
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

August 18, 2013
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 17, 2013

4:00 – Kay Grazado – 9th Anniversary
Albert Ialongo – 59th Anniversary
Linda Lynch – 25th Anniversary

Sunday, August 18, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, August 24, 2013

4:00 – Frank Hart – 5th Anniversary

Sunday, August 25, 2013

8:00 -- Patricia Robichaud – Memorial
Michael Robichaud – Memorial
10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marguerite Lydon whose funeral Mass was celebrated the 9th of Aug.

Important Dates

Sun. 9/15 – Annual Picnic following 11:30 Mass
Sat. & Sun 9/21 & 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Juan Botta, Irene Kimball, Nancy Thomson, Ann P. Katilus, Joseph Pompeo, Bob Marx, David Robichaud, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Nikki Bosse, Alison LaLond, Joe Bosse, Michael MacDonald, Ann Storti, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad.

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 the 88 parishioners who pledged their support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal at Mass. To date our parish has contributed \$12,925 to this year's appeal. St John's has been assessed \$27,064 for the Catholic Appeal this year. The remaining \$14,139 is like a tax on the parish. The parish is responsible to meet all of this assessment. You may pledge your support to the parish campaign at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

CLEANERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH EVERY 6TH WEEK. PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN. CALL THE RECTORY IF INTERESTED.

Our Shared Treasure
August 11, 2013
Offertory Collection: \$4877
Thank you for your continued generosity.

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE ENDS!!!!
FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS THE
WEEKEND OF**

Sept 7th & 8th

**SATURDAY – 4:00
SUNDAY – 8:00 & 9:30 & 11:30**



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
AFTER THE 11:30 MASS**

The menu as always will be delicious. Moon walk, face painting, and a count-how-many in the jar contest for all to enjoy!

Tickets will be sold starting August 3rd and after each week end Mass and on the day of the picnic at a cost of \$5 per person everything included. Hope to see you there!

A very Special Event

We have invited the Society of Saint James the Apostle to send one their Latin American missionaries to our parish next week as part of our special appeal for the South American missions. The diocesan priests, from English speaking countries work with the exceptionally poor in Peru and Ecuador. Please be a generous as our means allow to help the less fortunate. www.socstjames.com



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, August 19, 2013

2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Conant Community Health Center
5 Wally Krueger Way, Bridgewater
QUESTIONS? Call Jonathan Wilson**

781-710-2450

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion and or Confirmation and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes for this program will be held beginning in the fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

**ST JOHN'S CCD PROGRAM
WILL BEGIN
THE WEEK
OF
SEPTEMBER 24TH.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE
REGISTERED.**



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

It's the middle of August and time to start thinking of fall and a new school year. Time flies! Thank you for your donations of money collected in our SVDP boxes located at both entrances of our church and the food dropped off each week. With school just around the corner snacks, breakfast foods, and drink boxes will be needed. These items will definitely put a smile on our children's faces when they open their lunch boxes at school. Enjoy the summer weather, and thank you again!



300 CLUB WINNERS

**Harvey & Marie Day
Maryann Rogers
Annette Hussey
Marie Forrest**



Congratulations!!!!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The words we find spoken by Jesus in today's gospel seem somewhat incongruous with the "Prince of Peace" we know Him to be. Yet they are in line with Jesus' sense that the mission He has brought into the world will bring division. Not all will be able to listen to His words and follow His pronouncements. The life of a Christian is not an easy one, and Jesus makes that abundantly clear in this gospel passage from Luke. Even family relationships, which are supposed to be sources of comfort and security, are called into question by Jesus in this text.

So, where does this leave us? Quite simply, if even family relationships might even be a source of contention, then there is only one place to turn: Jesus. It is Jesus to whom we are to look for surety and safety. It is the Lord to whom we are to look when we are in trouble. It was that way with Jeremiah, with the Psalmist (in today's Psalm 40), it was that way with St. Paul and the other disciples, and it is that way with us. We do not, however, face these challenges alone. We have our brothers and sisters in faith, we have the Church, and we have God Himself. The "baptism" with which Jesus must be baptized is one of suffering, death and, ultimately, redemption. It is not, of course, His redemption which is at stake: it is ours. Jesus does, however, know what it is to suffer; He knows what it is to die. But through His suffering and death, we have not only won for us newness of life, but the security to go through this life courageously. We do secure in the knowledge that we have "not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood" (Heb. 12:4). We do, however, have to "die to self" so that Christ may live in us.

May we have the courage to follow Jesus with our whole heart. May we know that any suffering we endure is nothing as compared to the glory that awaits us in the Kingdom. May we know and trust that Jesus walks with us on our journey of faith supporting, lifting up and strengthening us. May this life bear fruit not only here on earth, but in the Kingdom of His Eternal Love.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

Congratulations to Deacon Joe and Lorraine for conducting another successful Leadership Retreat! Rumor has it that the teens had a ball and, more importantly, they connected with and embraced the Love of God. Fr. Paul was very impressed with the program and with our teens.