
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

November 23, 2014
Christ the King Sunday

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

9:00 – Richard Hildor Foss – 18th Anniversary

Saturday, November 29, 2014

4:00 – Kathleen Climo -- Memorial

Sunday, November 30, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Mary & Elmer Proffitt -- Memorial

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Thurs. 11/27 THANKSGIVING – MASS @ 8 AM

Wed. 12/3 – PPC Mtg – 7PM in Chapel

Thurs. 12/4 – Advent Service of Light – 6 PM – followed by lighting of Common.

Fri. 12/6 – Christmas on the Common

Sun. 12/7 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM

Mon 12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of James P. Murtagh and Elaine McKeown whose Funeral Masses were celebrated this past week.

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, Edie & Howard Lincoln, & The residents of Sachem & Westview.



THANKSGIVING MASS will be celebrated at **8:00 AM** 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.

Our Shared Treasure

November 16, 2014

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 4,639.00	\$103,756.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$115,686.20
Excess/Short	\$ 1,145.31	\$ 11,929.48

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection – November 30, 2014 – St. Vincent de Paul

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

The Rectory will be close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 26th and reopen on Monday, December 1, 2014 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Congratulations to our new Pastoral Parish Council Members.

*Kerri Fabroski
Elaine Meuse
Jim Cullen
John Tibbets*

Thank you to all who offered to serve.



Pieta, a support group for parents who have suffered the loss of a child of any age, will be holding their 31st Annual Lighting Service of Sunday, Nov 30th at 1:00 pm. At Blessed Sacrament Church, 10 Diamond St. Walpole, MA Everyone is welcome to come together in prayer, song, and support as we light a candle in memory of each child. A reception will follow the service in the Cafeteria.
For further information, please call Jo Collari 508-668-3105

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



**St John's Catholic Women's Club
6th Annual Craft Fair
Sat, November 29th – 9 am 0 2 pm
In the Church Hall**

Featuring:

<i>Food Court</i>	<i>Christmas items</i>
<i>Baked Goods</i>	<i>Crafts of all kinds</i>
<i>Hand Crafted items</i>	
<i>Jewelry</i>	<i>Attic Treasures</i>
<i>Raffles</i>	<i>Religious items</i>

Something for everyone!

We wish Dennis Leonard, our Business Manager best wishes. Dennis will be starting a new career adventure as the Business Manager and Facilities Manager for the St. Bridget/ Holy Ghost Collaborative in the beginning of December. We will miss him and wish him the very best.

Thank you to all the people who dropped candy off for the troops!!!!

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,

We end our Liturgical Year this weekend with the Feast of Christ the King. This feast, which provides a “bridge” between Ordinary Time and Advent, gives us a picture of a king of a different sort. The type of king which is presented in our gospel passage today is atypical of how the world sees kingship. The world sees a king as a person of physical and military strength, one who gets what one wants by threat of force. The kingship of Jesus is one of humility, service and obedience to something greater than the world could ever imagine. The kingship of Jesus is unlike any other seen or experienced.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, puts His kingship in the context of how we serve our brothers and sisters. We are called to “see Jesus” and “be Jesus”. We are called to “see Jesus” in all whom we meet, to see the very face of Christ in all whom we encounter. We do this by seeing not as the world sees, but as God sees. We are further called to “be Jesus” to others who we come across in our everyday lives. We do this most profoundly by engaging in those “corporal works of mercy” spoken of in today’s gospel – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick or imprisoned – and by putting our needs second to those of our brothers and sisters.

The challenging thing about today’s gospel comes in the fact that we have to live in the world. If we could stay within our own community faith, among those we love and respect, it would be easy to do all those things outlined in today’s gospel. It is easy to extend ourselves in love to those who love us back or appreciate what we do. We must undertake all of this, however, in a world that doesn’t always appreciate or understand what we are about as Catholic-Christians. People might wonder why we would ever take the time, energy or resources needed to extend these charitable acts to others, and we might even wonder ourselves. We do what we do, however, as Catholic-Christians, simply because Jesus commands us to do so; to be like Jesus, we must live like Jesus.

May we have the courage to extend ourselves in love to our brothers and sisters even when (perhaps *especially* when) it is inconvenient or painful. May we know that the good work we do, in engaging in the aforementioned “corporal works of mercy”, will bear great fruit someday. May we always trust that when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit those who have no one to care for them, we are doing nothing less than communing with the divine and “cementing” our relationship with Christ, Himself.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul