
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

June 21, 2015
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

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

Thursday, June 25, 2015

9:00 – Joseph Zemeitus – 9th Anniversary

Saturday, June 27, 2015

4:00 – Manuel T. Luz – 20th Anniversary

Sunday, June 28, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Thomas Buckley – Memorial

Monday, June 29, 2015

9:00 – Alexander DeSerpa – 10th Anniversary

IMPORTANT DATES

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 pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Underhill whose funeral Mass was celebrated June 12th.

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, Tom Farley, Joe Z., Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Karen Burke, Bob Hill, Ruth Bosworth & 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.

Our Shared Treasure

June 7, 2015

Offertory: \$4275

Budgeted: \$5,784

****Below budget: \$1509**

Grand Annual : \$31,833-- \$3,167 away from goal!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity

St Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who donated condiments. We were able to give each of our clients a "Summer Cookout Bag" due to your generosity.

It's almost summer vacation. If you are out shopping for your family please think of the many families who come to our food pantry that have children. Maybe your child could do an act of kindness at home and as a reward go to the store with you, pick out a food item they like and then give it away for a child at our pantry.

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!

St. John's Rosary Makers

PRAISING JESUS THROUGH MARY

Celebrating our 14th year of making rosaries. Over 6,000 rosaries have been sent to either missions, for our soldiers, or for members of our parish.

Thank you for remembering our canisters with your weekly spare change.

"The Family that prays together stays together."



Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason
"Bring the Community Together"
Invite you to a
Night at the Rox!

Come see the Brockton Rox play the North Shore Navigators, Weds., July 8th at 6:30. It is wacky Wednesday so bring the kids. RSVP by July 1 – 508-697-4332 Pick up the tickets at the will call window the night of the game. Thank you,
Mark, Bill, Shane, Sharon, & Brian

The Recreation Commission is hosting Dale & The Duds, June 25th on the Common. From 6:30 – 8:30 PM. All are welcome.

The Recreation Commission is looking for new members. Anyone interested can go to ebrec.org

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

\$23,385 pledged	89% participated
\$26,637 our goal	88% goal
157 participants	176 our goal of participants

An increase of \$50 from last week.

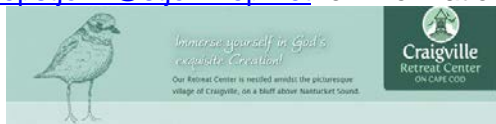
FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC

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 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.



Please welcome our newest members of the parish who were baptized last Sunday:

Brooks Daniel Marshall, Alexander Michael Barry, & Anthony Michael & Elliot Joseph Pelaggi.

Knights of Columbus is having a blood drive on July 7th from 2 – 7 PM at St. Thomas' Parish Hall.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

After a trio of "special" holy days (Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi) which transition us out of the Easter Season, we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time. As I've said on occasion, Ordinary Time isn't so named because there's nothing "special" about it. It is given this designation because these are the weeks that are marked by number (from the Latin, *ordinalis* (numbered)). Truth be told, there is nothing ordinary about what we do here; it is an extraordinary thing to gather as a people of faith each Sunday to worship the

Lord. It is a remarkable act of faith to come to believe, profess and live the truth that Jesus has come into the world to give us salvation and that by this act we are redeemed. This past Easter Season was an opportunity to renew our faith and trust in the plan God has for humanity. Hopefully the upcoming spring and summer months will provide an opportunity to further reflect on this goodness of God. We may take a break from studies, from work or from other such day to day activities, but we must never take a vacation from our faith life! Each and every day we have a chance to reflect on and act upon the plan God has for us.

We can, in this reflection, get lost in our own "issues"; we can, as the saying goes, "lose the forest for the trees". This is the problem of the disciples in today's gospel passage. They get so caught up in the storm that they forget that Jesus is in their midst. As He rebukes the sea to be quiet (much in the way that He would silence a demon), Jesus shows His mastery and power over even the elements. There is nothing outside the power and purview of Jesus, nothing that He can't handle. The disciples don't get it though; they see, believing to some degree, but don't fully comprehend what is happening. This is, for the disciples in the boat (as well as the hearer/reader of the gospel passage) a test of faith. If they cannot see how Jesus has control over the elements, then how can they (we) see His power over all things? This gospel passage gives an opportunity for all involved (in the passage as well as you and I) to "cement" their belief in the power of God in Christ Jesus.

There comes a point in all of our lives when our faith is tested. At those times, we look within ourselves to see where God is in those moments. It could be like the "Footprints" story that, at our weakest, God was carrying us. It could be that we, like Job (in our first reading), are "tested" by God in spite of our doubt, to help us to realize how truly faithful we are to God's plan. God does have a plan, despite the shape of our world - which, truth be told, is as much our own doing as anything else (i.e. wars, famine, "man's inhumanity to man")! We must be careful not to "lose the forest for the trees", forgetting that God's plan is for eternity, not just the here and now. As challenging as this is (to live in eternity), it can be done. We must attune our hearts and minds to live in the surety of God's love, for it is with this love that all can be accomplished. May we have **faith** in God's plan, **hope** in the coming of the Kingdom and **love** for all that God has in store for us. May we trust that, despite the challenges inherent in Christian living, we have a future in God's Kingdom (both here on Earth, as well as the one to come). In this way, we can share this plan of Eternal Life with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul