
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

January 11, 2015
The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10, 2015

4:00 – Fredrick Brown Jr. – 19th Anniversary

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:00 – Gene Biagi – 32nd Anniversary

10:30 – Angelina & Antonio Chaves – 3rd Ann.

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Monday, January 12, 2015

9:00 – Louise Armstrong -- Memorial

Saturday, January 17, 2015

4:00 – Carol A. Power – Month’s Mind

Sunday, January 18, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – James Clancy 3rd Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sat. 1/10/15 – Christmas Pageant – 5 PM

Sun. 1/11/15 – Prayer Shawl Mtg. – 3 PM

Fri. 1/16/15 – Ski Trip to Waterville

Sun. 1-25-15 – 4th Gr. Mass for Class – 10:30 AM &
Holy Hour for Life – 3:00 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, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Edie & Howard Lincoln, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Joe Zbinski, Paul Martin, Anna Foy & 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.

***Holy Hour for Life,
Forgiveness and Healing***

With Exposition and Adoration
of the Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 25nd at 3:00pm

Come join Deacon Joe for an hour of prayer,
readings and reflections on forgiveness and
healing.

Our Shared Treasure

December 28, 2014

Last week

Yr-to-date

Collection \$ 4960.00 \$138,980.72

Budgeted: \$ 5,784.31 \$155,392.11

Excess/Short \$ **824.31** \$ **16,411.39**

Clergy Trust – Christmas -- \$6817

January 4, 2015

Collection: \$ 5,209.00 \$144,189.72

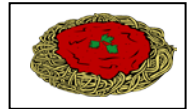
Budgeted \$ 5,784.31 \$161,176.42

Excess/Short \$ **575.31** \$ **16,987.70**

2nd Collection –Jan. 18, 2015 – Special Collection Sunday



Meal Train



We are organizing a meal train for a parishioner who is very ill with two small children.

A meal train is the act of organizing meal-giving around significant life events. When a friend is in need, everyone says "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a meal train.

The purpose is to lend a helping hand to a parishioner who is battling a serious illness.

If you would like to join our Meal Train, please contact Debbie at the Rectory.

Bible Study Group

Opening up Scripture on a regular basis is so important for the growth in our faith life. We listen to the Word being unfolded for us when we attend Mass but how often do we take the time and discuss that readings amongst ourselves. St. John the Evangelist is starting a Bible Study group that will meet Monday evenings from 7 to 8PM in the Religious Education office which is located in the basement of the church. The group will be facilitated by Deacon Joe Hopgood and is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Don't worry about the depth of your scriptural knowledge, this is a discussion group, come and explore God's word with us. The first meeting is Monday January 5 at 7PM and we will be exploring the "Gospel according to Mark".

If you are interested in attending just send an email to "deaconjoeh@comcast.net"

**Sacred Heart Elementary School
and Early Childhood Center - Kingston**

Open House - Sunday, January 25th, 1:00 to 3:00

PM Stop by our Early Childhood Center (preschool, pre-k, kindergarten) and Elementary School (grades 1-6) for a tour and enrollment information for the 2015-2016 school year.

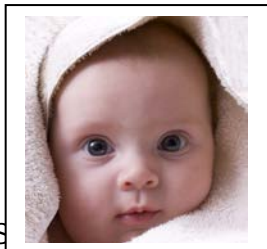
The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Tuesday, December 28th through Sunday, January 25th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed below:

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,
baby shampoo

Baby soap, baby lotion,
powder,
Baby nail clippers,
Baby thermometers.
monetary donations
are also gladly accepted.

Questions contact Missy S
508-350-0017; missyschrader@verizon.net



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I dare say that most of us don't remember our Baptism (save for those baptized as adults through the RCIA), as we were a bit young at the time. When I was entering the seminary, one of the documents I needed was a copy of my baptismal certificate. When I looked at the date (8/9/64), it dawned on me that I was baptized on my brother's (Tom's) fifth birthday. Perhaps that's why, growing up, he and I had a bit of an antagonistic relationship, e.g. he "taught" me how to ride a bike by taking me up the steepest hill in South Boston with the sole instruction to "hold on tight to the handlebars" and then proceeded to hurl me down the hill, headlong! Hmm.... In any event, we've overcome those differences and have become good friends!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In this moment in salvation history, Jesus is declared to be God's "beloved son" (Mk 1:11). In our Sacraments we become, in a very real way, beloved sons and daughters of God. This is because Jesus "raises" the celebration of Baptism to the sacramental level. In doing so we are united with Jesus, who constantly reveals Himself to us through the Sacraments. Baptism is the "gateway" to other Sacraments, followed fairly closely by the others. Throughout the centuries, the Church has wrestled with the question of baptism. The "when" of Baptism has been debated for centuries, with the question centering on the readiness of the child to receive such a gift. In our Church, it is the parents who answer for the child in infant baptism; because this did not happen in Jesus' case, many wonder if this doesn't alter, if not negate, the power of the sacrament. I tend to think not, as we have other opportunities (such as First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) throughout our lives to validate our faith.

In any event, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord gives us, as a Church, an opportunity to reflect on the gift that Baptism is for us. One of the great joys I have, as you might imagine, is to celebrate a baptism. It is made even more special when it can be celebrated at Mass, with the full support of the people. It highlights the importance of the community in the life of faith of the individual Catholic. While we, and we alone, receive the Sacraments of the Church, they are a sign and symbol of a larger reality. That reality is that it is in and through the community that we live our faith and it is in and through the community that this faith is sustained, nourished and strengthened. May we realize the gift that Baptism (and all Sacraments) is for the Church, the People of God. May we know God's love through the Sacraments, and may we share that love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**(Third Monday of Each Month – 4:00-5:00 p.m.
at East Bridgewater Council on Aging)**

There are so many losses that may affect us in our lives. So many times we do not know what to do with our feelings of grief and wonder if we are "normal." This group is for anyone who is living with loss due to the death of a loved one. This could be a family member or a friend. This group is a safe place to meet and talk about the one you love. The group meets the third Monday of each month. For more information please call Vicki Wagner at Beacon Hospice at 508-324-1900. **(In January the meeting will be on the 12th and in February on the 9th. The dates have been changed due to holiday.)**

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC 2015

January 31st	September 26th
February 28th	October 31st
March 28th	November 28th
April 25th	December 26th
May 30th Last Clinic until September	

Pressures are taken after the 4:00 Mass in the Chapel.

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