
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**November 3, 2013
31th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday, November 3, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John
9:30 – Alfred H. Smith – Month’s Mind
11:30 – John J. McHugh Jr. – 19th Anniversary

Saturday, November 5, 2013

4:00 – Ida Nisby – Memorial

Sunday, November 6, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John
9:30 – Bronislaw Morawski – 24th Anniversary

Important Dates

Wed. 11/6 – PPC Meeting – 7 PM
Mon. 11/11 – Veteran’s Day – Rectory Closed
Sun. 11/24 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM
Thurs. 11/28 -- Thanksgiving

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.*

Want to be inspired! Mother Dolores Hart is the one to do it! Mother Hart will share her story at a Talk and Book Signing – Sunday – Nov 10, 2013, 2 pm. You won’t want to miss Mother Hart’s amazing story from actress in Hollywood to religious woman. She is a lively speaker who will briefly share her life story. The trailer for her book will be screened. Bring your family and fiends for an inspiring afternoon. The event is **free** and open to the public. Book Signing and Refreshment to follow Mother Hart’s Talk. Event at: **St. Joseph Chapel** – at Holy Cross Family Ministries – 500 Washington St./ Rte 138, Easton, MA 02356. For more information: www.FamilyRosary.org/Events or 508-238-4095.



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

**SELLING LOLLIPOPS
NOVEMBER 16 & 17**

\$1.00 PER POP

Our Shared Treasure

October 27, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$4632

St Benedict School Project: \$5030

Thank you for your continued generosity.

***2nd Collection - Nov. 10, 2013 -Campaign for
Human Development***

Catholic School Open Houses:

Fontbonne Academy Open House
Sunday, November 3, , from 1 – 3 p.m.
Grades 9 - 12 – all girls
admissions@fontbonneacademy.org

Archbishop Williams—7, 8 & 9th grades
November 6th – 6:00 – 8:00
Pre-register at awhs.org/events!
Adding grades 7 & 8 this year
Tour, Meet current AWHs students/faculty
Learn about Admissions process
www.awhs.org

Notre Dame Academy
November 7th – 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.

Holy Family School – Grades K-8
November 3rd – 10:00 a.m. – Noon
781-878-1154

Coyle and Cassidy High School
November 3rd -- Noon – 2:30
www.colylecassidy.com
Information session – Nov 13th @ 6:30 pm.



EAST BRIDGEWATER BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
355 PLYMOUTH STREET

QUESTIONS: CALL JON WILSON
781-710-2450

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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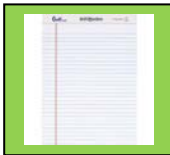
www.st.benedictkmduganda.org

CHRISTMAS PRISON GIFTS NEEDED!

8 1/2 X 11 PADS OF PAPER W/O SPIRALS

15 - 20 OZ. BOTTLE OF SHAMPOO

PLACE IN BASKETS AT ENTRANCES OF CHURCH



**NOVEMBER 30, 2013
9:00 – 2:00
CHURCH HALL**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB 5TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

ATTIC TREASURES

FOOD COURT

CRAFTS

JEWELRY

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

BAKED GOODS

**FREE ADMISSION
Excellent event every year!**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week our neighborhoods were filled with ghost and goblins (not to mention soldiers, cowboys, princesses and super heroes!), all in the hopes of receiving treats from folks willing to participate in the time-honored traditions of Halloween (or unwilling to have “tricks” put upon them!). I can remember in my younger days this being a special night, one ripe with eager anticipation of obtaining goodies from neighbors and friends. As we get older, however, our desire for “treats” doesn’t lessen but, perhaps, is tempered by a desire for richer and more lasting blessings.

In today’s gospel, Zacchaeus is desirous of just catching a glimpse of Jesus as He passes through Jericho (with no intention of stopping). He has no doubt heard about Jesus and perhaps will feel blessed by just looking at Jesus (who wouldn’t?). As Jesus passes through, Zacchaeus cannot see Him; the “vertically challenged” man goes to the length of climbing a sycamore tree in the hopes of just seeing Jesus pass by on His way. Little did the tax collector (or anyone else, for that matter) know that Jesus would “single out” Zacchaeus, with the ultimate intention of breaking bread with him. What is striking to many is the wording which Jesus uses in speaking to Zacchaeus, telling him that “today I *must* stay at your house” (Lk 19:5; italics added). Jesus doesn’t just *want* to visit with Zacchaeus; it is *imperative* that he does so. Jesus knows who Zacchaeus is, and how he is viewed, as a tax collector. This should not come as a surprise who knows the movements of Jesus. Time and time again, Jesus has stated that He has come to seek out the sinner, those who have lost their way.

This should be good news for us. There are times, no doubt, that we feel like Zacchaeus. Imagine how we would feel if Jesus insisted on staying at our house. Hopefully, we would react like Zacchaeus, and receive the Lord with great joy. We might, at first, react like the crowd and wonder why Jesus would want to stay with me, a sinner. It is this unworthiness that we must constantly combat in our spiritual lives. Whenever I speak with our Eucharistic Ministers, a wonderful group of men and women, dedicated to bring Our Lord to the people (both mobile (churchgoers, that is) and those bound to home, hospital and long-term care facilities) I mention that one of the “hurdles” which we must overcome in undertaking this ministry is our feeling of “unworthiness”. I seek to reassure them that none of us (myself included) are worthy of this ministry; it is only the grace of God which makes us worthy of such an important ministry. May we, like Zacchaeus, receive the Lord joyfully. May we overcome any feeling of unworthiness by accepting, humbly, the grace which Our Lord affords us by coming to us in Word and Sacrament. May we have the courage to share this presence with all whom we meet!

**Have a blessed week,
Fr. Paul**