
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

August 25, 2013
21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, August 31, 2013

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, September 1, 2013

8:00 – Nancy Saya – 12th Anniversary

10:30 – Wilfred Duffany – 8th Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Constance Boni whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, August 22, 2013.

Important Dates

Sun. 9/8 – Prayer Shawl Meeting—3 PM

Sun. 9/15 – Annual Picnic following 11:30 Mass

Sat. & Sun 9/21 & 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Tues. 9/24 – CCD Program Begins

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, Mark DeLuca.

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.

Our Shared Treasure
August 18, 2013
Offertory Collection: \$5118
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!

MISSIONARY APPEAL TODAY

Today we have a visiting diocesan priest from The Society of Saint James who will give us some insight into the state of the missions in South America. The Society, founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, has members serving in Peru and Ecuador. Each year a few of the members come north to spread the word about their missionary work and to appeal for donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information on the Society of St. James visit their website: www.sccstjames.com

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

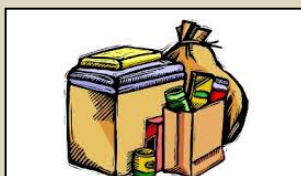
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion and or Confirmation and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes 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.**

**TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS ARE
DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!**

**CALL LORRAINE HOPGOOD IF YOU CAN
HELP. 508-378-1521**



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!

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be September 8th at the Riddell Road Community Center at 3 o'clock. We will begin our 4th year. Prayer shawls and Lap Robes from the June meeting were sent to the Brockton Hospital, South Shore Hospital and given to several people with health problems. New members are always welcome and also yarn donations. Hope you all had a nice summer.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

“Ignorance”, it was once written, “is the mother of presumption.” This quote, attributed to Marie de Gournay (a 16th century author), could be used to summarize today’s gospel from Luke. Jesus reminds the listener that we are to “strive to enter through the narrow gate” (Lk. 13:24). We are to do this because not all will be saved, and we can never presume upon the saving power of God. We can ask for it, we can pray for it, we can even beg for it. The only way that God’s grace and saving power will come upon us is if God, in His infinite wisdom and love, bestows it upon us. There will be many who will call upon the Lord, claiming a relationship with Him. Many of them will be turned away because association with Jesus is not enough; it takes a relationship with Jesus – not only us acknowledging Him, but He acknowledging us.

I’ve often said that we might be surprised as to who we see in Heaven. There might be men and women throughout salvation history who might be “locks” when it comes to citizenship in Heaven (Mother Theresa and Pope John Paul II come to mind). The thing we have to remember about these people is that they never presumed God’s mercy – they worked for it. I’m not saying that we can “earn” Heaven (for it is a free gift from God won through the death and resurrection of Jesus). But in seeking that narrow way that leads to Jesus, there is work to be done, the work of the Christian life. It is a work of service, of sacrifice and of love. It is one in which the person puts their needs second, one in which the person “dies to self” so that Christ might live in them.

Let us have the courage to seek the Lord in every aspect of our lives. Let us trust in the goodness of God to see us through difficult moments. Let us “know” that the Lord is at work in our lives by bringing Christ to all whom we meet. Let us strive for the Kingdom, seeking that narrow way that leads to Christ, to salvation and to Eternal Life.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

**Bridgewater Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, August 31st 1 to 3 PM
582 Bedford Street, Rte 18/28
Behind Army National Guard**