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St. John is a Stewardship Parish  
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April 26, 2015  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25, 2015

4:00 – Donald Cragen – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:00 – Lelia Hunneywell -- Memorial

10:30 – Carole Wyman – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, May 2, 2015

4:00 – Susan Fitzgerald -- Memorial

Sunday, May 3, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Martha O'Brien – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Mondays - Bible Study - 7:00pm

Wed. 4/29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal for 9:00 on 5/2 at 6:00

Thu. 4/30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal for Noon on 5/2 at 6:00

Sat. 5/02 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at 9:00 & Noon

Thurs. 5/7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal – 6:00

Sat. 5/9 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – 9:00

Sun. 5/10 – May Procession following 10:30 Mass

Thurs, 5/14 – Ascension of the Lord – Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

*Please keep the following in your prayers:*

*Pam Adornato, Bill Monaghan, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Tom Farley, Robert Panza, Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang, Bob Foley & The residents of Sachem & Westview.*

*If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.*

*Our Shared Treasure  
April 19, 2015*

Offertory: \$4,593    Budgeted: \$ 5,784

**Deficit: \$1,191**

Special Collection: \$867

Grand Annual : \$30,286

Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

*The 2015 Catholic Appeal*

The St John The Evangelist Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start ! With \$21,280.00 already pledged, we are at 80% of our goal of \$26,637.00. (137 donors have contributed. We need 176 to meet our goal.) The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make St John's a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers and support.

*Mirimar Retreat Center has a job opening. They are hiring for the position of Registrar. Contact : Fr. Tom Umbras, Mirimar Retreat Center, Box M, Duxbury, MA 02331 781-585-2460 More info on bulletin board.*

**P/T maintenance Positions**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish**

**3 Maintenance position: 10 to 15 hr/wk**

**Summer Cemetery Help: 30 hrs/wk**

**M-F 8 am – 2 pm, Seasonal help**

**M-T day shift**

**W-F day shift**

**M-F evening shift, Sept – May**

**Job descriptions and applications are available on their website at [www.stthomasaquinal.com](http://www.stthomasaquinal.com) or the parish office, M-F 9 am – 5 pm.**

**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP  
HOLY GHOST, WHITMAN. LOWER CHAPEL  
EVERY MONDAY EVENING – 7 PM**

**CATHOLIC TV**

CatholicTV's schedule of daily Masses can be found on line. To view the entire programming schedule visit [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com)

\*Schedule is subject to change

**"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6th.**

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact Lorraine Hopgood or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at [repstjohn@stjohnrep.net](mailto:repstjohn@stjohnrep.net) for information.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a seminary classmate of mine (originally from Greece) whose uncle is a shepherd. Yes, an honest-to-goodness, out-in-the-field shepherd! I asked him one time if the images of the “good shepherd” spoken of by Jesus in the gospels are accurate. He said that they were, especially when Jesus speaking of the shepherd who “lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11) in his care. A shepherd cares for his flock because they are his livelihood; without them, he does not eat. Yes, he can do other things, but there are some who are called to this profession (just as others are “called” (by a sense of “vocation”). It is more than **what they do** – it is **who they are**.

**Mission Trip to Nashville TN**

Email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending this year.

**The mission trip is having a Pampered Chef fund raiser.** Order forms and product booklets can be found at the church entrances. The fund raiser will run from April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Paper forms and payment may be turned in to the mission trip participants, Melanie Brown, or Nancy Smith in the CCD Office. Checks are to be made payable to William Streimer-Wynn. Sales tax is required.

If you wish to order on-line, go to <http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/billanderic/guest-landing/8910425537691>

Click on the blue Shop Now button on the middle right of the page to shop

We cannot guarantee shipment for Mother’s Day

Prayer shawls were recently donated to the V.A Hospital, Good Samaritan, So Shore Hospital, Bridgewater Nursing Home, Baypointe and West Acres.

The next meeting is May 17th at Riddell Road at 3 o'clock.

WE can always use donations of yarn.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of East Bridgewater for their annual food drive on Sunday, April 12, 2015. Your donation was a great help to our pantry.

Also, we are looking for summer food items especially condiments. There is a need for ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, salad dressing, pickles, white tuna fish and BBQ sauce along with paper plates and napkins. Donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.

Also the Postal Service will be conducting their annual Food Collection on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Food can be left out for your mail carriers and they will deliver it to the food banks in town. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful event

In this same way, Jesus (*our* “good shepherd”) lays down his life for His flock (you and me). He does this because this is why He came into the world – to lay down His life. Jesus has the power to “lay it down” and “take it up” (Jn 10:18), a power He uses for our benefit. It is the power of the Resurrection at work, once again. We tend to think of the Resurrection as a “one-time event”, and while it is true that it did happen once in time, it is an event that has repercussions which are still being felt today. Each time we celebrate Easter, we remember the gift won for us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Each time we celebrate Mass, we participate in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Another important aspect of Jesus presenting Himself as the “good shepherd” is the fact that He came into the world for ALL. There are others that “do not belong to this fold” (Jn 10:16), for whom Jesus came into the world as well. These are not only the Gentile communities to whom the Apostles have been/will be sent by Jesus, but also other communities of faith that are still being formed to this day. God is constantly revealing Himself to the world, and Jesus is the “shepherd” who will gather those “flocks”. Jesus will ultimately gather all of those who have chosen to listen to His voice and be part of His “flock”. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus will separate the world into those who have chosen to follow Him and those who have chosen to ignore Him. Those who have made the decision to follow Him faithfully will be brought into the Kingdom.

So, it seems that we have a choice: We have heard His voice, and it is up to us to follow Him. May we have the courage to “block out” other voices, those contrary to Jesus’. May we always know that as the Lord calls us, His voice is sure and clear. May we, for our part, attune our minds and hearts to that voice. It is a voice that will lead us to Everlasting Life.

A Blessed (continued) Easter Season to you all,

Fr. Paul