
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

July 26, 2015

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, August 1, 2015

4:00 – Jeannette Lavoie – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, August 2, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Bernard Gill – 9th Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Foy whose Funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday and for Ruth Marx and Bryant Stankevitz who also passed recently.

IMPORTANT DATES

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 Debeneditis, Floyd Weaver, Christopher MacDonald, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Steve Mason, Ruth Bosworth, Rachel, 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.

**DEACON JOE WILL BE CONDUCTING
ADORATION & DEVINE MERCY**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
IN THE CHAPEL
FROM 7-8 PM.**

PLEASE JOIN US.

Our Shared Treasure

July 19, 2015

Offertory: \$5,037

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$747**

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.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/StJohnsVBS

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$24,960 pledged	94% participated
\$26,637 our goal	93% of goal
165 participants	176 our goal of participants
Stayed the same this week.	
Only need \$1677 to meet our GOAL	
We are almost there!!!!	



My Dear Friends in Christ,

C.S. Lewis, one of my favorite authors, was once quoted as saying that “miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see”. What Lewis meant, I believe, is that when something miraculous occurs it points us to a larger truth. The “miracle event”, in essence, isn’t the “be all to end all”, but a “means to an end”. We can look at a miracle and try and “unpack” it, explain it (or explain it away) or try and figure it out; that would be a mistake. Miracles aren’t to be explained, but something into which we must enter. In doing this, we come to see the larger reality at work. This is important because miracles, at face value, are hard to decipher. We need to ponder them, pray about them and let God reveal Himself in them.

Today’s readings deal with miracles on different levels. The first reading has us encounter Elisha, feeding the one hundred gathered with but twenty loaves of bread (which I don’t consider a lot since I’ve been known to eat an entire basket of rolls at one sitting at Bertucci’s!). In our gospel today, Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish. In both cases, the feeding isn’t just physical, it’s spiritual. The crowd’s souls are “fed” by the generosity of God through the actions of Elisha and Jesus. The difference between the two readings is that in Jesus’ case, he is “foreshadowing” the Eucharist; notice how He takes the bread, gives thanks (i.e. blesses) and distributes it. In doing this, Jesus is showing to the crowd and His disciples what He will do at the Last Supper. We know this because of our knowledge of the Holy Thursday/Passover event.

In our second reading, a miracle of sorts happens as well. In the ministry of St. Paul, the idea of the crowd at Ephesus living and acting with “humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit” (Eph 4:2-4). To do this, to maintain this and to sustain this is nothing less than a miracle! This was a pagan territory, challenging to Paul and his companions in so many ways. He perseveres through his faith in God; it is not through his own doing that this is being accomplished, but it is God working in and through him.

Where are we with miracles? Do we see them? Do we acknowledge them and call them what they are? Do we “brush them off”, explaining them away? Let us trust that God is working miracles in our lives. Let us see the miraculous for what it truly is: an opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

"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.



St Joseph Retreat Center in Cohasset hosts programs which may be of interest to our parishioners. For more information visit www.csjretreatcenter.org or contact us at 339 Jerusalem Rd, Cohasset, MA 02025 781-383-6024.

A CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATICAL PROGRAM ST JOHN RETREAT CENTER January 11, 2016 – March 3, 2016

This 53 day Sabbatical Program is open to women and men religious, clergy and lay people of all denomination. This Contemplative Sabbatical is designed to enhance personal renewal. Quiet time and solitude are provided supplemented by reflective input by experienced staff members and opportunities to enhance one’s spiritual development and prayer. To apply please visit our website and click on the application form for the Sabbatical.

Praying for Families: Join us for our Hour of Mercy as we Pray for Families every Friday, 3:00 - 4:00 pm with Exposition, Adoration, Quiet Prayer, Chaplet of Diving Mercy, Litany to St. Joseph, Holy Cross Prayers, Prayer for Pope Francis and Benediction. **Remembering The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.** Held at: Father Peyton Center 518 Washington St. Easton, MA 02356. For more info: Holy Cross Family Ministries: 508-238-4095 Ext 2027