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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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August 17, 2014  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, August 23, 2014

4:00 – Chip Langer – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, August 24, 2014

8:00 – Patricia & Michael Robichaud –Mem.  
10:30 – Jennie Kucinski & Helen Thompson

**Important Dates**

Sun. 8/22 – Fireside Friday – 7-9 PM

Sat. 9/13 – EBBA Business Expo – 10 AM - 2 PM

Sat & Sun 9/21 – St. V de Paul Food Collection

Sun 9/21 –Parish Picnic – following 10:30 Mass

Sun 9/21 – Catechetical Sunday

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

*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa,  
Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen  
Debenedictis, Manuel Amaral, Gerald Ahl, Henry "Harry"  
Wedge, Harry Hewins.*

*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.*

**Fall Mass Schedule will be as follows:**

**SATURDAY – 4 PM**

**SUNDAY – 8 AM**

**10:30 AM**

**6 PM**



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*

*August 11, 2014*

**Collection: \$ 4,834.00**

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759

Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,241**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

Dear Friends of Saint John's,

My name is Jonathan Hamilton and I am currently  
a boy scout working on my Eagle Project. This  
project is to create a reflection garden in the currently  
overgrown area behind the rectory. To accomplish  
this, I ask that you please consider offering any  
donations toward this project. Specifically, I would  
like to use recycled standard red bricks for the  
pathway; if you have any such bricks, I would be  
happy to make arrangements to obtain them at  
your convenience. Please contact me at [944-508  
4509](tel:944-5084509) or at [jono5@comcast.net](mailto:jono5@comcast.net). Thank you in  
advance for your generosity.



A new school year is just around the corner.  
Summer goes by way too quickly!! Lunch box  
snacks and kid cereals would really be  
appreciated. White canned tuna is definitely a  
staple in our pantry. Thank you for your  
generosity and your continued support. We  
couldn't do this job without you!!!



HELP HELP HELP

ST JOHN'S IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF **TWO**  
TEAMS OF CLEANERS TO GET THE CHURCH  
AND SACRISTY READY EACH WEEKEND.  
IF YOU CAN GIVE ONE DAY EVERY 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK,  
WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL.  
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY  
508-378-4207



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I know all about begging dogs. Those of you who know me know my faithful canine companion, Oscar (the “parish pup”, as he was once called). He is a master at “puppy dog eyes”, that look that a dog can give that will make you “cave in” to anything! He will sit patiently (for the most part) waiting for any little scrap or morsel to fall from your utensil, ready to grab it (often before it hits the floor!) and claim it for his own.

Jesus uses the image of a dog begging for scraps to describe those people who, initially, He wasn't called to save. Jesus even goes so far as to openly deny them a “place at table”. In the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He made it clear that He came to save “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt 15:24); it, seemingly, wasn't in the plan of salvation to save anyone else. In this encounter with the Canaanite woman, Jesus' mission takes a different sort of turn. The woman (whose faith is evident) doesn't seem afraid to challenge Jesus in His thought process; she doesn't move Jesus from this analogous thinking, but gets Him to “expand” His thoughts and, perhaps, His heart.

There are times in our lives when we might feel, to some degree, like that Canaanite woman. We may feel the need to reach out to Jesus but, unlike this bold woman, might be afraid of approaching the Lord, fearful of rejection. We must know in our heart that we have a God who loves us fully, One who knows us to the core of our being, One who can move us from a place of doubt and fear to surety and confidence. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus fully aware of whom He is; when she refers to Him as “Son of David”, she is acknowledging Jesus' place in the kingly lineage of Joseph's ancestor, King David. She not only knows *about* Him, she knows *Him*. It is this knowledge, and Jesus understanding and acceptance of the Canaanite woman's faith that brings about this moment of healing.

May we have the courage to approach the Throne of Grace upon which Jesus sits. May we come to trust that we, despite our own unworthiness, are made worthy by the One who calls us to relationship with Himself. May we believe that healing, in whatever way needed, will be ours. May we share this knowledge with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



**The Annual Parish Picnic will be  
September 21, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass**

**The menu as always will be delicious. A variety of salads, baked beans, corn on the cob, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, watermelon beverages, and, of course, desserts.**

**There will be a moonwalk, face painting, volleyball, & the jar contest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.**

**Tickets for the picnic will be sold starting August 9<sup>th</sup> after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included).**

***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.