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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**January 6, 2013  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 5, 2013**

4:00 – Angelina & Antonio Chaves – Memorial

**Sunday, January 6, 2013**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Louise Duffany – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Gene Biagi – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Thursday, January 10, 2013**

9:00 – Fredrick W. Brown, Jr. – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

4:00 – Joanne Foley – 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – James Clancy – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Important Dates**

Sun. – Jan. 13 – TEEN MASS & Dinner – 6 PM

Sun. -- Jan. 13 – Freshman Retreat – 2:30 p.m.

Fri. – Jan. 18-20 – CYO Ski Trip

Sun. – Jan. 27 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Commitment Mass @ 9:30

***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, Billy Brown, Debra Vass.***

\*\*\*\*\*Gentle Reminder\*\*\*\*\*

God's House is a house of worship and attention to the Lord. His feelings get hurt when your attention is to your phones instead of to him. Please restrain from texting or messaging in any way while you are in the Lord's House. He has your attention for such a short time, let him know HE is your first priority.

*St. Michael's College—a Catholic college dedicated to providing a liberal arts education where students learn what matters in mind, heart and soul; Located in Burlington Vt. Is offering a \$20,000 scholarship (over four years) to candidate nominated by their parish priest. Anyone interested, please contact the rectory for information.*

***Our Shared Treasure***

*Sunday, Dec 30, 2012*

**Weekly Offertory: \$5157**

**Grand Annual - \$1175**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Collection January 13 - Utilities & Energy***

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

As of this weekend, 128 families/individuals have contributed \$25,851 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.

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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. |                  |

Any questions, please call Missy Schrader @ 508-350-0017 or email her @

**SKI TRIP—Country Ski & Sport giving St. John's great deal on skis. \$45 for the weekend. Need to be fitted. Call 781-826-2022 ASAP.**

## 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](http://www.stjohnsb.org) or call the Rectory for assistance.



Dear Friends,

In 1979 archaeologists were digging outside of Jerusalem. Suddenly, they stumbled upon a cave filled with jars, oil lamps, and jewelry. These objects, they discovered later, had been placed in the cave nearly 600 years before the birth of Christ.

One piece of jewelry, especially, caught their attention. It was a tiny silver scroll no bigger than a child's little finger. A place for a cord through the center of it told them that it was once worn around the neck of some Israelite.

When a Jewish Scholar translated the words on the scroll, he could hardly believe his eyes. They were the words of a blessing that God gave to Moses.

They were the words of a blessing his own father used to bless him in his boyhood. They were the words of a blessing that is still used today in synagogues and churches around the world. They were the words of the beautiful blessing we find in the reading: "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

How fitting these words are in the light of the Epiphany of the Lord. For Joseph undoubtedly used these same words to bless Jesus as he lay in the manger and, again, as he held him in his arms just before giving him his name. And how fitting these words are as we honor the woman that was called blessed among women.

A couple of thoughts: As we close out the old year, we should thank God for blessing us during the past year. For some this will be easy, for others it will be easier said than done.

Henry Ward Beecher once made this observation. He said: "Suppose someone gave you a dish of sand mixed with fine iron filings. You look for the filings with your eyes, but you can't see them. You feel for them with your fingers, but you can't feel them. Then you take a tiny magnet and draw it through the sand in the dish. Suddenly, the magnet is covered with iron filings." "The ungrateful person, says Beecher, "

is like our fingers feeling for the filings. Such a person finds nothing in life to be thankful for. The grateful person, on the other hand, is like the magnet sweeping through the sand. That person finds hundreds of things to be grateful for."

All of us have reasons that can cause us to be either ungrateful or grateful. There is no perfect person, there is no perfect couple, there is no perfect family, there is no perfect parish. All of us stand in the midst of that which brings us joy and that which brings us pain. It can sometimes be easier to see the pain than it is to see the joy. FIND THE JOY. Be like the magnet and not only find the joy but be grateful for it.

God bless, Fr. Wally

## IT'S CORI TIME AGAIN. THIS MUST BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH.

Anyone working or serving the church who is over 17 MUST fill out a CORI form EACH YEAR!

This includes all staff, CCD personnel, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers over 17, Church Cleaners, Choir Members, St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, etc. -- Anyone involved with the church over the age of 17!

If you have never filled out a Cori, please use PINK forms. If you have done this before, please use WHITE forms. Forms are available at the Ushers' tables at both doors. Fill out at home and return to the rectory.

### MOST IMPORTANT:

ALL FORMS MUST BE VERIFIED BY DEBBIE AT THE RECTORY (Tues – Friday 8:30 – 4:30) BRING YOUR DRIVERS' LICENSE AND THE LAST 6 DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. (unless you are working for the CCD program. Mrs. Hopgood has verify those Cori's.)

## 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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