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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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May 24, 2015  
Pentecost Sunday

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

Saturday, May 30, 2015

4:00 – Virginia Coimbra – Month’s Mind

Sunday, May 17, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Tony & Lu Cruz – Memorial

Please welcome into the parish Autumn Amber Fratilia who was baptized this month.

Important Dates

Sat. 5/23 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 - 2

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

Weds. 6/ 20 – Fr. Paul’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

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

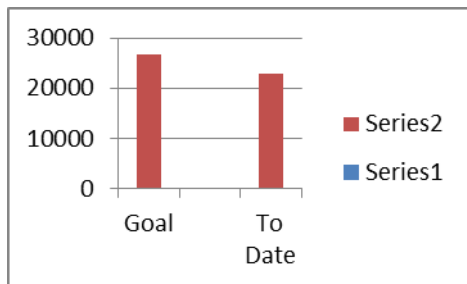
Sat. 6/28 – 7/4 – Mission Trip to Nashville

*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*



**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!**

*Our Shared Treasure*

*May 17, 2015*

Offertory: \$4,709 Budgeted: \$5,784

**Deficit: \$1,075**

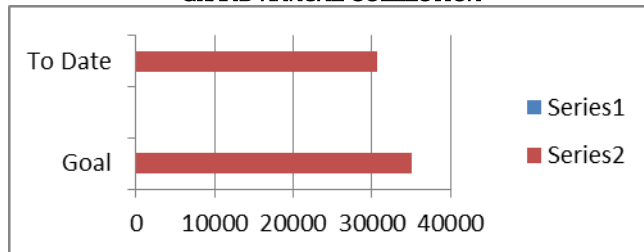
Grand Annual : \$31,676-- \$3,324 away from goal!

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - May 24, - Seminary Collection*

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**



*Baccalaureate Mass*

We would like to invite our Graduates to join us for a special Mass on Sunday, May 31st at the 10:30. A brunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Please contact Nancy Smith to RSVP for the Brunch.

Our Family and Youth Ministry will be holding their final fundraiser for the Mission Journey to Nashville, **A Meat Raffle on May 31st at the Standish Grill from 2:00-4:00.** The Team is very close to reaching their fundraising goal and ask for your support. This is a great opportunity to win some wonderful meat from Oakdale packing just in time for Graduations, BBQs, and Father’s Day. If you cannot attend but would like to purchase tickets, please contact Nancy Smith for information. The team would like to thank St. John’s Parish for their generous support, prayers, and even offers to bake some goodies for the trip.

**Saturday, June 13 @ Noon**

**Cardinal Sean O’Malley will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Edward’s Church. (71 East Main St. Brockton)**

**All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception following outside in the tent beside the rectory. The Cardinal and staff will be available for pictures and conversation immediately following the Mass.**

*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 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month after 3 PM and ask for Bob Hill.*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Pentecost Sunday: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the “birthday” of the Church. It is a feast which has multi-denominational roots. It is, in Christian circles, often called “Whitsunday” (especially in Great Britain); it is historically and symbolically connected to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Ten Commandments on Sinai fifty days after the Exodus event. It is marked for us, as Catholic-Christians, by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The symbols of Pentecost are multiple, as well. Fire, wind and a dove are all used to connote the fact that the Holy Spirit has power and moves as God wills it. These symbols pale, as symbols do, in comparison to the *actual presence* of the Holy Spirit. We need these symbols, however, to “wrap our minds around” a concept that is bigger than ourselves. This is why the biblical writers use such symbols – to convey a greater truth than one we could scarcely imagine on our own. This is why we, in the Church, use these symbols of fire, wind and doves – to help us to grow closer in the truth, the truth that God is still at work in our lives.

About a month ago, approximately 60 of our young people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was at that moment that they were “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. A power came into their lives greater than themselves, greater than any of us. This moment was a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our Church to this day.

The Apostles gathered in the upper room, perhaps the same room in which they gathered for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The doors were locked, for they feared the authorities who had the power to end their earthly lives. Jesus, in standing in their midst, gave them His peace, a peace which the world cannot give. It is in the midst of this peace that they now stood, able to go forth from that place and do great things in the name of God. It is in the midst of that peace that we now stand, able to go forth from our places of worship to do great things in the name of God. And let us not kid ourselves – it was no easier for the disciples gathered at that first Pentecost than it is for us. They had challenges to their faith, and we have challenges. They had persecution in the early Church, as do we today. They had the Holy Spirit in their midst...and so do we!

May we have the courage of the early Church to go out to all nations, proclaiming God’s truth in love, His victory over sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day and on every day that we have the opportunity to proclaim the truths of our faith. May we feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Pentecost,

Fr. Paul

**"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:repstjohn@stjohnrep.net) for information.



**Mission Trip to Nashville TN**

Email Nancy Smith at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending this year

**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 Cunha, 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](http://www.FamilyRosary.org/Events).