
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6, 2014

4:00 – Walter Hughes – Month’s Mind

Sunday, December 7, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – John McKenzie – 13th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, December 13, 2014

4:00 – Mary & John Barry -- Memorial

Sunday, December 14, 2014

8:00 – Charles Matthews – 16th Anniversary

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Fri. 12/6 – Christmas on the Common

Sun. 12/7 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM

Mon 12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception –
Holy Day of Obligation. 9:00 am & 7 pm Masses.

Sat. 12/20 – Trip to La Salette – 5 PM

Sun. 12/28 – Skating Fundraiser – 5-7 pm

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Henry “Harry” Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O’Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Gary Saccocia, Elaine McKeon, Kirra Lee Callahan, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Edie & Howard Lincoln, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden & The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

December Events in the Parish

Trip to LaSalette – Dec. 20
(If enough people sign up, we will get a bus)

Skating Fundraiser – Dec. 28
Check bulletin next week for more info
Or call 508-378-4207

*Our Shared Treasure
November 23 & 30, 2014*

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection		
11/23:	\$ 5109.00	\$108,865.72
Budgeted	<u>\$ 5,784.31</u>	<u>\$121,470.51</u>
Excess/Short	\$ 675.31	\$ 12,604.79
11/30:	\$ 5,477.00	\$114,342.72
Budgeted:	\$ 5,784.31	\$127,254.82
Excess/Short	\$ 307.31	\$ 12,912.10

Retired Religious Sisters \$1429.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
4:00 upstairs
4:00 downstairs
6:00 pm
MidNight

Christmas Day:
10:30 am

Congratulations to our new Pastoral Parish Council Members.

*Kerri Fabroski
Elaine Meuse
Jim Cullen
John Tibbetts*

Thank you to all who offered to serve.



*A special thank you to the Catholic Women’s Club and to all who helped to make this year’s Craft Fair so successful.
God Bless!*

St. John's Christmas Choir



Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin Monday, December 1st. The children will rehearse at 6 pm and the Adults at 7:15. The Teen Choir will rehearse on Tuesday afternoons at 4:45 beginning Dec 2. The Children will sing at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, The Teens at 6 pm and the Adults/Teens at midnight Mass. Please contact Paul Hoffman if you are interested in joining a choir.

Come and find your Christmas Spirit at Cardinal Spellman HS's Christmas Show, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

Friday, December 5th at 7:00 pm – Sat. Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm – Sun., Dec. 7th at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating and 7 for unreserved seating.

Please call 508-583-6875 for more info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to give homeless children a better tomorrow!

Do you have 2 hours each week to play with young homeless children in one of our statewide shelter-based Playspaces in Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod? Help a homeless child learn, play, and thrive. Upcoming volunteer training: Saturday, 12/6, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Lakeville, MA

Tri-Parish Advent Mission December 14, 15, 16, 17 At

**St. Edith Stein Parish
71 Main St., Brockton**

Exciting news!! Starting Sunday evening Dec. 14th and ending Weds. Night Dec. 17th we are having a Tri-Parish Mission led by Catholic Lay Evangelist Bill Wegner of Good News International who will conduct the mission. The thrust of the mission is to bring us into a closer walk with Our Lord Jesus. Plan to be there....and bring a friend.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The figure of John the Baptist is quite an imposing one. Yes, he was a prophet but he was unlike any that had been seen before. With a tunic made of camel's hair fastened by a leather belt, and dining on a diet of locusts and wild honey, John was unique. On top of all of this John resided in the desert, his life taking on a hermetic or monastic tone. It's no wonder that people stood up and took notice of this unusual man.

We would do well to notice John the Baptist as well. John is a seminal figure in the Advent journey, as he serves as a herald for Jesus' coming into the world. In the gospel passage we have before us this weekend, John is spoken of (by the prophet Isaiah) in his role as herald. He then comes into the spotlight, but one which he will not have for long. In speaking of the coming of the adult Jesus, the One who is already in the world and ready to begin His public ministry, John immediately sets the record straight, placing himself as messenger...not the message. He proclaims himself unworthy of that title, recognizing that he is "not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his (i.e. Jesus') sandals" (Mk 1:7). This gospel passage is a clear indicator of the roles that each is to play. John is the messenger, Jesus is the message.

This is where we come in. In our Advent journey, we are preparing our minds, hearts and lives for the coming of the Christ. In this preparation, there is a two-fold waiting: the waiting for the Christ Child, yes, but also the waiting Christ as the King of Glory. It is this second "waiting" that is highlighted for us in the encounter we have with John the Baptist. It is by virtue of our baptism that we are called, like John, to be "heralds" of Christ. We are called to let people know that Jesus is coming, but we are also called to let people know that Jesus is already here. We let people know of Jesus' presence among us by how we conduct ourselves, how we live our lives. In proclaiming Jesus' presence, and by living our lives in union with Christ, we show in word and deed the place Jesus has in our lives.

May we continue on this Advent journey to prepare our minds, our hearts, our very lives for the coming of the Lord. May we also recognize Jesus' presence already among us and may we be unafraid to proclaim (and claim) Jesus in word and deed to all whom we meet.

A Blessed (Continued) Advent to All,

Fr. Paul