
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

November 2, 2014 – All Souls Day
31th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 1, 2014

4:00 – All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2, 2014

8:00 – William, Geneva & Kendra Frabetti

10:30 – James & Leona de Coste -- Memorial

6:00 – John McHugh – 19th Anniversary

Saturday, November 8, 2014

4:00 – Dorothy Dicenzo -- Memorial

Sunday, November 9, 2014

8:00 – Clement Power – 5th Anniversary

10:30 – George DeChristopher -- Memorial

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sat. 11/1 – All Saints Day (not a holy day of obligation)

Sun. 11/2 – TEEN MASS

Mon. 11/10 – Bowling – Viking Rec Center – 7-9 PM

Tues. 11/11 – VETERAN'S DAY – RECTORY CLOSED

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 & 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 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.

Our Shared Treasure

October 26, 2014

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 5,682.00	\$88,236.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$98,333.27
Excess/Short	\$ 102.31	\$10,096.55

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Catholic School Open Houses:

Notre Dame Academy

November 6th – 5:00 – 7:00

781-749-5930 or

www.ndahingham.com

Tour, Register for HSPT test for 9th grade

Register for ISEE exam for 7th grade applicants.

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

Fontbonne Academy

November 9th – 1 – 3 PM

Last Open House of the Season

Contact the Fontbonne Academy Admissions

Office for more information: 617.615.3014

or admissions@fontbonneacademy.org.

Sacred Heart School-Kingston (Preschool-Grade 12)

Sunday, November 9th, 12:30 to 3:00 PM

Catholic High School Placement Test

Saturday, November 15th and Saturday,

December 13th at 8:30 AM.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 130 Main Street Carver, Ma. will hold its annual Jingle Bell Fair on Friday November 7th from 4:00-8:00p.m. and Saturday, November 8th from 10:a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Crafts, home baked goods, raffles, a white elephant room, and more will be available for purchase. We also expect a special visit from Santa on Saturday.

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

**Used goods are needs 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.**



Monday, November 10th from 7:00- 9:00
Admission \$10.00

All ages are welcome to attend and we encourage you to bring lots of friends. The Bowling Alley will be reserved just for us. We have 80 tickets available to sell. Tickets will be on sale after the Masses or in the Religious Education Office. If this event is a sell-out our Youth and Family Ministry will raise \$400. To help with the costs of our larger retreat or travel programs.

Your \$10 includes:

Unlimited amount of bowling from 7 – 9 PM

Shoe Rental

Bumpers will be available for younger bowlers (or older bowlers) that need a little extra help with gutter balls!

All are welcome!



The next shawl meeting will be November 9th at 3 O'clock P.M at the Riddell Road Function Hall. We recently sent shawls and lap robes to Signature Health Care, Good Samaritan Hospital, My Brother's Keeper, and the Brockton Veteran's Hospital also to many who are ill or house bound. Thanks for your yarn donations. Any questions, call Mary Ann 508-697-4704 or Rose at 508-583-5045.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I recently celebrated a funeral where, at the end of the Mass, a mourner approached me at the back of the church with the pronouncement that this was “the best funeral he’s ever attended”. I was a bit taken aback, but when he explained what he meant, it made sense to me. What he was saying, in his own way, was that the funeral gave him a sense of hope, even joy by the end. The combination of readings, music and (hopefully) preaching gave him reassurance that there was more to life than this world, and that we do well to look forward to life in the Kingdom, life everlasting.

Today's feast, “The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed” (commonly known as All Souls Day), is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on what life is all about, not only life here on earth but life in the Kingdom. The readings do, indeed, have a “funereal tone”, but they speak to the faithful in a hopeful, even joyful tone. The reading from Wisdom speaks to us of the fact that God never leaves us abandoned, even (maybe especially) in death. The reading from Romans (at least the one I have chosen, given the options, to have proclaimed), speaks of how Baptism is “tied” to our “dying and rising” (dying to self, rising to new life in Christ). Finally, our gospel gives us hope of resurrection, of being “raised up” (Jn 6:40), and that Jesus, in doing the will of the Father, will not lose any of what is given to us – namely you and me.

As a priest, it might seem odd for some to hear that I “enjoy” or prefer doing funerals over the other sacramental moments (much like it was odd for me to hear how that young man “enjoyed” the funeral). What I mean when I say this is that as a priest, it is my “job” to convey a sense of hope, hope of new life and hope of better things to come. What better place to do this than at a funeral, when so many have seemingly lost hope. What I seek to convey in celebrating a funeral is that hope is not lost - merely “misplaced”. We can be so consumed in our grief at the loss of a loved one, that we “lose the forest for the trees” and forget that Jesus came to bring life and life abundantly. This life is lived here and now and comes to fulfillment in the Kingdom. When we die, life is “changed, not ended” (as it says in one Preface of the funeral liturgy) and our lives take on a new and glorious form.

May we see this day as an opportunity to gain some perspective, both about our life here on earth and the life to come. May this feast help us to live every day as a gift, ready to die to self so that Christ might live in us. May we never feel abandoned, but may we continue to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul