
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**May 17, 2015
7th Sunday of Easter**

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

Saturday, May 23, 2015

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, May 24, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

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

Sat. 6/13 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 - 2

Weds. 6/ 20 – Fr. Paul's 20th Anniversary of Ordination

Sat. 6/27 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 - 2

Sat. 6/28 – 7/4 – Mission Trip to Nashville

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.

The 2015 Catholic Appeal

	Goal	To-Date
Monies	\$26,637	\$22,785
Participation	100%	86%
Rebate	100%	60%

A snapshot into recent expenses incurred:

Replace an all-in-one printer that died - \$178
 Replace Back-up battery and hard drive \$723
 Proposal to fix roof damaged from winter - \$5600
It takes a village to maintain a church and Rectory!

Baccalaureate Mass

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

Our Shared Treasure

May 10, 2015

Offertory: \$4,112 Budgeted: \$5,784

Deficit: \$1,672

Grand Annual : \$31,500-- \$3,500 away from goal!

Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection – May 17, – Communication Campaign

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

	Goal	To-Date
Monies	\$35,000	\$30,601
	100%	87%

**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!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for help! We especially need men who could volunteer a few hours a month. There is lifting involved and assisting with pick-ups and deliveries for the Food Pantry. If you are interested, please leave a message on our hotline at 508-378-3760 or stop by the Food Pantry on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month after 3 PM and ask for Bob Hill.

"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.



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.

Celebration of Servant of God, Patrick Peyton's Anniversary of Death to be held on Saturday, June 6

This year The Most Rev Edgar M. da Chunha, S.D.V., Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, will be joining the activities. The event begins at 4 pm with Rosary at the Grotto at Stonehill College, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Father Peyton's grave and a continued Procession to St. Joseph Chapel for Mass. A reception at The Father Peyton Center concludes the day. All parking will be at the Father Payton Center. Shuttles are available starting at 3:00 PM. In the event of rain, all activities will be held at St. Joseph Chapel, 500 Washington St. N. Easton. For more information or to RSVP, call Rosemary Chaves at 508-238-4095 x2041 or log onto www.FamilyRosary.org/Events.

Congratulations

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

God Bless you, Fr. Paul



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a poem, the origin of which is attributed to that great poet, "Anonymous" and it goes like this:

"To dwell above with saints we love,
That will be grace and glory.
To live below with saints we know;
Well, that's another story!"

Today, Jesus speaks of the unity that Christians are called to have both with God and one another. It certainly "will be grace and glory" to share in oneness with God in the Kingdom at the end of our earthly days. In order to get there, however, there is the struggle to "live below with saints we know". The struggle lies, I believe, in whether or not we acknowledge the folks among us as saints. We are not perfect, but then again neither were the saints (as they weren't always saints!); often times, it was in their struggles that they found their sanctity. It was that "gold tested in fire", so often spoken of in the scriptures, which made the saints what they were.

We are, I believe, "saints in training". We are being called, constantly, to live out the call for unity not only by God but also by one another, in how we live our lives. In working with the interfaith groups with which I have had the privilege to work over my near-seventeen-year life as a priest, I have come to know some fine men and women who struggle, strive and (more often than not) succeed in living the Christian ethic. Jesus, in today's gospel, reminds in His prayer that we do not belong to the world - we belong to God. If we are to see the Kingdom, it will be by the grace of God, the God who calls us to strive for unity, for oneness, for opportunities to forge bonds with those with similar "goals" as us - the salvation of souls and entrance into the Kingdom.

May we strive to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. May we, in this striving for unity, reach out in love and dialogue to our brothers and sister who seek fullness of life found in the Kingdom. May God continue to place on our hearts His call to "love one another as God has loved us".

A Blessed Easter to you All,

Fr. Paul