
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

June 29, 2014
Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Saturday, June 28, 2014

4:00 – Manuel luz Tavares – 19th Anniversary

Sunday, June 29, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

10:30 – Irene Souto – Month’s Mind

Saturday, July 5, 2014

4:00 – John & Eileen Barry -- Memorial

Sunday, July 6, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Mary Tucker – Memorial

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

9:00 – Robert Gale – 3rd Anniversary

Important Dates

Fri. 6/27 – Fireside Friday – 7 PM

Sat. 6/28 – Mission Trip Leaves for Nashville

Fri. 7/11 – Fireside Friday – 7 pm

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice A. Poshkus whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 27th.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, MacDonald Family, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Bill Maloney, John Gomes, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bill Clements, Rita Orr, Nancy Porter, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Manuel Amaral, Gerald Ahl.

The residents of Sachem & 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 rectory.

The Peter’s Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistant to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disasters, and war.

Registration for Religious Education will begin July 1st. You can register on-line in our website or in person in the Religious Education Office located in the basement of the church. Payments this year may be made in cash, check, credit or debit cards through one-time payments or on the installment plan.

Our Shared Treasure

June 22, 2014

	<u>Last Wk</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Collection	\$ 3,877.00	\$ 274,649.76
Budgeted	5,882.35	294,117.09
Excess/(Short)	\$ 2,005.35	\$ 19,467.33

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759

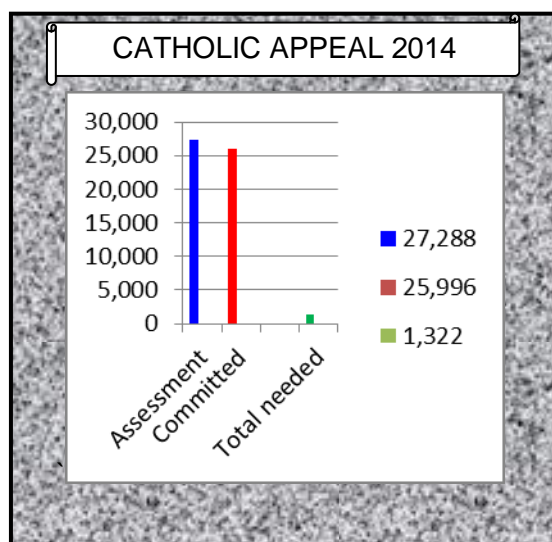
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = Short \$12,241

Catholic Appeal: \$25,996 from 164 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 95%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection June 29, 2014 for the The Holy Father Peter’s Pence



Going away this summer?

Have fun and enjoy. You deserve it. But PLEASE don’t forget us. Our bills still need to be paid.

Make it easy for yourself, use our On-line Giving Program. Set it up before you go And then forget it.

Directions are available on the Ushers’ Table



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ST. JOHN'S INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN
FIRESIDE FRIDAY'S
JULY 11, 2014
AT 7 PM

CASUAL CONVERSATIONS, QUESTIONS AND
CONCERNS REGARDING OUR FAITH.
Kids welcome, marshmallows can be toasted



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like many of us who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're

welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion"; we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shove down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a rare occurrence for a solemnity (such as the one we celebrate today) to take precedence over a Sunday celebration. Usually, the solemnities of the Church are superseded by the Sunday feast. Today is one such time, as the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Why do these two "rate" for such a high honor? Let us look at their lives.

Peter is a faith-filled, albeit flawed, individual. He recognizes Jesus as the Messiah and acknowledges Him as such. It is because of this acknowledgement that Peter is given the "keys to the Kingdom" and, for all intents and purposes, put in charge of the Church as it is being formed. As often as not, however, Peter's humanity takes over. How often did Peter attempt to "divert" Jesus from His mission? Yes, he did so out of his love for the Lord but it also shows Peter's flawed humanity. I believe it is for just this reason that Jesus chooses Peter to "take the reins" of the Church, giving him the "keys to Kingdom". Jesus knows that Peter has a servant's heart, but He also knows that Peter's humanity will keep him from getting too "big-headed" for the job at hand. Jesus established this in the gospel, when He asks Peter, three separate times, "do you love me?" It is this question, meant to counteract the three-time denial of Jesus that gives Jesus the peace of mind to give Peter such an enormous job.

Paul is an interesting "character study" as well. As one who was not only a denier of the "New Way" (as Christianity was first called), but the chief (and most zealous) persecutor of this group, Paul (known as Saul at the time) would be the last one Jesus would choose to spread the message of the gospel. Jesus knows, however, that He can use this zeal to persuade others to join the movement afoot. Paul's conversion is a reminder to us that if God can work in the life of someone like Paul, then think of what He can do with us, His faithful followers. We are called to be just as enthusiastic as Paul was in spreading the gospel message of God's love. On a personal note, of course, I am pleased that the Church has set aside this day to honor Paul - as I am his namesake! In all seriousness, one can understand why the Church has given Paul (and Peter) this honor. Known as the "super apostles", Peter and Paul stand before us - in all their broken humanity - as models of faith. They show to us the amazing things God can do with people not unlike you and me.

May we have the courage to emulate our lives after Saints Peter and Paul. May we know God's grace in our lives, as they did, by being aware of God at work in our lives. May we continue to courageously spread the gospel message of faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul