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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**April 1, 2012**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

**4:00 – Mass for the People of St. John**

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

**8:00 – Mass for the People of St. John**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Silva whose funeral Mass was celebrated this past Saturday.**

**Important Dates**

- 3-31** – 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Retreat—10:30 – 12:30
- 4-1** – Teen Mass – 6 PM
- 4-3** – Fin. Comm. Mtg – 7 PM
- 4-4** – CONFESSIONS – 7 PM
- 4-5** –HOLY THURSDAY –7 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- 4-6** – GOOD FRIDAY – 7 LAST WORDS – NOON 7 PM -- Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
- 4-7** – Holy Saturday -- 7 PM-- the Vigil of Easter
- 4-8** – EASTER (Please check times of Masses under Holy Week)

**HOLY WEEK**

- Holy Thursday** – 7 PM – Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Good Friday** – 12:00 Noon – Seven Last Words 7 PM – Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord
- Holy Saturday** – 7 PM – The Vigil of Easter
- EASTER SUNDAY** – Masses at 8, 9:30, & 11:30 AM -- Easter Egg Hunt to follow 9:30 Mass

**300 Membership Form for 2012-2013**

Cut out and send in with payment to enroll. Help the parish & be a winner!!

***Our Shared Treasure***

**March 25, 2012: \$5042**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

*Special Collections on April 6, Good Friday for the Holy Land, April 8<sup>th</sup> Clergy Benefit Trust Collection*

***Please keep the following in your***

***prayers:*** Pam Adornato, Cittadino Family, Nora Savoy, Frank McCarthy, Gerry Ahl, Steve Mason, Mary Saikin, Annette Tarentino, MaryLou Marks, Don Kitchell, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, & John & Steven Webb & Leila Curley.

**Lenten Regulations**

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

**LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE**

- Mon - Fri - 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel
- Weds – 6:30 PM – Divine Chaplet of Mercy
- Weds – 3/28 & 4/4 – The Light is on for You (Evening Confessions) 7-8 PM
- Thurs. – 6:30 PM Mass Fri – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 PM



**300 CLUB GRAND PRIZE WINNERS**

- \$1,000 – JEAN CLANCY**
- \$500 – ANDREW SMITH**
- \$250 EACH – BOB & PEGGY DIFAZIO,**
- LILLA MORRIS, KATE WASSER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE NUMBER (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

\$60 ( )      2 PAYMENTS OF \$30 ( )      4 PAYMENTS OF \$15 ( )



Dear Friends

In the Gospel this Sunday, we relive the passion of Christ and the events that made way for the greatest moment in human history—when Christ conquered sin and death once and for all. As Christians, we are called to support a culture of life. The 2012 Catholic Appeal supports the 50 ministries that extend a helping hand beyond our parish boundaries. If you would like to join with **St. John** in fulfilling our Catholic duty to serve the less fortunate, please complete one of the pledge forms in the back of the church or make a gift online at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

**St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank the members of Kiwanis for all of the food items they collected at their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. We also appreciate the time and effort they expended to deliver the food to the Food Pantry! Also, thank you to all those who contributed the food for the pantries in town. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST COLLECTION**

Next week's diocesan-wide Easter collection is for the 683 priests who have dedicated their lives for us when we needed them. Now it is our turn to be present for them. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important collection which will provide for the health, welfare, and retirement needs of all our active and senior priests.

**PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY**

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.

Hosanna! We cry. Blessed are You who comes in God's name to save us. Hosanna!

Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.

Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.

We need You, O Christ, our Savior. Hosanna!

**Amen**

Today we begin our Holy Week journey to the empty tomb. It is the most important week of the liturgical year and I hope and pray that it will be filled with many graces and blessings for each of you. But it is most definitely not a holiday, but instead a "holy day"--it is Easter. It is the day that we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The other day, I was driving back to EB on Rt. 106 from my day off and I drove by a town building (not EB) with a sign that read Holiday Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg is a Christian symbol depicting Christ overcoming the chains of death and coming out of the tomb. It is a symbol of new life, the new life that the Risen Lord brings to us. It is a symbol of our own rising to new life on the last day.

I am certainly not trying to get rid of the Easter Bunny, who incidentally will leave 1,500 Easter Eggs on the Church lawn on Easter Sunday for the children to find and enjoy. At least for us Christians, remember that Easter is not a holiday but instead a great holyday that makes room for the Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday.

*Happy Easter,  
Fr. Wally*



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As part of our bereavement program, "Turn To Us", we would like to invite you and your family to attend a seminar offered to those seeking caring support:

**Grief And The Change of Seasons**

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM  
Bridgewater Senior Center  
10 Wally Krueger Way  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

We have planned this seminar to assist individuals in understanding the emotional aspects of living with grief. We will discuss the experience of loss, the personal journey we make through grief, and explore the meaning and value of traditions and rituals. Our goal is to provide ideas to enhance healthy living and grieving.

There is no cost for this seminar and everyone is welcome however, pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Please call our office today at 508-697-4332 or email us at [bridgewater@ccgfuneralhome.com](mailto:bridgewater@ccgfuneralhome.com) to reserve your seat.