
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

June 22, 2014

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday, June 21, 2014

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, June 22, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Deceased Members of the Zemeitus Family

Saturday, June 28, 2014

4:00 – Manuel luz Tavares – 19th Anniversary

Sunday, June 29, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John Parish

10:30 – Irene Souto – Month’s Mind

Important Dates

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

Fri. 6/27 – Fireside Friday – 7 PM

Sun. 6/22 – Blessing of Mission Trip – 10:30 Mass And Cookout

Sat. 6/28 – Mission Trip Leaves for Nashville

III Banns of Marriage

Jennifer Romano & Timothy Wall

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, Manuel Amaral. The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone in who is need of a Pastoral visit from either our Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Paul (in the case of the Sacrament of the Sick), please call the rectory.

The Peter’s Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. This collection supports the charitable works of the Holy Father and provides emergency assistant to those most in need, including victims of oppression, natural disasters, and war.

Do you like to decorate? Would you like to spruce up our Church. We are looking for volunteers to decorate the inside of the church. Each month the church would get redecorated by a new team. Interested? Call the Rectory – 508-378-4207

Our Shared Treasure

June 15, 2014

	<u>Last Wk</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Collection	\$ 4,227.00	\$ 270,772.76
Budgeted	5,882.35	288,234.74
Excess/(Short)	\$ 1,655.35	\$ 17,461.68
<i>Church Maintenance = \$1,437.00</i>		

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,734

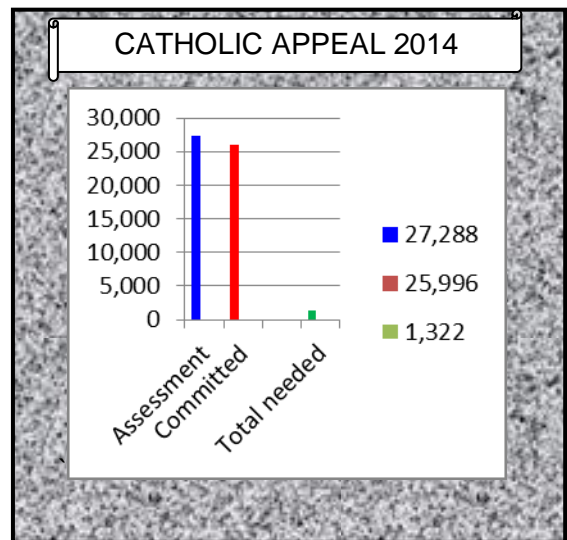
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,266**

Catholic Appeal: \$25,996 from 164 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 95%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection June 28, 2014 for the The Holy Father Peter’s Pence



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Going away this summer?

Have fun and enjoy. You deserve it. But Please don't forget us. Our bills still need to be paid.

Make it easy for yourself, use our On-line Giving Program. Set it up before you go And then forget it.

Directions are available on the Ushers' Table

BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 27th AT 7 PM
ST. JOHN'S INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN
FIRESIDE FRIDAY'S



CASUAL CONVERSATIONS, QUESTIONS AND
CONCERNS REGARDING OUR FAITH.
Kids welcome, marshmallows can be toasted

MISSION TRIP

The Mission Trip has raised over \$6,000 for our students to attend the Catholic Heart Work Camp. They still need a little help with needed supplies and gas. Baskets are available on the altar for any help you can offer. Thank you for your generosity.

REQUIRED TOOLS

Each person is **required** to bring the following items to CHWC. We depend on campers for these tools and supplies. Please turn these tools in at the registration table when you arrive at your camp location. These will not be returned to you.

- Paint brush
- Paint roller cover
- Drop cloth
- Masking tape
- Paint tray or small bucket (*optional*)
- Paint scraper (*optional*)
- Rags for cleaning (*optional*)

PERSONAL SAFETY TOOL LIST

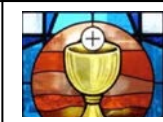
Each person is **required** to bring the following items to CHWC. Please put them in a small backpack and take them to your worksite.

These tools will not be collected.

- Small insulated water jug
- Safety goggles
- Work gloves



Saint John's is looking to create a team of greeters. The greeters would welcome our parishioners at church each week making them feel welcome and part of a greater community. We need people for each door at each Mass. Please call the Rectory if you would like to be part of this important team. 508-378-4207



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I've read different surveys which speak of the attitudes of Catholics regarding Church teaching, beliefs, doctrines and dogmas. One of the "settled questions" of our Catholic Faith, however, is that of the Eucharist; the belief in the Church that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ has been "settled" for some time now (most assuredly by the Council of Trent in 1551). The belief in the "Real Presence" in the Eucharist is one of those "non-negotiables" in our faith; it is essential to "being" a Roman Catholic, that one believe in this Real Presence.

This is why I am so shocked to read statistics that put as high as 60% the number of Catholics who either "don't believe" or "aren't sure" that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Note that this is different than not knowing HOW Jesus is present – that is, and remains, a great mystery. This is why it is okay that one cannot fully understand this truth. There are many objective truths that are beyond our full comprehension (such as the Trinity, of which we spoke last week). This does not make them any less true, nor does it lessen our obligation to believe them to be true. This is where the element of "mystery" comes into play for us. When I was younger, and I heard "well, it's a mystery", I took it to mean that the adult who was imparting said knowledge didn't really know (or even believe) what they were saying to be true. It had been "handed down" to them, and they were "handing it down" to me, like a well-worn sweater or a cherished piece of jewelry. I came to see that while "treasures" of our faith are, indeed, handed down from generation to generation often times without full knowledge, (as I say) that doesn't make them any less true. The Church's belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is one of these truths.

Today, we as a Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known to us as "Corpus Christi". This is one of my favorite Holy Days, one that is powerful both in its complexity and simplicity; complex due to its "mysterious" nature and simple due to it being present here and now. I love this solemnity not only because of its centrality to our faith (which gives said faith credence and strength), but because it brings, to the forefront, our belief that Jesus is still with us today. Jesus promised His disciples (and us) that He would not leave us abandoned. The Eucharist is proof of that promise. When we gather as a Eucharistic People around God's altar at Mass, at the heart of that liturgical and sacramental moment is the "transubstantiated" moment when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and Jesus is *truly present* in that moment. The Body and Blood of Christ are food for our journey of faith, and give us strength to face the challenges that life might present. I know I wouldn't be able to have the level of strength I do in facing the challenges of life without Jesus being "at the heart of it all". Jesus suffered in this life and so do we; Jesus overcame suffering (and even death) and so can we – because He is with us! May we know Jesus' Presence in Eucharist, may we believe in that Presence and may we share that Presence with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul