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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**March 24, 2013**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Saturday, March 23, 2013

4:00 – Louis Lombardi – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, March 24, 2013

8:00 – Rev. John Corcoran – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allyn “Ruth” Garabedian whose funeral mass was celebrated this past Tuesday.

**Important Dates**

Tues. 3/26 – Sun. 3/31 – NO CCD – HOLY WEEK

Thur. 3/28 – Holy Thursday Mass – 7 PM

Fri. 3/29 – Good Friday – SEVEN LAST WORDS – 12:00  
Good Friday Service – 7 PM

Sat. 3/30 – EASTER VIGIL MASS – 7:30

Sun. 3/31 – EASTER SUNDAY – Visit from Easter Bunny to follow 9:30 Mass – Regular Schedule of Masses

Fri. 4/5 – 7 PM – Fundraiser for Meaghan O’Brien—7 PM at the Commercial Club in E.B. -- \$20 donation

Sat. 4/6 – FIRST PENANCE & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Retreat

Sat. 4/6 – Last CCD Class

Sun – Thurs – 4/7-4/11 – Last CCD Classes

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Nira Porciello, Jackie Hennebury, Billy Brown, Debra Vass, Meaghan O'Brien, Judy Potts, Debbie Sperre, Ellen Hansen, Niko Westhaver, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Brittany Paluch, John Gray.*

**Catholic Appeal is here!**

Your support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal helps countless people of all ages and backgrounds through 50 ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal at Mass. To date our parish has contributed \$4030 to this year’s appeal. If you have not yet participated in the Appeal, you can make your pledge by completing one of the forms available at the back of the church or by contacting St. John Parish by calling 508-378-4207. You may also pledge your support to the parish campaign at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

***Our Shared Treasure***

*Sunday, March 17, 2013*

Weekly Offertory: \$6755

Church Maintenance: \$2245

Grand Annual: \$675

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**

As of this weekend, 148 families/individuals have contributed \$32,521 towards our parish goal of \$50,000. At this point in time last year, the parish had raised \$47,000 toward our goal of \$50,000. So as you can see, we have a way to go. The Finance Council has suggested that each working person/family contribute \$250 towards this important financial campaign. The council is well aware that some individuals will be unable to make a contribution of \$250 but some others will be able to make a larger contribution and many have already done so. Please know that whatever you are able to contribute will be gratefully received.

**Lenten Obligations**

Fasting is observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Happy Easter to All.

Next week’s Easter collection will directly support the health, welfare, and retirement needs of our 645 diocesan priests. These men have been there when we needed them. Now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises we make as Catholics to care for them when they need us. All are welcome to make a gift online at [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) or use the in-pew envelopes provided. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this important collection. If you are enrolled in our parish electronic giving program, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) to make

The Easter Vigil is scheduled for this Saturday so the **Blood Pressure Clinic** will resume next month.

Enjoy your Easter.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Thursday, 3/28 - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7  
Adoration until 10 PM**

**Friday, 3/29 - Seven Last Words @ 12 (noon)  
An Ecumenical Service by the Clergy of EB**

**Friday, 3/29 - Solemn Celebration of the Passion of  
Our Lord @ 7 PM**

**Saturday, 3/30 - Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:30**

**Sunday 3/31 - Easter Sunday Masses  
at 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.**

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
will be available on Wednesday evening 3/27  
at 6:30 PM.**

**Good Friday at 12:00 noon will be the "Seven  
Last Words" presented by all the clergy of East  
Bridgewater**

### **WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK**

Starting Thursday, April 18, and running for six weeks (Apr 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, & 23), a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the sick and the Homebound* will be offered at the **Pastoral Center, Braintree from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**. Sr. Paula Tinlin, SND, a certified chaplain from Caritas Carney Hospital, will teach the course. The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss, and dying, and care giving issues. Eucharistic minister, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. Pre-registration is required by April 11.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT CHANGE**

Due to the unpredictable weather on Easter Sunday, the Family Life Commission has a change in plans to replace the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a visiting Easter Bunny with his helpers in the church hall after the 9:30 Mass and the children can have their pictures taken with him and receive chocolate bunny pops.



Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you all to consider attending the Holy Week services that will once again lead to the glorious celebration of Easter. First, I would suggest that you begin by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance or confession as it is commonly called. I will hear confessions next Wednesday evening at 6:30. On Holy Thursday we will have the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00. This special celebration includes the washing of the feet of 12 members of the Parish and the renewal of vows for me, Fr. Don and Deacon Joe. The Mass will end with the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the chapel where you can spend some time in prayer until 10 PM. On Good Friday, there will be an ecumenical celebration of the Seven Last Words of Christ at 12 noon. Each of the pastors of the churches in town will preach one of the Words. At 7:00 pm we will have the Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord. As you know, the service consists of the Liturgy of the Word, the General Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. On Holy Saturday we will have the Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm. The service begins outside with the lighting of the Easter fire and the lighting of every ones' candle followed by the singing of the Exultet". It continues with a selection of readings from the Old and New Testament that trace the path of Salvation history. The service concludes with the Eucharistic celebration.

These are the Church's most important and sacred liturgies of the year and I hope that you will join me in celebrating them.

I want to encourage our High School Seniors to consider applying for the Youth in Ministry Scholarship. Each year the parish awards 2-4 \$500 scholarships to high school seniors. The applicant must be someone who attends Mass very regularly, is involved in the ministry of the parish in some capacity, and can demonstrate a sense of devotion to the parish. The applications are available at the rectory and the CCD office.

I hosted the clergy of East Bridgewater for lunch this past week and they wanted me to convey their sincere wish for a wonderful Easter season to all our parishioners.

God bless,  
Fr. Wally

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

*East Bridgewater High School  
Cheerleading Team  
For their win of the*

**NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP!  
BRAVO ☺**