
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

June 14, 2015

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 13, 2015

4:00 – Lina Merianos – 26th Anniversary

Sunday, June 14, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Irene Shalginewicz – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, June 20, 2015

4:00 –John McPartlin – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 21, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Thomas Buckley -- Memorial

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat. 6/13 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Sat. & Sun. – 6/20 – Fr. Bernie Olszewski – Cross International Appeal

Sat. 6/27 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Sat. 6/28 – 7/4 – Mission Trip to Nashville

Sat/ 7/18 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

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, Bill Monaghan, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O’Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Tom Farley, Robert Panza, Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse , Pat Lang, Bob Foley & 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.

Father Bernard Olszewski

Will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Our Shared Treasure

May 31, 2015

Offertory: \$5451

Budgeted: \$5,784

Deficit: \$333

Grand Annual : \$31,811-- \$3,189 away from goal!

Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015

Thank you for your continued generosity

The Family and Youth Ministry has completed its first year. The year has been an amazing year of faith, love, and support for our Parish Families. We look forward to building on our first year and creating even more opportunities for our family to grown together in faith. We are not going on vacation this summer! Watch for details about our Parish Yard Clean-up, Beach Day, VBS, a Backyard Camp-out, and a field day coming soon. Our "Flocking" fundraiser has been such a success that the requests keep coming in, so we have decided to continue the flocks into the summer. Any additional funds raised will start our efforts off for our coming year of events, Mission Journeys and faith experiences. This weekend also saw the completion of the fundraising for our Mission Journey to Nashville. Thanks to the prayers and generous support of our Parish we reached our fundraising goal. Many have asked about supplies for our journey. We would love any kind of goodies for our 28-hour Train Ride. All goodies should be dropped off by Thursday, June 25th so that we can have time to pack them. Your continued prayers for a safe journey are always welcome!

We leave in 19 days with a full team of 20 members!

FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

IS COMING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015.

It takes many people to make this event the success it is every year. The Family Life Mission could use more hands to help this year. Please Contact Carmen Pearson (508-378-7364) if you can help in any way.

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$23,335 pledged	89% participated
\$26,637 our goal	88% goal
156 participants	176 our goal of participants
An increase of \$200 from last week.	

St Vincent de Paul

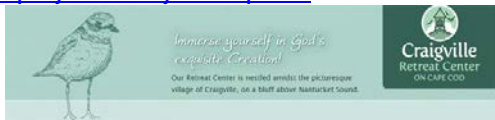
School will be out in a couple of weeks and many families who come to the pantry have children. Please think of items you might buy for your children (especially cereal) and maybe pick-up and extra box for the food pantry. We are still in need of summer items. In particular mayonnaise, relish, salad dressing and pickles. Once again donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.

"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.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration, more commonly referred to as Corpus Christi (the Latin name for the aforementioned solemnity) speaks to one of our most

central truths, namely the Eucharist. It is Jesus, whose body, blood, soul and divinity we receive on this day and who brings us together as a Eucharistic community, who we focus on today.

In today's readings, blood is of central focus. As a people of faith, we see the progression from ritual (read: blood) sacrifices to the ultimate and unique sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. While there may be a connection between the two, they are unique in who is at the heart of that sacrifice. We move from animal sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross; we move from a sacrifice which had to be offered over and over to one which was offered once, and for all. This movement is not to be missed, to be trivialized. The ritual sacrifices of Moses and the people were rooted in the people's need to be "cleansed" from impurity, whereas the sacrifice of Jesus cleanses us from sin and brings healing (which is why we pray, in preparation for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"). The sacrifice is brought to another level, from the human to the divine (found in Christ).

This solemnity, which has its roots in late 13th century tradition, is meant as a parallel to Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist. It was marked by processions, adoration and like celebrations. I often wonder on days such as this if we still hold the same reverence as in past generations, past traditions. Have we, with our modern "sensibilities" lost a sense of reverence, of solemnity which we are called to hold. Now, please don't take this as a "rant" against that which is good about new ways of living (which, certainly, can have its benefits), for it is not meant to be that. I have come to and do, however, witness how some approach to receive Jesus' Real Presence. There is a "casualness", which is sometimes evident in said reception, which we would do well to avoid. There is also a recognition of Who it is we are receiving that we would do well to keep in the forefront of our minds. These avoidances and acceptances are all part of what it means to receive Eucharist. They bring about a sense of true reverence and awe in God's presence.

Corpus Christi is a wonderful opportunity to "connect" in a real way with Jesus. It gives us a distinct chance to reflect on the Real Presence, as well as what it means to be one Body in Christ. The "oneness" we are meant to share is rooted in Christ, has its origins in Christ and finds its fulfillment in Christ. It is something which the world cannot give (or even offer), this lasting and abiding Presence. May we always have the reverence and awe worthy of reception of Christ. May we never lose sight of Who it is we are receiving. May others, as we have, come to see Jesus in Eucharist – that it is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in which we are partaking. May this sharing give us the courage to **be** Christ and to **see** Christ – to **be** Christ for others and to **see** Christ in others. May this movement of the heart cause us to put into action the cry of the psalmist: to "take up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord" (Ps 116).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul