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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**March 4, 2012  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

4:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s

**Sunday, March 4, 2012**

8:00 – Mass for the People of St. John’s

10:00 – Wendell Harrington – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, March 10, 2012**

4:00 – Pizzi Family – Memorial Mass

**Sunday, March 11, 2012**

8:00 – John & Mary Doherty – Memorial

10:00 – Mass for the People of St. John

**Important Dates**

3-4 -- TEEN MASS

3-6, 7, 8 – No CCD

3-11 – Freshman Retreat – 2:30 – 6:00 PM

3-15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Penance – 6:30

3-17 – IRISH NIGHT – 7 PM – COMMERCIAL CLUB

3-18 – March Baptisms – 10:00 Mass

3-18 – Sophomore Retreat – 2:30 – 6:00

3-20 – PPC & Fin Com meet @ St. Thomas Aquinas

3-22 – FINAL MEETING WITH ARCHITECT – IN CHURCH – 7 PM.

3-25 – Sophomore Retreat – 2:30 – 6:00 PM

3-26 – VIRTUS TRAINING – 6:30 PM

3-28 – CONFESSIONS – 7 PM

3-31 – 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Retreat—10:30 – 12:30



This weekend, St. John’s joins with the other 287 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston’s 2012 Catholic Appeal. This effort directly supports the 50 ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable and educational programs. During this holy time of Lent, we can be the Good Samaritan to others through the Catholic Appeal. To join with St John in our goal to raise \$27,546, please pledge your support. Envelopes are available in Church and online pledges may be made at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Thank you for your prayers in support of this important effort.



*Community Blood Drive  
Saturday, March 10, 2012  
Tri Town Masonic Temple  
38 Franklin Street  
East Bridgewater  
9:00 – 2:00 p.m.*

***Our Shared Treasure***  
**February 26, 2012: \$5729**  
**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION: \$45,904**  
***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

***Please keep the following in your prayers:*** Pam Adornato, Cittadino Family, Nora Savoy, Frank McCarthy, Mary Saikin, Steve & Evelyn Mason, Annette Tarentino.

**Grand Annual Collection**

**We are very grateful for the generosity shown by 237 (12%) of our 2,000 families to our Grand Annual Collection. To date, these families have contributed \$45,904. We need you and all our parishioners to be there for St. John so that we may reach our goal of \$46,000. May God Bless your generosity.**

**Lenten Regulations**

Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed. Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted and necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer as preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE**

Beginning Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and continuing until Holy Week (April 1<sup>st</sup>) the following will be the Mass schedule:

- Mon - Fri - 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel
- Weds – 6:30 PM – Divine Chaplet of Mercy
- Weds – 3/28 & 4/4 – The Light is on for You (Evening Confessions) 7-8 PM
- Thurs. – 6:30 PM Mass
- Fri – Stations of the Cross – 6:30 PM

**HOLY WEEK**

Thurs., Fri., & Sat. Mass at 7 PM -- No afternoon Stations.  
EASTER SUNDAY – 8, 9:30, & 11:30 AM -- Easter Egg Hunt to follow 9:30 Mass

KEEP THE DATE OPEN FOR:  
THE  
*Parish Irish Night*  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

\$45 PER PERSON  
\$80 PER COUPLE

*\$5 discount for tickets purchased  
before March 1*

NOEL HENRY'S IRISH SHOW BAND  
IRISH STEP DANCERS

50/50 RAFFLE – CASH BAR  
LOTS OF FUN!!!!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE  
CALL THE RECTORY  
508-378-4207



#### WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK

Starting **Wednesday, April 11** and running for six weeks, a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound* will be offered at **St Mary's Parish in Hanover from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. Sr. Paula Tinlin, SND a certified Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Care at Carney Hospital will teach the *course*.

**GODSPELL** will be presented by the students of Cardinal Spellman High School on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats and \$7 for unreserved seats and may be purchased at [www.spellman.com](http://www.spellman.com), by calling the school at 508-583-6875 or at the door.

RESURRECTION  
A NEW ENGLAND EASTER MUSICAL TRADITION  
Saturday, March 3, 2012  
7:30 PM  
St Joseph the Worker Church, Hanson  
Admission is Free!!!—Basket will be passed to help performers with expenses.



Dear Friends

I want to thank Police Chief John Cowen and his wife Debbie for once again offering the Virtus Training program, otherwise known as "Protecting God's Children" here at St. John's. The program will take place on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the evening. This training program will help a parish volunteer or employee to recognize potential child abuse. All parish volunteers and employees who did not attend the last training program are required by the Archdiocese of Boston to attend so that St. John Parish will be in compliance with this national mandate of our Bishops. As pastor, making sure that our children and young people are safe from any possible abuse is certainly at the top of my priority list, which is why I expect all of our volunteers and employees who did not attend the last training session to attend this one on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our children deserve no less.

I want to urge all of our parishioners to attend the St. Patrick's Day celebration on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March that the fundraising Committee is sponsoring at the Commercial Club of East Bridgewater. It is going to be a great night! The evening begins at 7:00 with dinner being served at 7:30. During dinner the music of the famous Noel Henry's Irish Show Band will be featured followed by a performance of Irish Step Dancers. Then dance the night away with the music of Noel Henry and may the Irish blessing be upon us all!

Finally, I want to thank those parishioners who have contributed to the Grand Annual Collection. We have just about reached our goal of \$46,000, which is the most that we have been able to raise through this important financial appeal. 237 individuals or 12% of our registered families have made this possible. May God bless these generous people who have made both a generous and sacrificial gift to their parish. I will be giving monthly updates to keep you informed of any further donations.

**God Bless  
Fr. Wally**

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Women's club invites all women from St. Thomas Aquinas, St Basil Chapel, St John's & St. Ann's to a "**Women's Day of Prayer.**" This will be an inspirational afternoon including meditation, music, prayers, Eucharistic Adoration and a movie on Catholicism. The day ends with Mass.  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 5:00  
Fr. Peyton Center, 518 Washington St N. Easton  
Price \$10 – To register call 508-279-1757  
Car pooling and home pick up available