
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 14, 2014

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 13, 2014

4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 22nd Anniversary

Lena Shepard – 12th Anniversary

Sunday, September 14, 2014

8:00 – Alice Fopiano – 25th Anniversary

10:39 – Ellen Cassidy – 5th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, September 20, 2014

4:00 – Cayden Polittano – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, Sept 21, 2014

8:00 – Robert DeCosta -- Memorial

10:30 – Robert J. Sullivan – 10th Anniversary

6:00 – Rob Johnston – 1st Anniversary

Important Dates

Sun. 9/14 – Prayer Shawl Mgt. – 3 PM – Riddell Rd.

Sat & Sun 9/21 – St. V de Paul Food Collection

Sun 9/21 – Parish Picnic – following 10:30 Mass

Sun 9/21 – Catechetical Sunday, Ministry Fair, CORI's

Sun. 9/27-28 – Mission Appeal by Fr. John Hanley

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Gerald Ahl, Henry "Harry" Wedge, Harry Hewins. Floyd Weaver.

The Prayer to St Peregrine

For Sick Relatives and Friends

(The Patron Saint of those who suffer from Cancer.)

Can be found on our website in the Sept 7th Bulletin.

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Stephen Lusiba Who arrived last Monday and will be staying with us Until the 8th of October.



Our Shared Treasure

September 7, 2014

Collection: \$ 4,780.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759

Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,241**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection September 21, 2014 –Clergy Benefit

THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Began Sept. 7th

SATURDAY – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY – 8:00, 10:30 & 6:00 PM

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive will be September 20 & 21 at all Mass. Bags will be given out today after the Masses. Please keep in mind that school has begun and lunch box snacks, cereal and tuna are great staples for the pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The weekend of September 27th, Fr. John Hanley, OMI will be visiting our parish with a Mission Appeal. on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith.



All children should be signed up for classes by now

The deadline for registering was August 31st.

You can still register either on-line in our website or in person in the Religious Education Office located in the basement of the church between the hours of

9:00 AM & 4:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday

However, there will be a small late fee.

Hurry before the class you need is filled.

Payments this year may be made in cash, check, credit or debit cards through one-time payments or on the installment plan.

RELIGIOUS ED. WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.



The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 21, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass Including a Ministry Fair, (for those who want to lend their time and talents for the parish), CORI forms available for all volunteers for 2015 for your convenience and the

Drawing for the Raffle

A GOOD WILL OFFERING OF BAKED GOODS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL!

Tickets for the picnic are being sold after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included).

Raffle tickets flyers can be picked up at Mass. You can't win if you don't play!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES.

ALL GRADES AND DAYS ARE NEEDED.

**PLEASE CONTACT:
LORRAINE HOPGOOD
OR**

**NANCY SMITH
IN THE RELIGIOUS ED. OFFICE
508-378-1521**

St. John's Choirs Bulletin Notice: Fall 2014

Members of the Adult Choir are invited to sing at either the Saturday 4 pm Mass or the Sunday 6 pm Mass (except for Teen Masses). Rehearsals take place 45 minutes before either Mass. The Children's Choir first rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm. The first Children's Choir Mass is Sunday, Sept. 28 at the 10:30 Mass. The first Teen Choir Mass is Sunday, 10/5 at 6 pm. We will rehearse before Mass at 5 pm. Please contact Paul Hoffman at 617-610-2255 for information about our music program or if you are interested in joining a choir!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

If you've been to a sporting event, concert or other such public event, I'm sure you've seen someone holding a sign that reads "John 3:16". You probably said to yourself, at eyeing that sign, "I wonder what *that* means"...well, wonder no more! In speaking of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, John tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but have Eternal Life" (Jn 3:16). Mystery solved! Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This title might cause one to wonder why there is "exaltation" in the cross. Isn't the cross an instrument of torture and death? Yes, it is true that the cross was used in Roman times for punishment for the most severe crimes. Furthermore, one was only nailed to the cross when one either committed an unspeakable crime or the authorities wanted to make an "example" out of the person. This latter reason is the rationale for nailing Jesus to the cross. The Roman authority, in concert with those in Jerusalem who were sympathetic to the Romans, chose to make an example of Jesus and to end the "threat" of Jesus' taking over. The fact that Jesus had no intention of overthrowing the government was of no consequence to the Romans; the mere fact that Jesus was seen by many as the "leader" of an insurrection was enough reason for the Romans to act the way that they did.

The thing the Romans didn't count on, however, is that this isn't the end of the story. A mere three days later, Jesus rose from the dead, putting an end to "eternal death" and winning for us "eternal life". It was by Jesus' offering of Himself on the cross that showed the full measure of His love for us and for the world. Jesus knew that it would take that great a sacrifice to make enough of an impact that His work would go on in the disciples He chose, as well as those who were yet to come. Jesus also knew that this story wouldn't end at Calvary. From Jesus' words to John (the Beloved Disciple) and Mary (His mother) at the Cross, to the "marching orders" He would give after His resurrection, Jesus knew that the Cross which we exalt would be transformed from an instrument of torture and death to the vehicle by which Jesus would move us into a new way of thinking and living.

May we have the courage to look upon the Cross of Christ and not see death, but see love. It is this gift of love, offered by Christ on the Cross, which propels us into the world. It is this offering of Jesus, Himself, that causes us to offer ourselves in loving service to our brothers and sisters. May we "die to self" so that Christ might live in us.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul