
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

March 2, 2014

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, March 1, 2014

4:00 – Paul M. Luddy – 30th Anniversary

Sunday, March 2, 2014

8:00 – James Pacheco – 1st Anniversary

9:30 – Stephen Hopkins – 15th Anniversary

11:30 – Lori Hannan – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, March 8, 2014

4:00 – Luddy, Tokan, Olshaw Families -- Memorial

Sunday, March 9, 2014

11:30 – Eva Lepine – 1st Anniversary

Important Dates

Mon. 3/3 – Finance Committee Mtg - 7PM

Wed. 3/5 – PPC Mtg – 8:00 pm following Mass

Fri. 3/7—5:30 – 7:00 pm – First Simple Supper

Wed. 3/12 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8:00

Fri. 3/14 – Divine Mercy Hour – 7 – 8 PM

Sun. 3/16 – TEEN MASS – 6 pm.

Fri. 3/21 – Simple Supper – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Wed. 3/26 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Wed. 3/26 – Finance Committee Mtg – 8:00 p.m.

Fri. 3/28 – Divine Mercy Hour – 7 – 8 PM

This Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY

**MASSES ARE AT 9 AM AND 7 PM
It is a day of Fast and Abstinence**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie
Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Michael
MacDonald, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark
DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey
Ribero, Toni McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill
Maloney, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane
Thompson, John Gomes, Frank McCarthy.*

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

*Is a Lenten Program which offers
Confession*

*Every Wednesday night in Lent
From 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Beginning March 12th
And continuing until
April 16.*

Our Shared Treasure

February 23, 2014

\$5695

Grand Annual: \$25,439

Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00

Deficit of: \$187

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Ash Wednesday -- Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe -

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org to learn more about the important projects funded by this collection.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Almsgiving -- Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

Children's Choir rehearsals for Easter Sunday will take place Monday evenings from 6-7 pm during lent. Teen/Adult Choir Rehearsals for The Paschal Triduum/Easter will take place Monday evenings during Lent from 7:15-8:30 pm in the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are unable to make a year-long commitment but would still like to participate in a choir! Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director. for more information.



St. John's Peer Minister's invite you to a
St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 15th

St. John's Hall

Social Hour beginning at 5:00 pm with Dinner to
follow

Cost: \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple

The evening will include a Boiled Dinner, Dancing,
raffles and a lot of fun and laughs
The Peer Ministers are raising money to help lower
the \$800 per person cost of the trip and make it
more affordable for everyone.

Please contact the CCD Office for tickets
508-378-1521

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**THE CCD OFFICE HAS A NEW
EMAIL ADDRESS**

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DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

From
7 - 8 PM

Friday evenings - Mar, 14, 28, & April 11

An hour of adoration and Divine Mercy
Chaplet



SIMPLE SUPPERS

Friday Evenings in Lent
March 7th, 21st, + April 4
5:30 - 7:00

Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread, Mac n' Cheese

Good Will Offering - All are welcome!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

An unknown author (probably the most quoted author of all time!) was once quoted as saying that "today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday". So as to assist you from having your head explode trying to "unpack" that saying, let me help. Basically the author is saying that we always worry about tomorrow and that when it comes we don't worry about it because we are "in the moment". At that moment, however, we're already worrying about tomorrow! It's amazing that we have such a hard time living "in the moment" (and believe me, I'm no different from you in that regard!). We are always concerned about the next day, week, month or year. We plan so far ahead because we don't want the moment to "sneak up on us". The danger, however, with that type of thinking is that it robs us of the present moment which has gifts to give us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, helps us to live "in the moment" by looking around us and "taking a page" out of nature's "book". In calling us to not worry about tomorrow or the next day, Jesus is inviting us to treasure the present moment. Jesus knows that tomorrow will have problems (as well as opportunities), but in calling us not to worry Jesus is inviting us to have faith. This faith comes by trusting that God knows what we need and responds to that need in the best way possible. This is not to say that it is always in the way we expect, for often times God responds in ways that may surprise us but are always in our best interest. My first spiritual director once told me that "God always answers our prayers, but that sometimes that answer is 'no'". It was a good reminder to me that God may not always answer in a way I might like, but that if I have patience then the wisdom of God will be revealed in that answer.

Another element of this wisdom is the fact that we must choose who it is that we will follow, for we "cannot serve two masters" (Mt 6:24). In choosing who it is that we will serve, there is an element of loyalty involved, as well as love and commitment. We "cannot serve God and mammon" (ibid) ("mammon" is an Aramaic word for wealth or property). By setting up this dichotomy, Jesus calls us to choose who it is that we will serve - God or the world. We must live *in* the world, but we must never live *of* the world; our focus, even while living in the world, must be the Kingdom. We do this best by bringing God into the world, into our daily living at work, school, home or relationships. This is not always easy to do, but it is something which we must do if we are to remain loyal to God. We are never to "check our faith at the door", putting it aside when it becomes burdensome or inconvenient. May we have the courage to recognize the good gifts God gives us. May we have the courage to further share these gifts with our brothers and sisters. May we know the will of God and have the courage to do it with faith, hope and love!

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul