
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**May 18, 2014
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday, May 17, 2014

4:00 – Edward Williams – First Anniversary

Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:00 – The Moynihan Family – John, Margaret, Francis, Mary & Marjorie – Memorial

9:30 – Tony & Lu Cruz – Memorial

11:30 – Donald D. Flaherty, Jr. – First Anniversary

Saturday, May 24, 2014

4:00 – Pizzi Family -- Memorial

Sunday, May 25, 2014

8:00 – John & Mary Doherty
Robert & Theresa Mason

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Robert W. Small – Month’s Mind

Important Dates

Sat. 5/17 – 1st Communion – 9:00 AM

Mon. 5/26 – Memorial Day – Rectory Closed

Thurs. 5/29 – Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.

Wed. 6/11 – Info Mtg. for Leadership Retreat – 7 PM

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, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane Thompson, John Gomes, Frank McCarthy, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bob Solakoff, Bill Clements, Elaine Salvucci, Rita Orr, Nancy Porter, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Susan Colins. The residents of Sachem & Westview.

Our Shared Treasure

May 11, 2014

Last Wk

Year to Date

Collection \$ 5189.00 \$ 246,198.76

Budgeted 5,882.35 258,823.34

Excess/(Short) \$ 693.35 \$ 12,624.64

First Communion: \$963.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,184

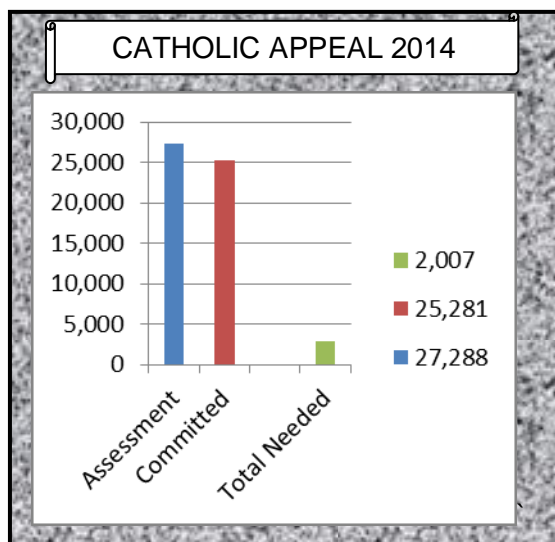
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = Short \$12,816

Catholic Appeal: \$25,281 from 155 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 93%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection May 25, 2014 – Catholic Communication Campaign



East Bridgewater is NOT Exempt from The Opiate Epidemic
Community Outreach Night
 May 21, 2014 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM
 Sachem Rock Community Center
 355 Plymouth Street, East Bridgewater, MA

Sponsored by EB HOPE

Overdose Prevention Training
“Hidden in Plain Site- Exhibit”
Family Support Resources



**SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES
BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND**

JUNE 1, 2014

SATURDAY – 4 PM

SUNDAY – 8:00 & 10:30

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**GOD DOES NOT GO ON
VACATION**



Please let the Prayer Shawl Committee know if there is someone in need of a shawl/afghan or if you want to donate yarn. The next meeting is May 18th at Riddell Rd. Community Hall at 3 PM. 508-583-5045 or 508-378-4104

We congratulate and send our blessings to all the children who received First Communion this month and their families.

Jace Allen	Dylan Amaral
Kacilyn Belmont	Ava Blandin
Noah Bridges	Sean Brown
Isabella Burke	Kyle Cameron
Katherine Capocci	Nicholas Capocci
Brendan Cooper	Anglea Decarolis
Lyla Deftos	Alexis Demaio
Daniel Dennehy	Haley Diaz
Logan Doucette	Rylie Dundon
Connor Eagan	Lilia Fagundes
Owen Fay	Julia Ford
Sam Hall	Thomas Hancock
Jordan Hanlon	Brooke Hanson
Michael Hauter	Patrick Hennessey
Joshua Hess	Kyle Jenkins
Molly Joy	Kylie Keenan
Zoe Kelly	Connor Kohl
Anthony Martin	Ella Grace McCarthy
Claire Miga	Autumn Miller
Reese Mullaney	Alexandria Mulligan
Reese Neale	Veronica Nott
Christopher Oman	Paige Pavidis
Emma Pero	Nolan Pero
Madelynn Perry	Cole Redder
James Redder	Jackson Rix
Mia Royal	McKenna Salamone
Sarah Silva	Brady Simon
Derek Smith	Kaley Sussmann
Aiden Toomey	Joseph Tully
Izabella Vasquez	Hannah Walent
Matthew Werra	Paul Wolfe

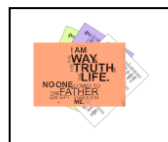
We would like to thank our wonderful Catechists: Kaeleigh Smith, Lindsey Wolfe, Lisa Doucette, Elise McCarthy, Jennifer Tully, Theresa Nott, Julie Dundon, Melissa Blandin, Amy Simon, Susan Perry, Dawne Wolfe, & Donna Hauter.

Our program relies on volunteers. We want to thank you for sharing your faith, time, and talents with these children and our parish.

HORIZONS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

One in every 45 children in the U.S. is homeless each year. The stress and trauma of homelessness is emotionally and cognitively damaging to young children.

Horizons for Homeless Children is looking for volunteers to play with young children living in homeless shelter. The commitment is just two hours a week. The next training will be 6/7/14, 9:30-3:30 in Lakeville. Other dates are available. To apply or find out more, call 508-510-3250 or visit horizonschildren.org/playspaces.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Poet and novelist Vanna Bonta was once quoted as saying that she considers herself “more important than important”. Forgiving her the act of making up a word, her point is well taken, especially in light of today’s readings. The readings for this weekend are all about service, discipleship and the act of putting oneself second to the needs of others.

In the first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we recall the institution of the diaconate. As our own Deacon Joe can tell you, the diaconate is a ministry of service. It was “created” because there were members of the community (widows) whose basic human needs were not being met. This did not sit well with the Hellenists who were, to say the least, skeptical of this “New Way” (as Christianity was first called). In calling together the seven mentioned in today’s reading, the basic needs of service were met while the prayer of the others could be undertaken. This is not to say that prayer was more important than service; in fact, quite the opposite. The ministry of the diaconate was established because service to the community was vitally important to its well-being. In this way, Jesus’ command to care for the “least” among us would be met.

In our second reading, we see how our lives of discipleship rest on the “cornerstone” (1 Pt 2:6) who is Christ. This “living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God” (1 Pt 2:4), is the “template” by which we are to model our lives. We all belong to the “priesthood of the baptized”, and as such are called to model our lives after the “great High Priest” who is Christ. His priesthood was one of service, and ours must be as well. If we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we must put our needs, wants and desires second to those of the community.

In our gospel passage, we hear of how the works that we do mirror our faith in God. It is not that we can ever “earn” our way into heaven, but the works we do show our faith in the One who instills in us the will to respond to God’s call to serve our brothers and sisters. Last month, a number of our young people said “yes” to God in a very particular way by receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. In doing this, they publicly proclaimed their willingness to undertake a life of service in, and for, the Church. In preparing for this sacrament, they undertook various service projects, serving the needs of their brothers and sisters in our local communities.

May we all hear and respond to God’s call to serve His people. May we know that this call is the fulfillment of our baptismal call to put our needs second to that of our brothers and sisters. May we know the way to the Father by following Christ in all that we say, do and are by seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and always striving for the greater glory of God.

A Blessed Easter Season to All,
Fr. Paul