
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

June 1, 2014
Ascension Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 31, 2014

4:00 – Susan Fitzgerald – Month’s Mind

Sunday, June 1, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Martha O’Brien – Month’s Mind

Saturday, June 7, 2014

4:00 – Francisco Figueiredo – 19th Anniversary

Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Wed. 6/4 – PPC MTG – 7 PM

Wed. 6/11 – FIN COMM MTG – 7 PM

Wed. 6/11 – Info Mtg. for Leadership Retreat – 7 PM

Sat. 6/14 – Cheerleaders’ Car Wash – 10 – 2 PM

Sat. 6/21 – Boy Scouts’ Bottle Drive – 9 – 1 PM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John R. Donohue whose funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, May 29th.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, MacDonald Family, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Bill Maloney, John Gomes, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bill Clements, Rita Orr, Nancy Porter, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen DeBenedictis, .

The residents of Sachem & Westview.

A Special thank you to Kevin & Nancy Smith for quarterbacking our peer ministers and mission trip participants into transforming the foyer of the church into such a warm, inviting area. It shouts welcome!

Thank you to all the ladies who volunteered to help with funerals. Once again, we ask and the parish responds, We are truly blessed.

Our Shared Treasure

May 18, 2014

	<u>Last Wk</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Collection	\$ 5,469.00	\$ 256,358.76
Budgeted	5,882.35	270,587.69
Excess/(Short)	\$ 413.35	\$ 14,228.93
Catholic Communication Campaign		\$896

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,709

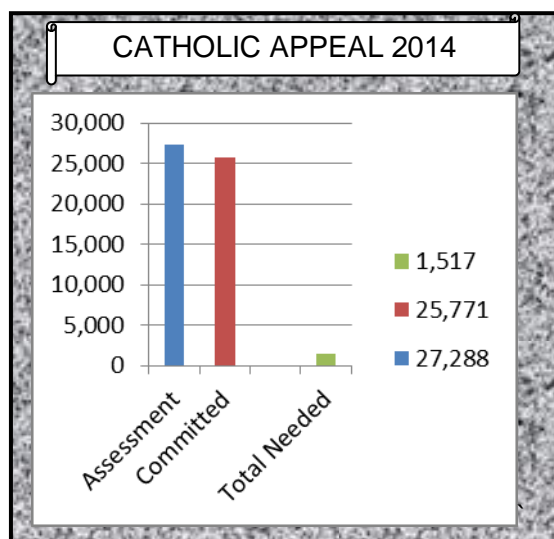
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,291**

Catholic Appeal: \$25,771 from 162 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 94%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection June 8, 2014 for the Seminary Collection



Congratulations to the winners of the Saint John Scholarships!

Zack Connelly
Brynne Connolly
Libby Connell
Kaeleigh Smith

St. John’s is so lucky to have such a selection of worthy candidates, making the selection very difficult.

A special thank you to our panel of judges. No one envies your position. Thank you for stepping up to this most difficult task.

Seven days without prayer makes one weak!

Walk to Aid Mothers and Children, sponsored by Mass Citizens for Life, benefits 27 beneficiary groups which help pregnant women and their children, Sunday June 29, 2014, 1:30, Boston Common, featuring Lift Ministries. Pre-register as a walker, start a team, or make a contribution to a specific beneficiary: <http://respectlifewalk.org> or call 617 -242-4199

Join LIFT Ministries for an exciting monthly worship event which includes uplifting music, relevant talks, confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Their events are FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. Be with them on Tuesday, June 10th for a great night of worship with guest speaker

Fr. Michael Sheehan.

The evening runs from 7 - 9pm
at Fontbonne Academy,
930 Brook Road, Milton, MA.

Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Come celebrate Faith, Friends and Family with the My Brother's Keeper community. Join us at the 3-mile 5th Annual Family Walk in Easton on Saturday, June 14th!

Complimentary t-shirt for those who register by May 31st and there are no registration fees to participate. Donations are gratefully accepted. Walk and join us for refreshments, music, free amusement rides and family fun activities. Go to www.MyBrothersKeeperFamilyWalk.org to learn more and sign up today!

Global Rosary Relay for Priests: Celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with the faithful gathered at more than 60 shrines around the world praying the Rosary for our priests on Friday June 27.

Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton, Massachusetts, and our mission offices, will join with people gathered at more than 60 shrines around the world to pray the Rosary to support our priests. Let us come together and pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and unite with others as we encircle the world in prayer.

Father Peyton Center - 518 Washington St., North Easton, MA, 11:15 am, Friday, June 27.
www.FamilyRosary.org/Events - 508-238-4095 - 800-299-7729 - *A World at Prayer is a World at Peace*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

C.S. Lewis, the great author and philosopher, once said "We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, "Blessed are they that mourn." What Lewis understood is that one cannot avoid suffering in this life so one has to figure out a way to handle that suffering. Jesus, throughout his earthly ministry, understood that He must suffer and die for the sake of us all. One might think that, knowing this, Jesus would try and avoid that suffering. What Jesus understood, and what we are called to understand, is that there is a "redemptive" aspect to suffering, both His and ours.

We live in a world that avoids suffering. It promises relief of all kinds of pain. One of the misconceptions the world has about Christian suffering is that we "will" it, that we "ask" for it; this is not the case. Christians aren't masochists; we don't invite suffering – but neither do we avoid it at all costs. It is in the aforementioned "redemptive" aspects of suffering that we join our sufferings to those of Christ. My mother (and many of her generation) would invite me to "offer up" any suffering or pain I encountered. Again, this is not to say that we are to invite, or prolong, suffering. If there is suffering in the world, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, we are to do our best as Christians to alleviate it. This is the reason we offer special "Prayers of the Faithful" at Mass, or take up special "second collections" for the victims of disasters. There is an understanding that suffering is not to be exacerbated, if at all possible. There can be some good, however, which comes out of these tragedies, this suffering. When one thinks of these natural disasters, for example, one can't help but recall images of relief workers flying in from other parts of the country and the world offering assistance in helping folks rebuild their lives.

Jesus knew that the Christian life would include suffering. As Lewis reminds us in the quote at the beginning of my column that Jesus, Himself, often preached on suffering, reminding us that God would bless those who mourn, for to mourn is to remember, and to remember is to (on occasion) prevent future suffering. If we remember the human failings that are often at the heart of tragedy and disaster, then we can avoid them in the future. This does not mean that all suffering will end, but it does give us hope that we can move towards a better future, ultimately free from all suffering when we enter into the Kingdom.

When we look at suffering in light of the Kingdom, we realize that human suffering, as painful as it is, is temporary. We also realize that the sufferings of this present age are as nothing, compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom. May we bear, with patient endurance, the sufferings of this world so that we may, one day, share in the fullness of life that awaits us in God's Eternal Kingdom of Peace, Hope and Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul