St. John is a Stewardship Parish

### October 21, 2012 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saturday, October 20th

4:00 - Melva & Charles Silva - Memorial<br/>Ralph & Lila WilliamsSunday, October 21st8:00 - Robert Robichaud - Birthday9:30 - Parishioners of St. John<br/>11:30 - Linda Fontaine - 9th AnniversaryWednesday, October 24th9:00 - Mary & Elmer Proffitt - MemorialSaturday, October 27th<br/>4:00 - James & Leona DeCost - MemorialSunday, October 28th<br/>8:00 - Doc & Marion Woods<br/>9:30 - Bonnie DeCosta - 18th Anniversary<br/>11:30 - Parishioners of St. John

## **Important Dates**

Sun. 10/21 – St. Vincent de Paul Retreat – 2-8 pm Mon. 10/22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers' Meeting – 7pm Thu. 10/24 – Finance Comm. Mtg. – 7pm Sun. 10/28 - Halloween Mass – 9:30am Wed. 10/31 – No CCD classes – all grades Thu. 11/1 – All Saints' Day – Mass at 9am & 7pm Thu. 11/1 – No CCD Classes – all grades

### 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, Bill Monaghan, Judy Potts, Joanne Rawson, Debbie Sperre, Pat Zemeitus

### St. Vincent de Paul

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who helped make our St. Vincent de Paul food drives such an outstanding success. Our shelves are full again! We pray that you will continue to think of others in need when you shop, or you can leave a donation in one of our St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the front or side entrance of our church. Thank you again for your generosity.

### 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 14, 2012 Weekly Offertory: \$7226 Youth Ministry: \$1399

As of July 1, parish deficit = \$8161

The Increased Offertory Campaign: HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE?

Last weekend was Commitment Weekend for the Increased Offertory Campaign. We hope that you have had a chance to pray about your level of commitment and are prepared to make your decision. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss the project with someone.

Our current weekly average offertory is \$5300. We need a minimum of \$6000 to pay our bills and to maintain our present reduced staff. We need \$7000 to restore those positions and to move forward with needed repairs. Occasionally, as was the case this past week, the Offertory is higher.

The commitments secured during the Increased Offertory Campaign, and sustained for years to come, will be directed towards specific needs that have been identified at the parish. They include:

- Restore positions that had been eliminated or downsized.
- Eliminate the parish's annual operating deficit.
- Continue renovations of church, hall and rectory, especially the heating system.

### **ON-LINE GIVING**

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So, if you forgot your envelope last week, or if you missed our second collection, you can go online and make a gift to the special collections or our regular offertory. 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.

Nursing Supervisor -- Kingston Experienced RN/LPN FT Nursing Supervisor. Facility caring for religious sisters. Experience in geriatrics preferred, experience as a team leader or nursing supervisor a must. Excellent salary and benefits. Fax resume and cover letter to 412-318-3323 or email erica.burkath@larouche.edu 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

NATIONAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS Oct. 25, 2012 East Bridgewater Town Common 5:45 pm Coffee & Hot chocolate served 6:00 pm Performance by EB High Choir followed By statement by Susan Silva

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#### **KIWANIS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Sing at the Lighting of the Common

Who? All students grades K-8
What? You will *be featured entertainment* at the Lighting of the Common!
When? Thur. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm
Why? To celebrate our town spirit and ring in the holidays!

Participation is free of charge Call 508-378-9404 or email <u>Christmas@Capachione.com</u> Visit <u>www.capachione.com</u>

Rehearsals Schedule: Fridays, Oct 26, Nov. 2, 9, & 23 6:00 – 7:30 pm Final Dress Rehearsal Wed. Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

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 help@projectrachelboston.com. *Trust in the tender mercy of God!* 



Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks to the families that have thoughtfully and prayerfully considered their commitment to St. John Parish. Several people have spoken to me about making their commitment in the next few weeks. Last weekend's Offertory Collection certainly reflects your renewed commitment. I have received many touching and heartfelt notes of encouragement to me for which I am very grateful. I have also received some notes from people who are simply unable to increase their donation at this time. Some of these notes have actually been apology letters. I will respond to each note that I have received but until then please do not feel guilty about being unable to do the impossible. I completely understand and I am most grateful for your presence and your prayers and your kind words.

I am very encouraged by your financial support but I am more encouraged by your faithfulness and your dedication to our parish. We have so much to be grateful for and all of us, including myself, need to realize how blessed we all are and to show our gratitude by continuing to share our Time and Talent and Treasure.

> God bless, Fr. Wally

### A note from Fr. Don Skerry,

I want to thank everyone who made it possible for me to celebrate my Golden Jubilee at St. John's. The music was fantastic, the food was delicious, and the parish staff was so helpful and thoughtful to me and my family. Thank you so much for the many card and gifts that I received. It was a great day that I will always remember.

Many Thanks,

Fr. Don

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.

### ALL SOULS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USHERS TABLES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.