
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

January 25, 2015
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, January 31, 2015

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, February 1, 2015

8:00 – Robert Robichaud &
Geneva Cashman -- Memorial

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

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

Mon. 2/2,9,16,23, 3/2,9,16,23 – Bible Study – 7 PM

Sun. 2/1 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM

Fri. 2/20 – Simple Supper – 5:30 – 6:30

Fri. 2/27 – Deep Freeze Retreat

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

Sunday, January 25nd at 3:00pm

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

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts to the collection will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and be generous in today'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

January 25, 2015

Last week

Yr-to-date

January 18, 2015

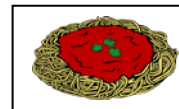
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| Collection: | \$4,841.00 | \$149,599.72 |
| Budgeted | \$ 5,784.31 | \$166,960.72 |
| Excess/Short | \$ 943.31 | \$ 17,361.00 |

Special Collection Sunday -- \$809.00

GRAND ANNUAL Goal \$35,000 ; To-date \$26,301



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, Robert Panza & 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.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WAS WONDERFUL! If you did not get to see it this year, please plan on it for next year. It was well done and very entertaining. Bravo to all involved!!!

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:

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| Disposable diapers | Diaper bags |
| Crib Sheets | Baby towels |
| Sleep n Play sleepers | Nightgowns |
| Baby Bottles | Blanket Sleepers |

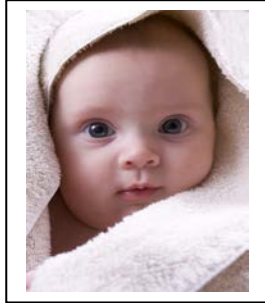
Receiving Blankets
Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers
Toiletries ie, Wipes, ointment,
baby shampoo

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

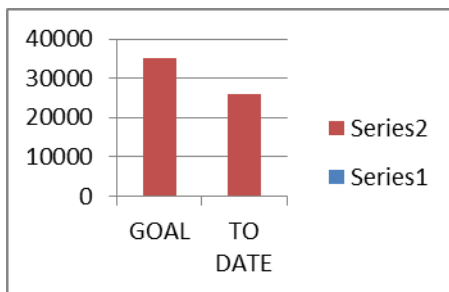


My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in high school, I was asked by my pastor if I had ever considered a vocation to the priesthood. I can remember distinctly the reaction I had to that inquiry: I laughed in his face! There was no disrespected intended, for I was sure that he was joking; when he said that he wasn't I was, to say the least, contrite if not downright remorseful. This encounter was then followed by two other (seemingly, at the moment) unrelated conversations. When the third conversation occurred surrounding this same topic I was, indeed, intrigued. Was God actually calling *me* to the priesthood? Did I dare say yes? When I did, eventually, say yes, my whole world changed. I realized that God was, indeed, calling me to become a "fisher of men" (Mk 1:17).

In today's gospel, the response of the first followers of Jesus was far more immediate and sure. They left everything they had and followed Jesus, which must have taken extraordinary faith and courage. To leave everything you know, everything that holds you secure is an amazing "leap of faith". This is what God is calling us to do, to respond to our baptismal call by following Him. Yes, it does take an incredible amount of faith to do this, but when we do the results can be life-changing. We may not be called to leave everything we know, but that's not really the point of today's gospel. In its wider context, the gospel passage today is calling us to look within our own circles of friends, our own families, to see who needs to be "reeled in". There are many of our own who are "adrift" who are looking for "safe harbor", and we can be the one who brings them "safely to shore".

GRAND ANNUAL = Goal \$35,000



AN AT-HOME BUSY PEOPLE RETREAT FOR LENT: Do you desire to deepen your relationship with God during Lent this year?

The week of Mar. 8-12, St. Joseph's Retreat Center, Cohasset, is offering an opportunity for busy people to experience a directed retreat in the midst of their daily lives. You would pray 30-60 minutes each day at home (or work etc), meet individually at the Retreat Center for 45-60 minutes a day for four days with an experienced spiritual director to share about your prayer and relationship with God. Meeting times would be scheduled at your convenience. The retreat will begin with a gathering of all interested people on Sunday afternoon, March 8, at St. Joseph Retreat Center. To register, or for more information, please contact

www.csjretreatcenter.org (click on Busy Person's Retreat on the left side of the Home Page.) or call 781-383-6024

We can't be sure of what was going through the minds of those first disciples, but we know that there was something alluring about Jesus' call to them. It made them give up everything they knew, everything that held them secure, to follow Him. Is God calling us to something, something beyond ourselves? Is God calling us, by virtue of our baptismal call, to be disciples, to be (in paraphrasing the gospel) "fishers of people"? It could very well be that God is calling us and, for whatever reason – it could be apathy, fear or doubt – we are not responding as fully as we could/should be. Let us have the same trust the first disciples did. Let us attune our hearts to hear the call of Jesus so that others may come to know what we have come to know: that Jesus has come into the world to follow Him, now and into the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul