natural death". It calls on us to challenge the "culture of death" which has continued to devalue life of the pre-born, the mentally and physically challenged and the elderly, as well as the marginalized and outcasts of society (such as the homeless or the immigrant seeking entrance (through proper channels) to our country). This attitude (which is most certainly *not* an "attitude of gratitude") must end.

Another thing for which we should be grateful is our life of faith here at St. John the Evangelist. In my short time here, I have come to know St. John's as a vibrant, caring community. In times we have been called to help our neighbor (i.e. the call for catechists, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive), we have responded with generosity and love. We are called, each day, to reach out to one another in a spirit of charity, humility and love. Let us do just that, so as to foster a community where one can feel welcomed and loved.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Paul