
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 28, 2014
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 27, 2014

4:00 – Ida Nisby – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, September 28, 2014

8:00 – Harold & Dorathea Barney -- Memorial

10:30 – Alexis Doucette – 10th Anniversary

6:00 – Thomas & Helen Fitzgerald – Memorial
Thomas J. Fitzgerald

Saturday, October 4, 2014

4:00 – Thomas Cosgrove -- Memorial

Sunday, October 5, 2014

8:00 – Maria Figueiredo – 16th Anniversary

10:30 – Alfred Smith—1st Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Monday, October 6, 2014

9:00 – Marguerite & John Flaherty -- Memorial

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9:00 – Robert Gale – Birthday Mass

Important Dates

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

Sat. 9/27—Rel. Ed. Open House – 3:30 – 5 PM

Sun. 9/28 – Rel. Ed. Open House – 8 – Noon

Sun. 9/28 – 9th & 10th Gr. CCD – 4:30-6:00, 7:00 – 8:30

Sat. 10/4 – Blessing of the Animals – 1 PM

Sat. 10/4 – Religious Ed. Begins 9-10

Sat. 10/4 & Sun 10/5 – Tootsie Roll Drive

Sat 10/4 – Car Wash for EBCTV – 10:00 – 2:00

Sun. 10/5 – TEEN MASS – COMMISSIONING NEW
MINISTERS

Wed. 10/8 – Fr. Stephen leaves for home

Sat. 10/25 – Movie Night 7 – 10 PM

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, David LaRosa, 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, The residents of Sagem & 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

The Silver Rose for Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit St. Thomas Aquinas Wednesday, Oct. 8th during the morning Masses at 7 & 9 AM and St. Michael's, Avon on Oct. 10th.—Rosary at 8:30 followed by Mass at 9 AM Please join us for this special opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of October, which is dedicated to her.

*Our Shared Treasure
September 21, 2014*

Collection: \$ 5,088.50
Clergy Benefit Trust 1,517.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,879
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = Short \$12,121

Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Catholic Women's Club Annual Craft Fair
coming in November.**



A sincere thank you to ALL the volunteers who made this year's picnic the best ever. 174 tickets were sold, our largest crowd ever. Bravo to Carmen Pearson and Brenda Armand whose organization and coordination were the reason we had such a wonderful event. With the help of their army of volunteers: ticket sales people, cooks, the kitchen help, the food preparers, the set up people, the cleanup people, the DJ, the face painters, & the list goes on and on, the picnic was a huge success even with the sun shower.

A special thank you to those of you who signed up for a ministry. The more people we have involved, the larger our "family of faith". Vince Adonarto thank you helping with the Cori Forms.

**Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:
Dan & Molly Lovell, Daniel McLaughlin &
Ann Brayley**

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC DATES
2014 – 2015**

**September 28
October 26
November 30
December 28**

**January 31
February 28
March 25
April 23
May 30
June 27 ???**

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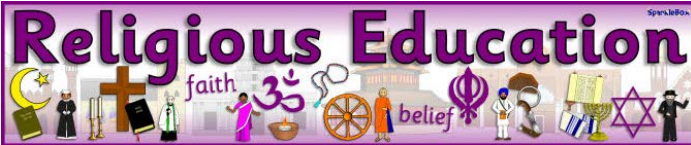


TEACHERS NEEDED

CLASSES START - Sat. October 4, 2014

TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR ALL GRADES

Please Call Lorraine or Nancy
at 508-378-1521 if you can help!



THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON
SAT. SEPT 27th, FROM 3:30 – 5
SUN. SEPT 28th, FROM 8:30 – NOON

CLASS LISTS AND MATERIALS WILL BE
AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS, THE OPPORTUNITY
TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP MAKE THIS A
WONDERFUL YEAR.

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Bring your pets to the church parking lot on
Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 PM where we will
celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and a special
blessing will be bestowed on your pets.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

It has often been said that one must not only “talk the talk”, but “walk the walk”. This expression is so well known that we perhaps take its power for granted. It reminds us that when it comes to the important things of life, we must do more than pay “lip service” to them, but truly invest ourselves in the endeavors which are worthwhile, good and will bring about lasting and life-changing effects.

Jesus, in today’s gospel passage, compares prostitutes and tax collectors to chief priests and elders. On the surface, it may seem obvious on whose side a religious authority figure would be. It would seem obvious that someone who had the spiritual well-being of the people in mind would side with the latter group, the chief priests and elders. Jesus, in defying convention here, sides with the prostitutes and tax collectors. We may not be shocked at this, but I’m sure the elders to whom Jesus was offering this parable were not only shocked, but offended. How could Jesus not side with them? How could Jesus say that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter into the Kingdom before priests and elders? It all goes back to “walking the walk”.

The chief priests and elders were great at offering sage advice on how to grow closer to God. One is to follow the rules (which are important, let’s not forget that!) by doing things like worshipping in temple (a good idea, indeed!), tithing (another good idea!) and the like. The problem was that they, themselves, in following these rules did so with unclean hearts. Their motivation wasn’t to grow closer to God – it was to win esteem in the eyes of men. The difference is that tax collectors and prostitutes were already thought of as “less than” by society (especially by religious elders), and no one could see beyond their human appearance. No one except for God, of course! God does not judge by human appearance, by externals. God sees into the heart – into our desires, our motives and our motivations. God sees what we truly desire.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes were seen as “second-class citizens”. Many of our brothers and sisters are put in this category, and perhaps we have been guilty ourselves of putting them there. May we strive to see as God sees – as God sees others, as God sees ourselves. May we be quick to forgive, slow to judge. May we strive to know as God knows, to see as God sees and to love as God loves.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul