
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

November 16, 2014
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 15, 2014

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, November 16, 2014

8:00 – Medhat Eskander

10:30 – James Cassidy – 11th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, November 22, 2014

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, November 23, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Deceased Members of the Hanley Family

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sun. 11/16 – First Grade Mass – 10:30 Mass – followed by coffee and conversation

Thurs. 11/27 THANKSGIVING – MASS @ 8 AM

Sun. 11/30 – First Sunday of Advent

Fri. 12/6 – Christmas on the Common

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Henry "Harry" Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Gary Saccocia, Elaine McKeon, Kirra Lee Callahan, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass & The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone in who is need of a Pastoral visit from either our Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Paul (in the case of the Sacrament of the Sick), please call the rectory.



THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated at 8:00 PM on

Thursday, November 26, 2014.

Just in time to get the turkey in the oven or be on time for the Football Games.

Please bring a bag of food for the food pantry to this Mass.

**The Christmas Giving Tree is up!
Please take a tag or two
All gift cards should be returned by Dec 13/14 th.**

Our Shared Treasure

October 26, 2014

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 5,371.00	\$99,117.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$109,901.89
Excess/Short	\$ 413.31	\$ 10,784.17

Campaign for Human Development \$886.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection - November 23, 2014 - Retired Religious Sisters

Catholic School Open Houses:

Cardinal Spellman High School
November 23, 2014 at 1:00 PM
Presentation in Auditorium followed by
Tours of school.
www.spellman.com for more details



Demonstrate your thankfulness this season!

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.stjohnsb.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



A Mass and Healing Service will be held at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 10 Diamond St. Walpole, MA 02081

Sunday, November 23, @ 2:00 PM

Sunday, December 28, @ 2:00 PM

With Fr. Joseph P. McDermott.

Call this number for a Healing Service Calendar
508-668-4700

**Catholic Women's Club Annual Craft Fair
coming in NOVEMBER**

**Used goods are needed for our Attic Treasures
Table. Anything used and in good shape is
welcomed.**

**We will be collecting these goods the week
before the fair.**

November 29th – 9 AM – 2 PM



**Crafter's tables available. Please call
MaryAnn Boyle
508-378-4704
To reserve a table.**



**Thanksgiving is right
around the corner**

The food pantry will be putting together Thanksgiving meals again this year and could use the following items to help out:

Stuffing, gravy, bread mixes ie. Cranberry or Pumpkin, pie crust mix, pie fillings, etc.

Gift cards to local markets are always a huge help and money donations are always appreciated.

PRODIGAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS 2014

Hello,

Our names are Brandon Hudson and Alison Conroy. We are in the process of forming a lay Catholic group called The Prodigal Sons and Daughters. The idea for this group came from our desire to help welcome people back to the faith who have been away for any reason. The purpose of the group is also to provide a format of prayer and fellowship for Catholics who wish to deepen their personal spiritual journey and to reawaken our potential as the Catholic laity to have an impact on those we encounter in our daily lives.

The group will meet once per month to pray, encourage each other and to discuss faith issues. All are welcome.

Please contact us at

prodigalsomsanddaughters2014@gmail.com

First meeting is Wed. Dec. 3 from 7 – 8 PM

Please email us for directions /contact info.

Flyers are posted on bulletin board!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I would be willing to bet that for most of us, our first experience of “saving” was a “piggy bank”. It was in this way that we put away, little by little, our hard earned allowance, birthday money or the like, saving it for something really special or that proverbial “rainy day”. If you’re also like me, you got impatient at times and broke into that repository, splurging on something you “just had to have”. The object lesson in all of this (and in today’s gospel) is that there is a difference between “saving” and “hoarding”.

In today’s gospel, three servants are given “talents” (a coin which had varying amounts of worth, depending on the material of which it was made; presumably, the three servant’s talents were of the same value, albeit varying amounts). One is given five talents, one is given three, the third given one; the first two subsequently invested them, the third buried his one talent (given today’s economy, he might be seen by us as the wisest one!). In this way, the third servant wasted his charge. He chose not to risk the talent given, something inherent in investing. This sense of risk is also something inherent in discipleship, for following Christ involves risk. One risks losing friends, even family; one may even risk their life, given the situation.

When the master returns, he praises the two servants who invested (albeit with the known risks), and takes away the one talent from the third servant. The servant attempts to justify his action by putting the onus on the master – bad move! The master takes offense at this because his actions and motivations notwithstanding, the servant still failed to take that “leap of faith” necessary in investing (read: discipleship). We do not plant, yet we are called to harvest; we did not scatter, yet we are called to gather. At the very least (taking the gospel as a metaphor for discipleship), we are called to at least attempt to bring some “return on investment” – the investment God has made in us.

What “talents” (using now the modern understanding of the word) do we have, have we been given by God? Are we “burying” these gifts by failing to trust in God’s plan for us? Are we fearful of reprisal, rebuttal or retribution? We should not fear what the world can do to us, for the world holds no power over us (only the power we might choose to give it). May we have the courage of that “worthy wife” (Prv 31:10) spoken of in our first reading, reaching out to the poor and needy while trusting in God’s plan for us. May we, as Paul speaks of in our second reading, be “alert and sober” (1 Thes 5:6), ready to answer the Master’s call, no matter when it may come!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul