
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

January 18, 2015
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, January 24, 2015

4:00 – Ralph E. Ortenzi -- Memorial

Sunday, January 25, 2015

8:00 – William McEnaney – 2nd Anniversary

10:30 – Sheila Solakoff-Creney – 1st Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sun. 1-28-15 – Community Meal -- 5:30 – 6:30 PM

**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.

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week’s collection.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY
Will host
A COMMUNITY MEAL—Wed. Jan. 28th
At the United Methodist Church
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Our Shared Treasure

December 28, 2014

Last week

Yr-to-date

January 4, 2015 adj’d

Collection:	\$ 5,529.00	\$144,758.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$161,176.42
Excess/Short	\$ 255.31	\$ 16,417.70

January 11, 2015

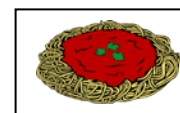
Collection:	\$ 5,443.00	\$150,201.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$166,960.73
Excess/Short	\$ 658.69	\$ 16,759.01

Utility & Energy -- \$1,283

*2nd Collection –Jan. 25, 2015 – Churches in Latin
America*



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.**

If you know of anyone who is homebound and in need of Communion or Penance or Sacrament of the sick, please let the Rectory know.

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, Sophie Costantino & 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.

CONGRATS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – GREAT JOB!!!!

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



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



My Dear Friends in Christ,

My journey to priesthood was, to say the least, a circuitous one. I can remember the first time anyone inquired about my entering the priesthood; it was my pastor, and I literally laughed in the man's face. Not a scornful laugh, but an incredulous one. I couldn't understand why he thought I would be a good priest. Over the course of the next six months, two other folks (my great-aunt, a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, and my high school chaplain, a diocesan priest) asked me that very same question. It was then that I understood what Eli and Samuel went through. God's call to Samuel was at first misunderstood and misappropriated (to Eli), but then with Eli's help Samuel was able to answer God in the manner which was appropriate.

When we think of vocations, we invariably think of priesthood or religious life, which is fair enough I suppose. They are both pretty "high profile" ways of living out one's faith. We do a disservice to God's call to each of us, however, if we limit our thinking to just those two ways of life. Each of us has a vocation, a "call" (which is what the word "vocation" means) from God to fulfill our baptismal promises which, while made by our parents are lived out by us. For most, it means living "secular" lives by gospel (and not worldly) values remaining true to God in word and deed. For some, it means living a professed life consecrating themselves to God in a unique, singular way by means of vows or promises. For all, it means opening up one's heart to the call of God by putting Him first in our lives.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers an invitation to the two disciples of John. After they inquire as to where He is staying, Jesus invites them to "come and see" (Jn 1:39). This simple, yet profound invitation comes with the implication that they (and others) lives' will be changed. This change takes place in the heart, for our lives of faith in Jesus are movements of the heart. We can debate, discuss and deliberate, but what it comes down to is the gift of discernment. We must look within our hearts to see who it is God is calling us to be. For each of us (even those living similar lives), it will be different. Not all priests are the same; not all married couples are the same; not all single men and women are the same. This is a good thing, for it points out the unique nature of our vocation. It is something which is, ultimately, between us and God. It is not something someone else can discern or live – it is for us, and us alone, to do.

May we have the courage to look within our hearts to see who it is God is calling us to be. May we know that in this call we are fulfilling our baptismal call. May we be open to anything the Lord asks of us, even our very lives. May the call of God, imprinted on our hearts at baptism, be lived out with courage each and every day.

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.)**

This support group is not restricted to Seniors!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC 2015

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

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

Please cut this out and save for your records.