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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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August 10, 2014  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 9, 2014

4:00 – Kay Grazado, Albert Ialongo  
Linda Lynch

Sunday, August 10, 2014

8:00 - Anne Biagi – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 – John & Marguerite Flaherty- Mem

Saturday, August 16, 2014

4:00 – Ann Contrada, Eric Fishbaugh, Patrick  
Connelly -- Memorial

Sunday, August 17, 2014

10:30 – Kenneth McLaughlin – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Important Dates

Sun. 8/10 – Mass for College-bound students – 10:30

Fri. 8/15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –  
Holy Day of Obligation – Masses at 9:00 AM & 7:00 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, 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, Henry "Harry" Wedge.*

*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.*



Registration began July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The deadline for registering is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

You can register on-line in our website or in person  
in the Religious Education Office located in the  
basement of the church between the hours of

9:00 AM & 4:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday

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*

*July 27, 2014*

Collection: \$ 5268.00  
Catholic Relief: \$ 1072.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759  
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,241**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Summer Vacation**

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer  
vacation. But remember that the church bills do  
not go on vacation. Please try to “make up” the  
weeks that you will be away when you return or  
before you go away. Thanks!!

**FIRESIDE FRIDAY**

August 8, 2014

From 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Casual conversations around the fire  
in the backyard of the rectory.

All are welcome to come roast  
marshmallows, share stories and get  
to know each other.

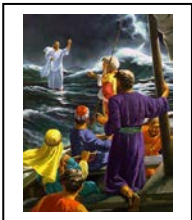


**Send-off to College**

Next Sunday 8/10, the 10:30 Mass will be celebrated  
for all our College Students – those going off for the  
first time to college and those that are continuing  
their studies. As they leave East Bridgewater to their  
respective colleges, we wish them well and hope  
they will return frequently to say “Hello.” Remember  
we are always here for you. We are truly blessed to  
have so many wonderful young adults in our Parish  
and in our community.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Oftentimes when we think of God, we think of the grandeur of the Almighty, the One who created everything out of nothing, the One who is before all time but who is with us in time. We think of a God who took human form, who was both human and divine (never losing a bit of either “nature” at any point in time). It is these thoughts which we bring forth when hearing of encounters such as the one in today’s gospel. Jesus, in today’s gospel, walks on the water, invites Peter to do the same, rescues Peter when he doubts and calms the sea. In all of this, we see the divinity of Christ, we see the immensity of God.

The challenge with all of this, however, is that we often fail to see the humanity of Christ, the fact that God is “one with us”. We miss, perhaps, the beginning of the gospel when Jesus goes off by Himself to pray. Jesus often felt the need to go off to deserted places to pray, rest and “recharge”. In these moments, the humanity of Jesus is there for us to see. More often than not, the “larger” moments of Jesus’ public ministry were preceded by private moments of prayer and refreshment. Isn’t this the case with us, that we take a little time of reflection before undertaking a large task? We evaluate, assess and calculate before taking on something which will change our lives (hopefully for the better).

This is the case with Elijah in the first reading. Elijah, a prophet, was about to have an encounter with God and took shelter in a cave. If one was to speculate, I think it could be safely said that Elijah did so to reflect on what was about to happen. What *did* happen, however, was most interesting. First came a mighty wind – but God was not there. Next came an earthquake – but God was not to be found there, either. Next, Elijah encountered a fire – but God was absent from this phenomenon as well. Finally, there was a tiny whispering sound - which is where God was.

How often in our lives do we go searching for God in great and grand events, only to be mystified that He isn’t apparent in these times (n.b. God is there, but He may not want us to find Him there)? We forget that God is in all things, even the small, seemingly insignificant, ones. Let us never waste an opportunity, even a small one, to seek out God. Let us, further, not be surprised when God is found in these small events. It happened for/to Elijah – it can happen for/to us!

Fr. Paul



**The Annual Parish Picnic will be  
September 21, 2014**

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

***We are having a Cash Raffle  
to raise money for our Parish***



Tickets are \$25 each and you can purchase as many as you want. Our goal is to sell **2000** tickets and give a 1<sup>st</sup> prize of **\$10,000** and a 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of **\$7,500** and the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of **\$2,500**. The prizes will be adjusted if we sell more or less than 2000 tickets. The prizes will be awarded at our Annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 21 at 12:00**. To purchase tickets call the office at 508-378-1521 or stop by the Religious Ed office or Rectory any Monday – Friday from 9:30 – 4:30. Fliers will also be available at the doors of the church for you to take one.

You will be notified by email your ticket numbers so make sure to give us your email address when purchasing tickets.