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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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April 21, 2013  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20, 2012

4:00 – Linda Fontaine – Memorial

Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Susan Quill – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mary Frances – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Carole M. Wyman – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, April 27, 2013

4:00 – John J. Ho Sang – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, April 27, 2013

8:00 – Kendra Frabetti – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – John & June McHugh -- Memorial

Important Dates

Weds. 4/24 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7 PM

Thurs. 4/25 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7 PM

Fri. 4/26 – Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Sat. 4/27 – Confirmation – 10 AM

Sun. 4/28 – PPC Mtg – following 11:30 Mass

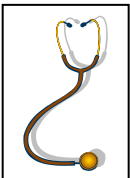
***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hennebury, Billy Brown, Debra Vass, Meaghan O'Brien, Judy Potts, Debbie Sperre, Ellen Hansen, Niko Westhaver, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Juan Botta, Nolan Letts, Irene Kimball, Nancy Thomson*

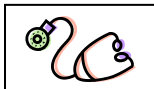
**Catholic Appeal is here!**

Your support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal helps countless people of all ages and backgrounds through 50 ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal at Mass. To date our parish has contributed \$9,515 to this year's appeal. If you have not yet participated in the Appeal, you can make your pledge by completing one of the forms available at the back of the church or by contacting St. John Parish by calling 508-378-4207. You may also pledge your support to the parish campaign at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**



April 27, 2014  
&  
May 25<sup>th</sup>



Following the 4 o'clock Mass

*Our Shared Treasure*

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$6398

Grand Annual: \$250

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - April 28 - Home Missions, Black & Native American*

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

As of this weekend, 161 families/individuals have contributed \$33,995 towards our parish goal of \$50,000. At this point in time last year, the parish had raised \$47,000 toward our goal of \$50,000.

**--LAST WEEK TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS--**

St. John's Parish will award two \$500 scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz and two \$500 scholarships from St. John's Parishioners—Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than:

April 28, 2013

**COUNTERS NEEDED**

We need a new team of counters to count the offertory collection after the Masses on Sunday every 6<sup>th</sup> week.

Please contact the Rectory if you can help out.  
508-378-4207

"You are mine.  
You are precious in my sight."

—"Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney



**PRAYERWATCH**

Please keep the victims of the Marathon Bombing in your thoughts and prayers and continue to pray for Peace on Earth and Good Will toward Men!

## Grief and the Change of the Seasons

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 1:00 PM  
Conant Center  
5 Wally Krueger Way  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

**Elizabeth Ashby**, bereavement counselor and licensed psychotherapist will be the guest speaker.

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 made through grief, and explore the meaning and value of traditions and rituals. Our goal is to enhance living and grieving.

*Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Homes*



Dear Friends

It is my pleasure to be writing to you this week while Fr. Wally is taking a short vacation. It's not often that I have the opportunity to write you but I will keep my comments short. While Fr. Wally is away, we are in the good hands of Fr. Don and Fr. Pinto. Although we are blessed to have Fr. Don with us each week, it was extra special to have Fr. Pinto rejoin us for the past two weekends. Fr. Pinto's homily at the 8:00 and 9:30 Masses engaged both children and adults from start to finish, as he asked the children about what they heard in the Gospel reading. I, for one, was very impressed by the detail the children recalled of the readings. One child even remembered the number of fish Simon Peter caught in the net Jesus asked him to cast into the waters, one hundred and fifty three. Just as Simon Peter drew in his net capturing all those fish, Fr. Pinto drew us in as he unfolded God's word for us.

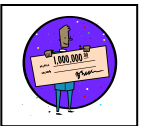
Fr. Don was just as busy at the 11:30 Mass as he welcomed five beautiful babies into our community here at St. John's and the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. I know this is always a joy-filled day for the families of these children as they watch their child become a new creation in Christ Jesus. Speaking for Fr. Don and myself, we find similar joy in having the honor to welcome these children through Baptism.

In closing Lorraine Hopgood, Nancy Smith and I want to thank all the CCD teachers who gave so much of their talent, time, and resources this past year. You make such a difference in the lives of our youth here at St. John's. I have been there as a teacher in past years and truly appreciate the amount of work you put into making the Religious Education program a success.

May God Bless  
Deacon Joe

Don't forget that On-Line Giving is still available!  
Need help setting it up, call the Rectory!

**To receive credit for giving, you must use envelopes or on-line giving. Loose checks do not get recorded.**



**For your convenience, 300 Club Memberships can now be done on-line**

### *FOOD FOR THOUGHT*

**The efforts of MANY good people filled with the Holy Spirit over shadowed the efforts of a few evil people this week.**

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S

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 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 shoved 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!



### **300 Club Winners**

Grace Cosgrove      Cornelius Dahill  
Jim & Pat Cosseboom  
John & Jane Gilbride

