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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**June 24, 2012**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**Saturday, June 23, 2012**

**4:00 – Thomas & Helen Fitzgerald -Memorial  
Dorothy Diconzo, Thomas Fitzgerald**

**Sunday, June 24, 2012**

**8:00 – Mass for the People of St. John  
10:00 – Eleanor Nuovo – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday, June 30, 2012**

**4:00 – Ken Slifer - 2nd Anniversary**

**Sunday, July 1, 2012**

**8:00 – James Clancy  
10:00 – Parishioners of St. John**

**Important Dates**

**6/30 – Last Blood pressure clinic until September  
7/4 – Independence Day – Rectory office closed  
7/7 – Jr./Sr. Retreat Car Wash – 9:00 to 2:00**

**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 [Deaconjoeh@comcast.net](mailto:Deaconjoeh@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](mailto:repstjohn@verizon.net)

***Our Shared Treasure***

**Sunday, June 17, 2012**

**Offertory: \$4,042.00**

**Church Maintenance: \$2,098.00**

Remember we need a minimum of \$6000/wk to run and maintain our parish.  
***Thank you for your continued generosity***

***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.***

**Society for the Propagation of the Faith**

A Sister of the Holy Child will be visiting our Parish the weekend of July 7-8. Since 1930, Sisters of the Holy Child have been serving as missionaries in Africa – Chad, Ghana and Nigeria. There they teach from the primary grades to the universities and seminaries, provide formation programs for lay leaders, catechists and future religious sisters, and work in health and prison ministries. Their latest project is an integrated agricultural center in an underdeveloped area in Southwestern Nigeria where thousands of lives are being changed for the better. Sister Margaret Rogers spent many years as a missionary in Africa before her present assignment in the Mission office. She can boast of having visited 25 African countries in her 22 years of missionary service. A collection will be taken up at all the Masses that weekend. Please help these Sisters continue their important missionary work.

***Summer Mass Schedule***

**Saturday – 4:00**

**Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00**

**Daily Masses – Mon thru Fri – 9:00 AM  
in the Chapel**

**Summer Rectory Hours – 8:30 to 4:30**

***Fall Mass Schedule***

***Starting 9/9***

**Saturday – 4:00**

**Sunday – 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30**

The winners of the 300 club drawing for May are:  
Bob & Janet Denneen, Elaine Meuse,  
Richard & Jeanne MacDonald & Kathy Barris

## Catholic Appeal News

**Ninety-two families from St. John have currently pledged \$14,650 to the Catholic Appeal.**

### 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.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

<https://www.groupvbapro.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](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com)



Dear Friends,

On June 14<sup>th</sup> I celebrated my 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as an ordained priest for the Archdioceses of Boston. As I reflect back on 32 years of priesthood one aspect of the priesthood that stands out to me is that the Lord calls ordinary people, like you and me, to be his disciples: men and women who will respond to his call, who will allow the Lord to enter their lives in such a way that their lives are transformed. The person still has all the same character faults and gifts that they have always had. But they have made the conscious decision to let the Lord step into the core of their life and to take over that life. It is not easy. As a human being I want to be in control, in charge of my life. But the priest is called to live his life not for himself but for the Lord and for his body the Church. This transformation takes place every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. It is at the Mass, the Eucharist, that the Lord, through the words and action of the priest with his people, transforms us into his body, the Body of Christ.

I am happy to be here in East Bridgewater to begin my 33<sup>rd</sup> year of priesthood. I am happy to be here with you. Perhaps more than anything else the priest is called to be grateful, first to the Lord, who initiates the call to priesthood. I want to thank my parents and my brother and my nieces who have always supported me and to many family members and friends and to all of the people who have nurtured my vocation in St. John's in Wellesley, Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, St. Christine Parish in Marshfield, St. Ann Parish in Dorchester and to you my dear friends the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish here in good old EB. I pray that my years here with you will be many.

God bless.  
Fr. Wally

## **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 \$9200 to date.**

**Drawing will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Picnic**

**Call 508-378-4207 if you want tickets**