

\*\*\*\*\*

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

\*\*\*\*\*

**August 12, 2012**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 11, 2012**

4:00 – Kay Grazado – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Albert Ialongo 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Linda Lynch – 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, August 12, 2012**

8:00 – Helen & Bernard Buechs – Memorial  
10:00 – Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, August 18, 2012**

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, August 19, 2012**

8:00 – Patricia Robichaud – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Michael Robichaud – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:00 – Donna McGrath – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Hutchins whose funeral Mass was celebrated last Saturday, August 4, 2012

**Important Dates**

Weds, 8/15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION –  
MASSES -- 9 AM & 7 PM



**Save the date: Sunday, 9/9**

**Our 7th Annual Parish Picnic after the  
11:30 Mass**

**Tickets will be on sale at the  
end of each Mass -- \$5 each**

**Also**

**Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets  
Winner will be drawn at the picnic!!**

**SAVE THE DATE, Sept. 22, 2012  
Fr. Donald Skerry's  
50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration**

***Our Shared Treasure***

***Sunday, Aug 5, 2012***

**Weekly Offertory: \$4565**

**Catholic Relief Collection: \$1057**

Remember we need a **minimum** of  
**\$6000/wk** to run and maintain our parish.  
**As of July 1, parish deficit = \$5462**

***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!!

***Please keep the following in your prayers:*** Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John & Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan, Albert Federico, Bill Neyman, Annette Moriarty, Judy Potts.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in serving at Mass once a month contact the rectory and we will be happy to welcome you to this wonderful ministry.

**50/50 Raffle**

Tickets are Available

**WIN \$15,000 or \$10,000 or \$5,000.**

Tickets are only \$25 each. The more tickets you buy the better your chances are to win!  
Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets. Help us reach it.

We have raised \$10,800 to date.

Drawing will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Picnic

Call 508-378-4207 if you want tickets

If you know a family that needs our help for "back to school" expenses, please call Lorraine @ 508-378-1521

## CCD Registration for September 2012

We emailed the registration forms to all families whose children are currently enrolled in our CCD program. Registrations are now taking place. Please mail your registration forms back to us or you can come to the CCD office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. We are offering a payment plan to anyone who needs help. Classes will begin the end of September. If you would like to volunteer to help us – call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 or email [repstjohn@verizon.net](mailto:repstjohn@verizon.net)

## Help Needed



**COUNTERS ARE NEEDED FOR EVERY SIXTH SUNDAY TO COUNT THE COLLECTIONS OF THE MASSES. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP OUT!!!!**

**Please check out the ads on the back of the bulletin. These are businesses that support our Parish. This page will be updated in Sept. Contact the Rectory if you would like your business included.**

### **"Win up to \$2,000 of Free Dental Care!"**

Abington Family Dental Care is offering up to \$2,000 Dollars of Free Services for any active or retired service member. Email a brief 200 word summary to [abingtonfamilydentalcare@verizon.net](mailto:abingtonfamilydentalcare@verizon.net) in order to nominate your candidate for the Duty Free Dental Care. **Deadline is September 3rd.** Visit their website, [abingtonfamilydentalcare.com](http://abingtonfamilydentalcare.com), or call [781-878-2190](tel:781-878-2190) for more details.

### **Back to School Giving Tree**

Our "Back to School Giving Tree" is up. Would you please take a tag and purchase a gift card from the store indicated on the tag. Please bring the gift cards and place them in the front of the altar so we can get them to the families in time for shopping while the sales last. Remember to write the \$ amount on the card. Thank you!



Dear Parishioners,

St. John's Parish has completed their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School. Three years ago a very special group of volunteers that loved the message that VBS sends to our Children formed a VBS Committee and together we start planning in January for this wonderful week. These wonderful volunteers have done a great job and I thank them.

We had over 70 teenagers nurture, love and share God's Love with our campers. These teenagers' willingness to come to spend an entire week with either 5 elementary age children or one very special pre-school age child is amazing.

Together the teenagers and campers learned that no matter who you are, what happens, how someone treats you, how you feel or where you are...trust God.

My two favorite illustrations of how much our faith becomes visible during this week is the story of Joseph and Ryan and our picnic. Joseph and his family have joined us for several years and they came in to the CCD office just a few days before VBS started to register. We had a long talk about how excited he was, he loved the decorations but mostly he wanted to let me know what kind of crew leader he wanted. I intentionally paired him up with a young man named Ryan, whom I did not personally know that well, but has a wonderful, caring reputation. Joseph let me know by the close of the *first day* that I made a perfect match~ Ryan was awesome! I absolutely loved watching these two all week. The two had a very special week together. My second favorite illustration was a surprise I received at the picnic on Friday. It was a hot day and the kids had decided to have fun with water instead of playing volleyball. Out of the corner of my eye I caught Dave, a very special young man, holding a bucket of water with the entire camp in toe behind him smiling wildly at me. I started to run, but there was no hope, a cold bucket of water was dumped on my head and at that moment it felt like an ocean of God's love. In both stories these teenagers, children and even I felt comfortable enough at St. John's to let go of any fears and just Trust God. In doing so, the feeling of God's love will become a memory that will last a lifetime.

During the week of VBS our teenagers, adults, and campers have the opportunity to experience the beauty of God's love and the Grace that each one of us has inside of us that is meant to be shared with one another.

Many of our kids are counting the years until they can be crew leaders! The Kingdom will Rock next year at our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School. Thank-you St. John's for your support of this very special program.

Nancy Smith