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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**October 20, 2013  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

4:00 – James & 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

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**

4:00 – Parishioners of the St. John

**Sunday, October 27, 2013**

8:00 – Doc & Marion Wood – Memorial

9:30 – Richard Kruger – Memorial

11:30 – Bonnie DeCosta – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Robert & Rita Farrell -- Memorial

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alfred Smith whose funeral Mass was celebrated October 7<sup>th</sup> and Harry Amedea whose funeral Mass was October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Important Dates**

Sat & Sun 10/26-27 – Fr. Lusiba Presentations— following 4:00 & 11:30 Masses

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 Creney.*



**300 CLUB WINNERS**

Linda Trask Mary Soucie  
Mabel Ortenzie  
Charles & Marylou Thompson

**Bridgewater K of C – Monthly Meat Raffle**

Saturday, October 26, 2013  
1 to 3 PM

5 delicious Meat Trays = \$70 Average Value  
Two 50/50 Raffles = \$60 Average Winnings  
1 Consolation Prize

***Our Shared Treasure***

*October 13, 2013*

Offertory Collection: \$5530

Youth Ministry: \$913

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

***2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Dormitory for St Benedict, Uganda***

**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)

**Holy Family School – Grades K-8**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – Noon**

**781-878-1154**

***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?

Next weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, I will make a mission appeal for building a girls' dormitory for St. Benedict High School in Uganda. Your generous donations would be greatly appreciated. The dormitory for 300 girls is estimated at \$300,000. As I have written before, these girls walk {NO BUSES} a distance of 4 to 6 miles to school Monday to Friday!!! So, this being the only school of the kind in the region, we would like to have them reside at school for their security and academic performance.

In addition, for anyone interested in sponsoring a student's education for a year of study, can donate \$300 (\$100 per term) to insure the ability of someone who could not afford to go to St. Benedict School the opportunity to do so.

How to pay: Write a check to St. John Parish, indicate in the memo St. Benedict School-Uganda.

We shall have a 30 minutes video presentation about St. Benedict School and the need for the dormitory on Saturday, Oct. 26th after the 4 pm Mass and on Sunday, Oct. 27th after the 11:30 am Mass. Please join me (Fr. Stephen) for only 30 minutes to watch this video.

St. John Parish has become a home away from home. I appreciate anything you can do to assist us in our mission and I, of course, will account for each and every dollar you donate to us. I will be sending you pictures of the progress of the project. God willing, I will be with you again next summer 2014.

God Bless  
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 ([cnianderson@comcast.net](mailto:cnianderson@comcast.net)) for more information.



**COMING  
NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SAVE THE  
DATE**



## My Dear Friends in Christ,

Hal Borland, the American author, was once quoted as saying that “knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience; knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence”. What he speaks of regarding trees and grass can be said about prayer. The elements of both patience and persistence are found in a good, rich prayer life. One may not see one's prayers answered in the time frame or fashion that they would like, but that doesn't mean that those prayers go unanswered. I once heard a priest say that “God answers all prayers – sometimes that answer is ‘no’”. God knows what we need to grow in faith, hope and love. God also knows those things that we *need* (as opposed to praying for or expecting only those things we *want*).

In today's gospel, Jesus recounts the parable of the persistent woman and the dishonest judge. The woman is persistent in her prayer and the judge fears that her persistence will be transformed into anger or, worse yet, violence. It is by this persistence that the woman has her “day in court” (literally and figuratively). She is heard not because of any fear the judge has for God or people, but out of fear that the judge has in potentially losing his life. At the center of this “change of heart” is the persistence of the woman; she is relentless in her pursuit of a just verdict. Her persistence wins her the day.

Jesus tells us to take a lesson from this parable, namely to be persistent in prayer. Jesus' challenge to the hearer of this parable comes from both His desire for people to develop a relationship with God and His fear that people will lose faith if they don't remain diligent in their prayer. Jesus wonders aloud that when He comes back “will he find faith on earth?” (Lk 18:8). Jesus knows how easily people's faith can be shaken. Jesus has seen this doubt and fear in others and He will see it in His own disciples (at the end of His earthly days). Jesus knows the only way that people can be ready for trials and tribulations is by developing and maintaining a solid prayer life. This requires both persistence and patience.

This persistence and patience can overcome spiritual fatigue. In the first reading, as Joshua leads the Israelites into battle, with Moses leading the “spiritual warfare”. As long as Moses was persistent, and didn't let weariness overcome him (with a little “assist” from Aaron and Hur), the Israelites had the better of the fight. The same can be true of us, as there are sometimes when we need support for our prayers. Thank God we have a community of believers, a family of faith to whom we can turn for such support (or whom we can support). In this way, we all grow closer to God in prayer and life. May we have the courage to be persistent in prayer, diligent in life. May we know that God is with us, hearing our prayers and giving us what we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

**Have a blessed week,  
Fr. Paul**