
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

May 3, 2015
5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2, 2015

4:00 – Susan Fitzgerald -- Memorial

Sunday, May 3, 2015

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Martha O'Brien – 1st Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, May 9, 2015

4:00 – Rose Ruzgis – 38th Anniversary

Sunday, May 10, 2015

8:00 –

10:30 – Phyllis Conrad

6:00 –

Important Dates

Sat. 5/02 – 1st Communion at 9:00 & Noon

Thurs. 5/7 – 1st Communion Rehearsal – 6:00

Sat. 5/9 – 1st Communion – 9:00

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.

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: \$4,745 Budgeted: \$5,784

Deficit: \$1,191

Black & Native Americans: \$917

Grand Annual : \$30,316

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 2015 Catholic Appeal

The St John The Evangelist Parish 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start ! With \$21,280.00 already pledged, we are at 80% of our goal of \$26,637.00. (137 donors have contributed. We need 176 to meet our goal.) The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make St John's a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

SCHOLARSHIPS

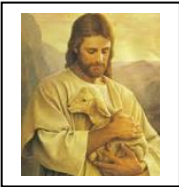
St. John's Parish will award **four \$250** scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz.—Students must be attending college in the fall. Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than **May 15, 2015.**

"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



My Dear Friends in Christ,

My mother was a great gardener; she could take any plant, any flowering thing and bring it back to life. She had the ultimate “green thumb”. One day, I saw her taking perfectly good, growing flowers and cutting the tops of them clear off! She then explained to me the concept of “pruning”, of trimming the heads of flowers to help them grow back stronger and more vibrant than before. It is something, I must admit, remains a bit of a “mystery” to me!

Once again in the gospel, Jesus uses a very “earthy” image to convey His relationship with us. Last week, if you recall, it was Jesus as “the Good Shepherd”. On this week, Jesus uses the image of “the vine and the branches”. In speaking in this way, Jesus conveys the fact that He gives life, and life abundantly. Just as the “branches” cannot live without the nutrients which come from the “vine”, we cannot live without the “nourishment” which comes from Jesus. There are times, as well, when we as “branches” need to be “pruned”. It may feel like the type of pruning which my mother’s flowers received that seemed so foreign to me but which, in the end, we come to realize that it was necessary for our growth.

It was this type of “pruning” that St. Paul received at God’s hands. As most know the story, Paul (then known as Saul of Tarsus) made his living as a lawyer prosecuting (persecuting, really) Christians. It would seem unlikely that God would use such a person to do His work, yet that is exactly what God did. When one thinks about it, Saul/Paul is exactly the type of person God would use to get His message across – after all, who better to promote Christianity than one who used to actively work against it? The conversion of Paul is one of the great “lessons” God offers us in not seeing mere appearance, but seeing into the heart of a person. Paul is symbolic of the power of God at work in the world.

As we move through the Easter Season, let us continue to work towards promoting, protecting and defending Gospel values. Let us help others to see the beauty in the faith, a beauty which transcends all time and brings to us God – the God of both the Eternal and the Eternal Now (the present age which is situated in eternity).

A Continued Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

Mission Trip to Nashville TN

Email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending this year.

The mission trip is having a Pampered Chef fund raiser. Order forms and product booklets can be found at the church entrances. The fund raiser will run from April 20th through May 3rd. Paper forms and payment may be turned in to the mission trip participants, Melanie Brown, or Nancy Smith in the CCD Office. Checks are to be made payable to William Streimer-Wynn. Sales tax is required.

If you wish to order on-line, go to <http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/billanderic/guest-landing/8910425537691>
 Click on the blue Shop Now button on the middle right of the page to shop
We cannot guarantee shipment for Mother's Day

Prayer shawls were recently donated to the V.A Hospital, Good Samaritan, So Shore Hospital, Bridgewater Nursing Home, Baypointe and West Acres.
 The next meeting is May 17th at Riddell Road at 3 o'clock.
 WE can always use donations of yarn.

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.
 Make it a family affair and take a trip to the grocery store with your kids. Have them pick-out items they would enjoy while knowing it will help someone else. Donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.

Also the Postal Service will be conducting their annual Food Collection on May 9th. Food can be left out for your mail carriers and they will deliver it to the food banks in town. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful event.