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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**August 4, 2013  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 3, 2013**

**4:00 – Jeannette Lavoie – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday, August 4, 2013**

**8:00 – Patrick Connolly – Memorial  
Ann Contrada  
Eric Fishbaugh**

**10:30 – The Clish & Lauzon Families – Memorial**

**Saturday, August 10, 2013**

**4:00 – Parishioner of St. John**

**Sunday, August 11, 2013**

**8:00 – Anna Biagi – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:30 – Deceased members of the Mulkern Family**

**Important Dates**

**Sun. 8/4 – Sat 8/10 – Leadership Retreat  
Sun. 8/15 – Annual Picnic following 11:30 Mass  
Sat. & Sun 8/21 & 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive**

*Our Shared Treasure*

*July 21, 2013*

Offertory Collection: \$5621

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection August 4, 2013 for Catholic Relief Services*

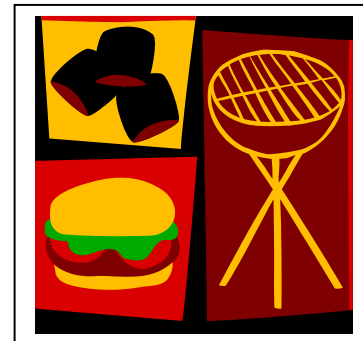
**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE ENDS!!!!  
WINTER BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF**

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY – 4:00  
SUNDAY – 8:00 & 9:30 & 11:30  
Daily Mass – M-F – 9:00 in the Chapel**

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

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



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 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!

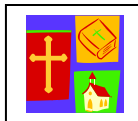
Tickets will be sold starting August 3<sup>rd</sup> and after each week end Mass and on the day of the picnic at a cost of \$5 per person everything included. Hope to see you there!

**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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

*Enjoy the last weeks of summer*

**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.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lawyer-friend of mine who is fond of saying that “where there’s a will, there’s a way...and greedy relatives!” While this is humorous, it speaks to the readings we have before us today. The danger of wealth is that it can come to possess us and become the “driving force” in all that we do in life. To have the “best of everything” might get us far in this world, but it won’t “get us to the (Pearly) Gates”, as my mother would say. The treasures we store up for ourselves in this life perhaps will give us comfort and security for a time, but that time eventually runs out. It is at that time that we have to make an accounting of how we spent our time, talent and, yes, treasure.

This final accounting, given to Almighty God, is one that won’t take into account how much wealth we amassed, how many zeros are in our bank account or how “secure” we made ourselves in this life. We might well be asked questions like “how did you spend your time with your family?”, “how did you reach out your hand to a brother or sister in need?” or “what ‘heavenly treasures’ (such as love, justice and peace) did you store up for yourself?” These questions are indicative of how we should be spending our time here on earth. Many have the mistaken notion that “this is all there is”, or that “God won’t care how I spent my time, as long as I was a good person”. These misguided thoughts are fostered as a result of “buying into” a culture that offers platitudes such as “Follow the Golden Rule – the one who has the gold makes the rules!” or “The one with the most ‘toys’ at the end wins”. How sad it must be to live one’s life like this.

The beauty of the Christian life is that it offers so much more than the world can give. The strength of the Christian life is that the “treasures in heaven” which we store up for ourselves are the “bricks” that pave the way to the “road” to the Kingdom. This not to say that we can “earn” our way into heaven, for the gift of Eternal Life is just that – a gift. It is one freely given by God, paid for by Jesus through His death on the Cross. It is not something we merit on our own, but it is something in which we can participate. This participation comes when we offer ourselves as “gift” to the world, using our God-given talents and abilities to their fullest.

May we heed the words of Scripture given to us today by realizing that all that this world has to offer isn’t all there is. May we believe that we are destined for great things and that we can participate in them with the help of the Holy Spirit. May we come to the Kingdom and be welcomed in with those beautiful words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master’s joy.” (Mt 25:21)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**ST JOHN’S CCD PROGRAM  
WILL BEGIN  
THE WEEK  
OF  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

**AFS Intercultural Programs**  
**Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures**

[www.afs.org](http://www.afs.org)

**AFS** is an international exchange organization for students and adults that operates in more than 50 countries, and organizes intercultural learning experiences.

East Bridgewater has the opportunity to host a German student for this school year at the high school level.

He speaks English (very well)

Has requested an observant Catholic Family  
Best suited within a family with high-school aged children

Support is provided for the family, student and school by ASF.

Contact Ann Perry for more information-378-2429



**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**