
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

July 8, 2012

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 7, 2012

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, July 8, 2012

8:00 – John & Ellen Barry – Memorial

10:00 – Wilfred & Louise Duffany – Memorial

Friday, July 13

9:00 – Deceased Members of Mulkern Family

Saturday, July 14, 2012

4:00 – Gordon Ross – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, July 15, 2012

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:00 – David Molan – 23rd Anniversary

Important Dates

7/21 – Jr./Sr. Retreat Car Wash – 9:00 to 2:00

7/30 – 8/3 – VBS 9:00-12:00

Save the date: Sunday, 9/9

Our 7th Annual Parish Picnic after the 11:30 Mass

Prison Ministry

Volunteers/Participants needed

You are invited to join an amazing Catholic Bible Study program at Bridgewater State Hospital. Deacon Joe Hopgood hosts this group every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:15. The participants are a small group of men who are very eager to learn more about their faith despite their struggles with mental illness and incarceration. Deacon Joe would like to invite some volunteers, men and/or women, to join the group. No knowledge of scripture is needed – just a willingness to share faith and walk with Jesus. If you would like more information or would like to visit the State Hospital, please call Chaplain Peg Newman at 508-279-4764 or email Deaconjoe@comcast.net

CCD Registration for September 2012

We emailed the registration forms to all families whose children are currently enrolled in our CCD program. Registrations are now taking place. Please mail your registration forms back to us or you can come to the CCD office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. We are offering a payment plan to anyone who needs help. Classes will begin the end of September. If you would like to volunteer to help us – call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 or email repstjohn@verizon.net

Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, July 1, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$5,342.00

Remember we need a **minimum** of \$6000/wk to run and maintain our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Summer Vacation

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer vacation. But remember that the church bills do not go on vacation. Please try to “make up” the weeks that you will be away when you return or before you go away. Thanks!!

Please keep the following in your

prayers: Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John & Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan, Albert Federico, Mary Saiken, Ruth Russell, George Cunningham, Bill Neyman.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our food pantry works because of your generosity. We have all felt a crunch in our personal budgets. That's why your food and cash donations are more deeply appreciated at this time. We help provide food to an average of thirty families each time we are open. This means we need to restock our shelves regularly. We are always in need of paper towels, toilet tissue, and kleenex. At this time canned fruit, brownie, cookie, and cake mixes are needed. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in servicing at Mass once a month contact the rectory and we will be happy to welcome you to this wonderful ministry.

Church cleaners needed

Anyone interested in helping to clean the church once every 4-6 weeks, please call the Rectory 508-378-4207.

FREE Community Concert & Cookout

EB United Methodist Church

54 N Central St.

Saturday 7/14

**6:00 Cookout & 7:00 Concert by Ed Kilbourne
Singer & storyteller from Rock Hill, SC**

Join us for our 9th annual VBS

"SKY"

"Everything is possible with God!"

July 30th – August 3rd

9:00am – 12:00pm

Our program is designed for children starting at age 3 up to children finishing the 5th grade.

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohnvbs2012>

Visit our Parish Web-Site to register your child and come back often for updates about our great program or stop by the CCD Office Wednesdays or Thursdays 9:30 to 4:00.

Last year we did have to close registration. Register early and let your friends know. Our program did have to increase the registration fee for the first time in years to \$43. If the cost is an issue, please call us ~ we have scholarships for those in need.

Any questions please call Nancy Smith at 508-378-4290 or nhenn71@hotmail.com

Vacation Bible School Donations

There are posters at the doors of the church with "Eagles". Each eagle tag has an item that is needed for our program. Please consider taking an eagle tag and purchasing the item to help us keep this parish event affordable for our families. You can drop off the item (in the baskets at the door) after any of the Masses or bring it to the rectory Monday – Friday 9:00 to 4:00 before July 25th. Cash or Gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome for perishable items that can not be purchased ahead of time.

Weekly Reflection from Larry Gillick, S.J. of Creighton University

This past Wednesday we celebrated the successful rebellion against King George and the English domination of our country's beginning. There were rebels who desired to live free from what they experienced as tyranny. Independence and freedom are so precious to the human heart and yet we live constantly under the tyranny of what can appear as freedom.

Ezekiel, in our First Reading, gets a "stand-up call". He receives the word in the form of a scroll which he is commanded to literally eat. He is to prepare to go to the people of Israel who are hard of face and heart. They are in a constant state of rebellion against a God whom they experience as a tyrant. He is told to go at least there so they know that God is still sending them invitations through a prophet's presence.

We will be seeing Mark's Jesus for a few more weeks beginning with this picture of Jesus' returning to his hometown. The crowd who has been listening to him and watching his miracles can only accept him through his

family roots by which they think they know him. He is the carpenter's boy and the son of Mary down the road. They are confined by what they know and so move to reject him as anything new or different. Jesus remarks that a prophet or special person is not accepted at home where people think they have him or her in a convenient envelope.

Many of the great saints from Peter and Paul to modern-day, holy people have had to live with their pasts in the presence of those who knew them when. More than that, each of us has to live with our pasts which might be known only to ourselves. We can be tempted to reject, resist and deny the newness, the graceful growth of the healing Jesus within us. We have many experiences of our being rebels ourselves; demanding, fighting for our independence. The great freedom for us as humans is to recognize God as, not tyrant, but creator and sustainer. God continues sending us prophets and prophetic moments and events to announce our rebellion and the way to live less troubled lives which result in giving lots of others, grief more than a few times.

Growing, changing, becoming new again are all very frightening, but Ezekiel had to eat the scroll and we too eat God's word and share his life's grace in the Eucharist. Jesus did not argue or defend, or reject his neighbors; he continued being who he was and doing who he was as prophet. The questionings of others did not move him to question himself, but remain a question mark in the minds of those who thought they knew the answers. We who follow Jesus are moved to live not as commas, but always as exclamation and question marks ourselves. Jesus left his watchers and listeners scratching their heads by what he taught and what and how he did. We may have scratched our heads many times at these ways. Slowly, we grow in his style of expanding the envelopes into which we have, or others have, put us. We are meant to rebel against the tyrannies of unfreeing expectations and grow into the free state of allowing God to be our loving Lord.

50/50 Raffle

Tickets are Available

WIN \$15,000 or \$10,000 or \$5,000.

Tickets are only \$25 each. The more tickets you buy the better your chances are to win!
Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets. Help us reach it.
We have raised \$9600 to date.

Drawing will be on September 9th at the Parish Picnic

Call 508-378-4207 if you want tickets