
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

August 31, 2014
22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 30, 2014

4:00 – Dennis Rando --Memorial

Sunday, August 31, 2014

8:00 – Nancy Saya – 13th Anniversary

10:39 – Jessica Thurston – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, September 6, 2014

4:00 – Richard Venesky – 7th Anniversary

Sunday, Sept 7, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Rev. Thomas Flaherty – 13th Ann.

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

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

Sun. 9/14 – Prayer Shawl Mgt. –3 PM –Riddell Rd.

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

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

Sun 9/21 – Catechetical Sunday, Ministry Fair, CORI forms available

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held at Riddell Road on Sunday, Sept. 14th at 3 o'clock. We will be starting our 5th year. New members are always welcome. Yarn donations are very helpful, as 230 people received shawls or lap robes last year.

Happy Labor Day Weekend

And

Welcome back if you have been away!

Please make note of our

New Mass Schedule

The Rectory will be closed this Monday due to the holiday

Our Shared Treasure

August 24, 2014

Collection: \$ 4,292.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection September 7, 2014 - Catholic University

**THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINS
NEXT
WEEKEND**

SATURDAY – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY – 8:00, 10:30 & 6:00 PM



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!!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive will be September 20 & 21 at all Mass. Bags will be given out the weekend before.



All children should be signed up for classes by now
The deadline for registering was August 31st.

You can still register either 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

However, there will be a small late fee.

Hurry before the class you need is filled.

Payments this year may be made in cash, check, credit or debit cards through one-time payments or on the installment plan.



**The Annual Parish Picnic will be
September 21, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass
Including a Ministry Fair, (for those
who want to lend their time and talents
for the parish), CORI forms available for
all volunteers for 2015 for your
convenience and the
Drawing for the Raffle**

**Tickets for the picnic are being sold after each
weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost
is \$5.00 per person (everything included).**

Raffle tickets flyers can be picked up at Mass.

*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 1st prize of **\$10,000** and a 2nd prize of **\$7,500** and the 3rd 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.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years back, there was a country song put out, popularized by Kenny Chesney, called “Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven” which says that “everybody wants to go to heaven...but nobody want to go now”. It speaks to the fact that many folks want to enter into the Kingdom, but few (if anyone) want to go before they’ve lived all the life they feel that have coming. There’s only one thing wrong with that kind of thinking – it’s not up to us!

Peter speaks up in today’s gospel, voicing this kind of thinking. When he pulls Jesus aside and cautions against the kind of talk Jesus is uttering, he is thinking in human terms and loses sight of the mission of Jesus – the Kingdom. Jesus rebukes Peter (rightfully so), as the mission of Jesus is to end in His death. Jesus knows this and is not afraid to face the reality of this. Jesus realizes that He must die so that we might have life – Eternal Life. This is the “end goal” of Jesus’ mission here on earth, that we might see the Kingdom. This is the mission of each one of us as Catholic-Christians as well, that of the Kingdom.

The reality of the Christian life is that we must die to self so that Jesus might live in us. This is a hard reality for many, for it goes “against the grain” of the thinking in modern society. We live in a world that seeks to preserve and prolong life, which is not a bad thing, necessarily. The problem with this way of thinking comes when it gets in the way of God’s plan for us and for the world. God’s desire is for us to have life, life eternal in the Kingdom. This isn’t possible if we strive to live forever in this present reality. We are not meant to live forever in this reality; one day, we are meant to enter into the Kingdom. As it is with Jesus, the “timeline” for this is not up to us; it is for our Heavenly Father to decide. It is God who knows “the day and the hour” of our going home to the Kingdom.

May we have the courage to give ourselves over to God’s plan. May we come to know that plan in our lives and may we strive to live that plan as best as we can. May we have the strength to unite our will over to God, not relinquishing the free will God gives us but aligning it with the plan which God has for us – life eternal in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul