
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

May 31, 2015

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, May 30, 2015

4:00 – Virginia Coinbra – Month’s Mind

Sunday, May 31, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Tony & Lu Cruz – Memorial

Saturday, June 6, 2015

4:00 –Francisco Figueiredo – 20th Anniversary

Sunday, June 7, 2015

8:00 – James Weatherbee – 2nd Anniversary

10:30 – Maria Chaves -- Memorial

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

Sun. -- 5/31 – Baccalaureate Mass – 10:30 AM

Sun. – 5/31 – Meat Raffle – 2 – 4 PM

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

Sat. & Sun. – 6/20 – Fr. Bernie Olszewski – Cross International Appeal

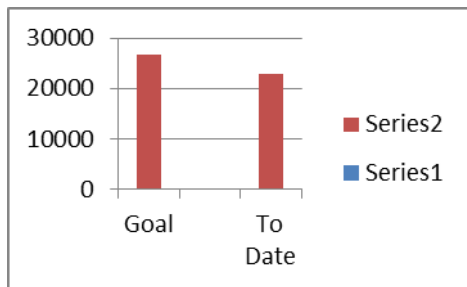
Sat. 6/27 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

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 & 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



\$23,035 pledged 86% participated
 \$26,637 our goal 88% goal

 154 participants 176 our goal of participants

Our Shared Treasure
 May 24, 2015

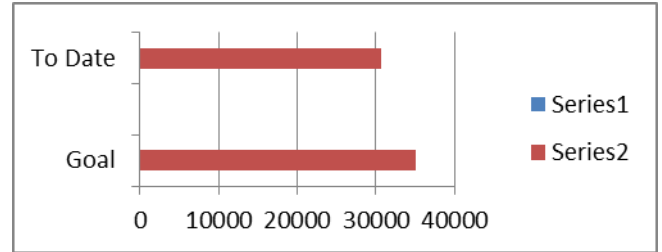
Offertory: \$3,906 Budgeted: \$5,784
 Deficit: \$1,878

Grand Annual : \$31,781-- \$3,219 away from goal!

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

Thank you for your continued generosity

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION



SUMMER VACATIONS WILL BE COMING UP. WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A WONDERFUL, SAFE, AND HAPPY TIME BUT PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER US BEFORE OR AFTER YOU GO.

OUR EXPENSES DO NOT GO ON VACATION. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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 100th 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 Food Pantry would like to thank the Postal Food drive held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. It brought in a variety of food and is already being distributed. We are still in need of summer items. In particular mayonnaise, relish, salad dressing and pickles.

School will be out in a couple of weeks and many families who come to the pantry have children. Please think of items you might buy for your children (especially cereal) and maybe pick-up and extra box for the food pantry. Once again donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, more commonly known as Trinity Sunday. It is a feast which has its roots in the early church and was very much a response to the Arian heresy which spread around the mid-fourth century. Arius, a Christian presbyter in Alexandria, held that the Son was subordinate to the Father and Spirit in the Trinity, that He held a lower place. This heresy, along with Arius himself, was condemned in both the Council of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). It was at these Councils that the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, as we say it today, was created and promulgated throughout the Church.

One might understand Arius' confusion, for the concept of the Trinity is a difficult one to fathom. I believe that the key to Trinity isn't so much "understanding" as it is "faithfulness". While one might seek to "figure out" what the Trinity is all about, one might be better served trying to "enter into" the Trinity. If one can strive to "live" the Trinity, one might come to "knowledge" of it. If one can look at the creative aspects of the Father, the redemptive aspects of the Son and the sanctifying aspects of the Spirit, then one can be better served by, and better serve, the Trinity.

The key to understanding the Trinity comes in how we live our lives of faith. There are times when we rely upon, when we call upon, the different "persons" of the Trinity. These aspects of God are made all the more powerful when we realize that when we ask for the revelation of the Father, the friendship of the Son or the gifts of the Spirit, we are not abandoning the other "persons". There is only One God, no matter upon whom we call for aid and assistance. This is a key element of the Trinity, one which was missed by Arius. In "demoting" the Son to second-class status below the Father and Spirit, Arius was (perhaps inadvertently) limiting God. God is always at work – in our lives, in the lives of the Church and in the world. God is always creating, redeeming and sanctifying.

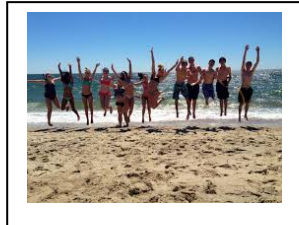
May we, as we move from the Easter Season into Ordinary Time, come to see the movement of God as ONE, just as God is ONE. May we know that whomever it is we call upon for intercession, assistance, guidance or aid, that God is always with us, at all times and in all seasons. May we help others to know this truth and may we share it with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Sunday and Week,

Fr. Paul

"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

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.