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# St. John is a Stewardship Parish

## November 10, 2013 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 9, 2013

4:00 – Deceased member of the Hanley Family

Sunday, November 10, 2013

9:30 - Parishioners of St. John

Monday, November 11, 2013

9:00 – Peter Digiacomo – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, November 16, 2013

4:00 – Angelina Chaves - Memorial

Sunday, November 17, 2013

8:00 – Richard Hildor Foss – 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 - Parishioners of St. John

### **Important Dates**

Mon. 11/11 - Veteran's Day - Rectory Closed

Tri-Town Veran's Day Parade - 10 AM

Sun. 11/10 - Shawl Meeting - 3 PM

Sun. 11/24 - TEEN MASS - 6 PM CHG'D TO DEC 1

Thurs. 11/28 - Thanksgiving

Sat. 11/30 - Craft Fair - 9 - 2 PM - Church Hall

#### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Nikki Bosse, Alison LaLond, Joe Bosse, Michael MacDonald, Ann Storti, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Marie Cameron, Michael Terry, Sheila Creney, Karen Villa, Harvey Day.



## **Christmas Giving Tree**

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Please help someone in need by taking a tag from the tree.

All donations should be returned no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to write the amount of the donation on the gift card.



Family Life Ministry will be selling Lollipops after all the Masses the weekend of Nov 16 & 17

# Our Shared Treasure November 3, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$6958 Grand Annual: \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Nov. 10, 2013 -Campaign for Human Development



TRI-TOWN VETERAN'S DAY PARADE
10 AM
STAGING AREA ALONG N. ELM ST WB.
MORE INFO CALL 508-378-7030



THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27, 2013

There will NOT be a Mass on Thanksgiving Morning, Please bring a bag of food for the food pantry to this Mass.

Welcome Fr. Ignatius Ibe, prounounced "Ebay". Fr. Ignatius has just been appointed as the Chaplain for Bridgewater State Prison and will be living with us. Please give him a warm welcome.



Doris Thompson is being Awarded the Cheverus Award on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. A bus will be provided. Sign up by calling the Rectory.



St. John's will return to an OLD Fashioned Christmas Tradition.
This year
MISNIGHT MASS
Will be celebrated on Christmas Eve!
Please come and enjoy the magic of
Midnight Mass.



At this moment, I would like to thank you all, the parishioners of St. John, for having loved me and contributed to the building of the dormitory for our students of St. Benedict High School in Uganda. We will surely put your donation to good use and account for it. The struggle continues. Any assistance is still highly appreciated. It should go through our Parish St. John indicating St. Benedict school, Uganda.

Time has come to go back home, but St. John has also become a home away from home. God willing, we shall meet again next year. Special thanks go to our pastor, Fr. Paul and the entire staff for having helped me in all. I have really felt at home the six weeks I have been with you. Thanx so much. Wishing you all God's abundant blessings.

God Bless Fr. Stephen Lusiba.

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A total of \$6,601.19 was collected. Thank you to all! God Bless

#### **CHRISTMAS PRISON GIFTS NEEDED!**

8 ½ X 11 PADS OF PAPER W/O SPIRALS



PLACE IN BASKETS AT ENTRANCES OF CHURCH





### My Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout salvation history, and right up until present day, the questions surrounding resurrection have come up and continue to perplex, amaze and confound. One of the reasons why we have these questions is due to the fact that, to my knowledge, no one has ever "officially" come back from heaven – save for Jesus, that is! It is this lack of personal experience, therefore, that has led to speculation, doubt and questions surrounding resurrection.

In today's gospel, the question of resurrection is posed to Jesus – what will it look like, will it resemble our life here on earth, will we know it when we see it? Jesus puts the question "to rest", so to speak, by informing the crowd that it will be unlike anything that they have witnessed before. It will be an entirely new way of being, one in which the person brought into the Kingdom will have a life that is unlike anything experienced up until that point. Make no mistake about it – it will be life. Not an "afterlife", as we might think, but both a new way of living as well as a continuation of how we live life here and now.

When I think of resurrection and the Kingdom, I tend to go to the Rite of Christian Funerals, the Mass of Resurrection that we celebrate as a Church, and the words which are used to describe what the deceased, please God, are experiencing. In the preface for funerals, we state that for the deceased "life is changed, not ended", and that "when our earthly body lies in death, we gain an everlasting place in heaven". These words, which have a power that gives meaning to what we are about in this matter, are meant to bring both peace to the deceased and comfort to the living. This is why we celebrate moments such as this weekend's "Mass of Remembrance". They give us an opportunity to remember, to commemorate and to celebrate. It is not a celebration as the world would have it (although, with the Irish it could very well be!), but a recognition that where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.

May we have the courage to hope in the gift of resurrection. May we know Christ's love and experience it fully. May we come to experience this life in Christ in some form or fashion here and now, so that one day we may join our brothers and sisters who have been "marked with the sign of faith" in the Kingdom.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Paul