> July 19, 2015 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18, 2015

4:00 – Ann Contrada, Patrick Connolly, & Eric Fishbaugh – Memorial

Sunday, July 19, 2015

8:00 - Robert Franciosi - 1st Anniversary

10:30 – Richard Hutchins

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

9:00 – James W. Thompson – 19th Anniversary

Saturday, July 25, 2015

4:00 – William T. Monahan – Month's Mind

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:00 – Maria Luz – 22nd Anniversary

10:30 – Wilfred Duffany – 10th Anniversary Louise Duffany – 3rd Anniversary

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat/7/18 - Leadership Retreat Car Wash - 9 - 2 Wed. 7/22 - Beach Day (Rain date 7/23)

Mon - Fri - 7/27 - 31 - Vacation Bible School 9 - 12

Sun. - Thurs - 8/2 - 8/6 - Leadership Retreat

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, Ruth Marx, Mary Callahan, Christina Wedge, Jack Donovan, Beverly Salamone, Patricia Cockran & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

Lord Teach Me To Pray Deepen Your Prayer Life; Help Others Do the Same!



Are you a woman or man of prayer?
Are you comfortable working with small groups?

July 31 – August 1, Glastonbury Abbey will host a Facilitator *Training Retreat* for the "Lord Teach Me to Pray" prayer series. It will be conducted in a reteat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is callling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in fiding our more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" (LTMTP) prayer series, you are also invited! For info and registration: Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or go to www.lordteachmetopray.com

Our Shared Treasure July 12, 2015

Offertory: \$5,709 Budgeted: \$5,784

**Below budget: \$75

Grand Annual -- \$3,112 away from goal!
NEXT YEAR WE WILL MAKE IT!!!!!!

Thank you for your continued generosity

St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John's needs "A Few Good Men" (or women). Are you available to volunteer a few hours a month? There is some lifting involved and assisting with pick-ups and deliveries for the Food Pantry. Consider lending a hand to the pantry and in turn you will be helping others. You can leave a message on our hotline at 508-378-3760 or stop by the Food Pantry on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month after 3PM. Please ask to speak with Bob Hill or any other pantry volunteer.

Our kids eat the same things as yours: all kinds of breakfast cereals, pancake mix and syrup, PB&J, Spaghettios, mac & cheese, tuna, chicken soup, canned fruit, jello and pudding. How about cake, cookie and brownie mixes (for those rainy days) when you just need something to keep them busy. We are truly gratefully for all donations. What you give to the pantry is used for the pantry!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Embark upon an icy expedition where your kids learn to overcome obstacles with God's awesome power!



Programs begin at age 3!

July 27 – July 31

Follow this link to register

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/StJohnsVBS

FAMILY YOUTH MINISTRY BEACH DAY—

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015
DUXBURY BEACH

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$24,660 pledged 93% participated \$26,637 our goal 93% of goal

164 participants 176 our goal of

participants

Stayed the same this week.
Only need \$1977 to meet our GOAL
We are almost there!!!!

"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6th at Craigville Beach

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact
Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.





COME JOIN US AT MIRAMAR RETREAT CENTER FOR OUR 12TH ANNUAL

"Some Enchanted Evening" Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for August 1st from 5 – 9 PM. Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St. Duxbury, MA

Break away from today's stress and worry! Relax and enjoy the social hour, elegant dinner, cash bar, silent auction raffle and live entertainment in Miramar's comfortable atmosphere. Tickets are \$100 per person. All proceeds go toward the Miramar Retreat Center Capital Campaign.

For more info on placing an ad in the program or to make reservations, call Mary Fran at 781-585-2460 ext 312 or visit our website: www.miramarretreat.org



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As a priest, I am "required" to take an annual retreat. I put that word in quotes because while it is a requirement, I always look forward to going on retreat and of renewing my relationship with God and I always come back refreshed and revitalized. One of my favorite places to go (on retreat) is on the Jersey Shore to a Redemptorist-run retreat house whose motto is "Where God and Sea Come Together". It is a special place, one where I always reconnect with God.

The disciples are invited by Jesus to find themselves a "deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31), so that they can "recharge" their "spiritual batteries". As it turns out they can't even do that, for the people who had been following them see them leave and get to the place where the disciples are headed to before them! Their need for spiritual nourishment was so great that they couldn't let the disciples out of their sight. Jesus sees this and His heart is moved with pity; He begins to teach them, which leads Him to perform the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mk 6:35-44, which follows this gospel passage). Jesus sees (and meets) not only the spiritual but the physical need of the people, so great is His love for the people. The disciples help in this effort, so attuned were they to Jesus' ministry and their own part in it.

There are times when we need to "retreat", to remove ourselves from the everyday experiences of our lives. We can do this for a dedicated period (such as a "retreat week"), or a little each day or week (which might be the only time for some). I truly believe that as followers of Jesus, He calls us to do this. If we don't avail ourselves to be "filled" with God's love, Jesus' presence and the Holy Spirit's power, then we are shortchanging ourselves. We need time for ourselves so that we can make time for others; we need to "fill up" (with grace) so that we can be "emptied" (sharing those graces with others).

May we have the presence of mind to attune our hearts, our minds, our very lives to the voice of Jesus when He calls us to come away to that deserted place (wherever it may be). May we come to know Jesus as Savior and friend in these moments. May we live out our call to serve others by first being filled with God's love and grace. Finally, may we look for opportunities to "retreat" (even if only for a little while), so that God may reveal His plan for us, for our brothers and sisters, for our Church and for the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul