
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

December 30, 2012

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Saturday, December 29, 2012

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, December 30, 2012

9:30 – Angelina & Albert Clary – Memorial

11:30 – Henry Curtin – 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, January 5, 2013

4:00 – Angelina & Antonio Chaves – Memorial

Sunday, January 6, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Louise Duffany – 1st Anniversary

11:30 – Gene Biagi – 30th Anniversary

Important Dates

Mon., Dec. 31 – 4:00 PM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

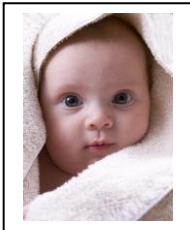
Tues., Jan 1 – 9:00 AM Mass for the Solemnity of Mary and World Day of Prayer for Peace.

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.

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Tuesday, 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 below:



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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. | |

Our Shared Treasure
Sunday, Dec 23, 2012 & Christmas
Weekly Offertory: \$7873
Grand Annual - \$4875
Christmas Offering – \$8,089

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of this weekend, 106 families/individuals have contributed \$24,676 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.

Pat & Mike Sergio remembered their loved ones with a Christmas Flower Offering for the following people:
Anna & Mike Sergio, Helen M. Dorrer, Doris & Anthony C. Dorrer, Marilyn Gabrosky, Bob Dorrer, Rosemary & Joe Walsh, & James Sergio

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are a group making knitted or crocheted shawls or lap robes to be given to people who are homebound or going through illness and need a spiritual lift. Please get in touch with Mary Ann Boyle 508-378-4704 or Rose Penney 508-583-5045 if you know of anyone in need. Donations of full skeins of yarn are always welcome. We meet at Riddell Rd. the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock.

Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Grace-filled, unspotted, God-bearing virgin, holy your womb: Emmanuel lay in it.
You fed at your breast the food of the world.
What praise can reach you, what glory touches you?
Hail, God's mother, delight of the angels; hail, full of grace, foretold by prophets' preaching.
The Lord is with you. The child you bore has saved the world.

As the New Year approaches, please remember the people of New York and Connecticut in your prayers.

Last week's Christmas collection for the Clergy Funds was about keeping a promise we made as Catholics to care for the more than 645 active and senior diocesan priests in our Archdiocese. Thanks to your generosity, our parish kept that promise and raised \$8,089 in support of Fr. Wally and all our priests who, like Fr. Skerry, serve the Catholic faithful. Our parish contribution will have significant impact on the health, welfare, and retirement needs of our priests in the New Year and beyond. If you were out of town this Christmas, or did not have the opportunity to participate, all are welcome to make a donation online at www.clergyfunds.org. On behalf of the priests of our Archdiocese, thank you for your support of the Clergy Funds.

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!

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.



Dear Friends,

This was my 8th Christmas with you, and on behalf of my parents and my entire family I want to thank you all for the many kindnesses that you extended to me and my family during the holiday season, but especially on Christmas.

I want to thank Paul Hoffman and the entire music program at St. John's for the wonderful music provided. The music, as usual, was outstanding. A special thank you to all the Peer Ministers and alumni who set up the parish hall for Mass on Christmas Eve and for decorating the Church-- you did an outstanding job and to John Tibbetts for lending us the sound system for the Mass said in the hall. We couldn't have had such a beautiful Mass without it. My staff, ushers, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, church cleaners and many others all came together to make this Christmas a very special one. I want to also extend a special thank you to Patrick McKenna, our rectory and church worker, who spent many hours making sure that the many details that make Christmas so special here were taken care of. Finally, to all of you, for your cards, gifts, kind words, and most especially for your presence this Christmas, a heartfelt Thank You! May the New Year be filled with many blessings for you.

God bless,

Fr. Wally

2013 BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

**Will be offered following the 4 o'clock Mass
Throughout the year on these dates**

**January 26
February 23
March 30
April 27
May 25
June 29
July 27
August 31
September 28
October 26
November 30
December 28**

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