
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

December 23, 2012
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 22, 2012

4:00 – Margaret Allen – 16th Anniversary

Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:00 – Christopher Thompson – Memorial

9:30 – Ewa Morowski – 18th Anniversary

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

Thursday, December 27, 2012

9:00 – Marjorie Thomas – 9th Anniversary

Saturday, December 29, 2012

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

Sunday, December 30, 2012

9:30 – Angelina & Albert Clary – Memorial

11:30 – Henry Curtin – 2nd Anniversary

Important Dates

Tues., Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary and World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Fri. – Jan 18-20 – CYO Ski Trip

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Stephanie Cuffe, Eva LePine, Pam Adornato, Jenn Keymont, Christine Hichins, Ray Shope, Don Kitchell, Janet Coe, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hennebury.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

12/24 - Christmas Eve – 4:00pm & 6:00pm

12/25 - Christmas Day – 10:30am

12/31 – New Year's Eve - 4:00pm

1/1/13 – New Year's Day – 9:00am

Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, Dec 16, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$6880.50

Grand Annual - \$19,801

Thank you for your continued generosity.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

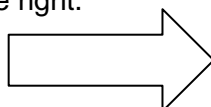
As of this weekend, 106 families/individuals have contributed \$19,801 towards our parish goal of \$50,000. The Finance Council has suggested that each working person/family contribute \$250 towards this important financial campaign. The council is well aware that some individuals will be unable to make a contribution of \$250 but some others will be able to make a larger contribution and many have already done so. Please know that whatever you are able to contribute will be gratefully received. Any funds not needed from this financial campaign for general operating expenses will be used to replace the floor in the parish hall.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

- Every Christmas, the diocesan-wide collection is for our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in the Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Christmas collection which will directly benefit more than
- 645 active and senior diocesan priests whose health, welfare, and retirement needs are cared for through the Clergy Funds. On behalf of the priests who will benefit from your generosity this
- Christmas, we thank you.

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Saturday, January 1st through Sunday, January 23rd. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed in the box to the right.



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| Disposable diapers | Diaper bags |
| Crib Sheets | Baby towels |
| Sleep n Play sleepers | Nightgowns |
| Baby Bottles | Blanket Sleepers |
| Receiving Blankets | |
| Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers | |
| Toiletries ie...Wipes, rash ointment, <u>baby shampoo</u> | |
| Baby soap, baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers. | |

CYO SKI TRIP

The Annual CYO Ski Trip is Jan 18, 19 & 20th in Stowe Vt. The cost is \$285 and includes transportation, lift tickets, lodging, and three meals. For this trip to happen, we need 40 paid students in grades 8-12.

We have a couple more spots available; But payment is due NOW!!!

Please bring a \$100 deposit to the CCD Office or Rectory to secure your spot.



Dear Friends,

Ready or not, Christmas is here. Monday and Tuesday are the big days and they are upon us. Christmas will come to those who are merry and those who are sad. Christmas will come to those whose faith is strong and to those whose faith is weak. Christmas will come to those who are employed and to those who seek employment. Christmas will come to those who are healthy and to those who are ill. Christmas will come to the children and it will come to the great Grand Parents. Christmas will come to those who are "Home for the Holidays" and to those who are at war in Afghanistan. The question is will we receive Christmas, will we welcome Christmas as it is meant to be received and welcomed. Christmas is fundamentally about one person: Jesus Christ. And from where I stand, we are in great need of Jesus Christ. Our world is broken--torn in two from top to bottom by sin. Christmas is about Jesus coming to heal the broken--the broken hearted. Christmas is God telling us that he loves us; that he loves us so much that he gave us His Son as his way of being with us. He is Emmanuel--"God with us."

That is the message that I pray will be understood in New Town Ct, that God is with us and God is with the people who are suffering through this horrible tragedy. His "footprints" are in New Town as he is surely carrying those who grieve. Amen.

God bless,

Fr. Wally

St Vincent DePaul

We wish to thank everyone for the tremendous financial support. St. Vincent de Paul has calculated, in the last year alone, there was a total of 2,280 family members supported with food, clothing, and to some degree financial assistance. Therefore, we hope in going forward, you are aware that each time you make a food or financial contribution, you are really helping St. Vincent dePaul provide help to numerous East Bridgewater families. Upon the request of some of our parishioners, St. Vincent de Paul donations can be made through the On-Line Giving Program for your convenience. Check it out!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
December 29th
Following 4 o'clock Mass

ST. JOHN'S ON-LINE GIVING PROGRAM

The gift that keeps on giving without much effort on your part.

St John's is offering a program for offertory and special collection giving that is set up on your computer and through your bank; very similar to your on-line bill payments set up through your bank. It requires very little set up and relieves you of the fuss and trouble of weekly envelopes or trying to remember St. John's when you cannot attend Mass or are away. Please see the website for directions. www.stjohnsb.org or call the Rectory for assistance.

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MONTHLY MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday, December 29th
1 - 3 p.m.
Five delicious Meat Trays = \$70 Avg. Value
Two 50/50 Raffles = \$60 Avg. Winnings
1 Consolation Prize

Ruth Garabedian is now living with her daughter at 19 Jean Street in Hanson, MA 02341 and would love to hear from her friends.