

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

May 10, 2015
6th Sunday of Easter
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Saturday, May 9, 2015

4:00 - Rose Ruzgis - 38th Anniversary

Sunday, May 10, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John
10:30 - Phyllis Conrad & June McHugh
6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, May 16, 2015

4:00 - Donald D. Flaherty, Jr. - 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, May 17, 2015

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John
10:30 - Susan Quill - 6th Anniversary
Mary Francis - 5th Anniversary
6:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sun. 5/10 - May Procession following 10:30 Mass
Thurs, 5/14 - Ascension of the Lord - Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Holy Day of Obligation
Sun. 5/17 - Prayer Shawl Mtg. - 3 pm - Riddel Rd.
Sun. 5/17 - LEADERSHIP RETREAT MTG - 6:45 PM
Sat. 5/23 - Leadership Retreat Car Wash - 9-2

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Bill Monaghan, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Tom Farley, Robert Panza, Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang, Bob Foley, Fred Spague & The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

Our Shared Treasure
April 19, 2015

Offertory: \$5,460 Budgeted: \$5,784
Deficit: \$324

Collection for Nepal Relief: \$886

Grand Annual: \$30,601-- increase of \$280 this week
Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015

Thank you for your continued generosity

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 31st--10:30 Mass
Brunch to follow in Parish Hall

The St. John The Evangelist Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$21,755.00 already pledged, we are at 82% of our goal of \$26,637.00. (142 donors have contributed. We need 176 and \$26,637 to meet our goal. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John's Parish will award four \$250 scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz. Students must be attending college in the fall. Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than May 15, 2015.

The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6th at Craigville Beach

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at repstjohn@stjohnrep.net for information.



The 23rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 18th, at The Weston Golf Club. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psj.edu

### Mission Trip to Nashville TN

Email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending this year. One spot open, possibly more.

### **CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

103 Center St., Bridgewater

Will host the first of the 2015 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions on

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, at 7:30 PM**

Guest Speaker will be Rev. William Devine.

The Processions, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month from May through October, are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, A Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction. All are welcome to come – to pray for Peace in our troubled world at war and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces, and for their own personal intentions. We especially urge Families to attend this service.

**“The Family That Prays Together Stays Together,”**

The church has ample parking and is handicapped accessible.

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**MAY 23 & 24**  
**SATURDAY – 4 PM**  
**SUNDAY – 8:00 & 10:30**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME !**



**GOD DOES NOT GO ON  
VACATION!**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Along with celebrating (as a Church) the Sixth Sunday of Easter, today we celebrate (as a culture) Mother's Day. It is a day in which we honor those women in our lives who have given us birth, along with those who have played a "maternal" role in our lives. While my own mother has gone home to God, I am privileged to have more than a few women in my life who serve in this latter capacity. They are there as mentors, guides and supports and I am happy to have them as part of my life.

Today's readings are fitting for this day, for they speak of many aspects of this maternal bond which we have with these special ladies who we honor on this day. Peter speaks, in our first reading, of the fact that "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). There were many times in our lives as children when my mother had to serve as "arbiter" for a dispute which arose among us siblings; in this way, she had to remain neutral – not an easy thing to do among quarrelling siblings! God acts in much the same way, hearing us out and determining what is best. In our second reading, John speaks of the fact that the power of God comes by way of the fact that He loves us, not that we love Him. Mothers are given this gift of love to impart on their children and they (for the most part) do it very well. Finally in today's gospel, Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us. Again, mothers strive to instill this in their children, to the best of their abilities.

As we set aside this day to honor mothers (and those who have the aforementioned maternal roles in our lives), let us continue to thank God for the gift they are, and continue to be for us. On this day, let us not fail to turn to our "spiritual mother", the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of (earthly) mothers, and ask her to direct us toward her Son. May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, continue to love us so that we, in turn, may love one another as God has loved us.

A Blessed, Safe and Happy Mother's Day to All,

Fr. Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is looking to stock our shelves for the summer months ahead. With kids home during the summer we are in need of Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, brownie, cake, bread and cookie mixes along with snacks and drinks. and especially in need of condiments.

### **Congratulations**

to Fr. Paul on the celebration of his  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on  
May 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

**God Bless you, Fr. Paul**