
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

October 6, 2013
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 5, 2013

4:00 – Ida Nisby – Memorial

Sunday, October 6, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Bronislaw Morawski – 24th Anniversary

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Lorraine & Don Kerrigan – Memorial

Sunday, October 13, 2013

8:00 – William & Geneva Frabetti & Kendra
Memorial

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Weds. 10/2 – PPC Mtg. – 7 PM

Sat. 10/5 – Blessing of the Pets

Sat./Sun. 10/5&6 – Tootsie Roll Drive

Mon. 10/7 – CPR Training – 6:30 – 9:30

Sun. 10/13 – An Evening w/ Frank Runyeon – 6:30

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Juan Botta, Nancy Thomson, Ann P. Katilus, Joseph Pompeo, David Robichaud, 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, Aline Clish, Fr. Ed McLaughlin, Marie Cameron, Michael Terry.

FRANK RUNYEON coming October 13th
Frank has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. More info to come!! But
~SAVE THE DATE~

*Prayer Shawl Meeting
October 13th – 3 o'clock
Riddell Road Hall*

*Shawls and lap robes were recently sent to Good Samaritan Hospital, South Shore Hospice Service at the Brockton Fair Grounds, and several home-bound people. Donations of yarn are appreciated.
Any questions, call MaryAnn Boyle at 508-378-4704 or Rose Penney at 508-583-5045*

Our Shared Treasure

September 29, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$5692

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CPR INSTRUCTION

October 7, 2013

- Learn adult, child, & infant CPR
- AED Automated External Defibrillator
- Registration is 6:30-6:50 class starts at 7 PM
- Cost is \$40.00 reg cost is \$60-\$100
- Class size is limited
- Call John Tibbetts at 508-326-9893 to sign up

CPR IS A GREAT THING TO KNOW!

OCTOBER 6 – RESPECT FOR LIFE SUNDAY

October is Respect Life Month

This weekend kicks off a year-long educational and prayer campaign in support of life. This year's theme echoes Pope Francis' call for all people to

“Open your hearts to life!”

The Catholic Women's Club will be having their 5th Annual Craft Fair



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. More information will be announced in November.

**Come pray the Rosary
Join us for
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
Every Thursday after the 9 AM Mass**

To all the Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, Peace and Love. My name is Fr. Stephen Lusiba, a diocesan priest of Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda. I was ordained on the 22nd of July, 2003. Currently I am the Pastor of Our Lady Source of Joy, Kasambya Parish, Uganda.

I am here to share the experience of the Church in Uganda with you. I would also love to learn more about the experience of the Church here in USA/St. John. I have known Fr. Paul L. Ring for the last five years. He has supported me so much in my mission back home in Uganda. May God reward him abundantly.

Apart from the daily pastoral work of the parish, we are trying our best to introduce education in our parish by building a secondary school in our Parish. The work began in 2008 and we now have over 400 students. We thank God for the achievements so far.

THE CHALLENGE:

All the above students walk a distance of 4 to 6 miles every day to school!!! Many of them arrive at school late and tired !!!

We would like to build a girls' dormitory first, in order to improve the education of these children.

So, in the few weeks I am here, I will be sharing with you more on that Challenge and I am appealing to your generosity. All the help you will give me for building a dormitory should go through our Parish, St. John.

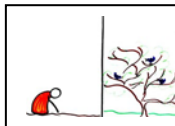
I am available here at the rectory. We can always share together a cup of coffee, lunch or dinner at your invitation. I look forward to getting to know you.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

In this day and age of “options” (“Press #1 for..., Press #2 for...”), we shy away from the word “obligation”. Yet at times, it can be a very powerful, even necessary, word to employ. When one has an obligation (as opposed to an “offer” or “suggestion”), one is more compelled to show up and do their part. In today’s gospel, the idea of obligation comes up with regard to our relationship to God. There are certain things, done as part of a full relationship with God, which we are obliged to do.

In the analogy put forth in today’s gospel, Jesus compares our relationship to a slave and a master’s relationship. While we may bristle at that comparison (after all, we are more than slaves, aren’t we?) we would do well to recognize that while God desires to be in relationship with us, God is the “creator” and we are the “created”. As such, we are beholden to God for everything we are and have; without God, we are nothing and our efforts come to nothing – nothing lasting, at least. This may be a humbling thought, but how else are we to react when we put into perspective all that we have done, as opposed to all God has done. It pales in comparison, doesn’t it? As great as we are, that greatness is a result of using the God-given talents and abilities which we have at our disposal.

I remember as a young boy my mother telling me how to react when I was given a gift. I was to receive that gift (whether it is a new, sought-after toy or a badly-knit, handmade sweater) with a smile and a heartfelt “thank you”. I was then to say no more, no less; in that way, I wouldn’t say something I would come to regret (by hurting the giver’s feelings). In much the same way, we might do well to react to all God has given us – the challenges as well as the good things we have – by thanking Him and moving on. In that way, perhaps the difficulties we face can be minimized (perhaps even eliminated) by us realizing that even the challenges we encounter can help us to grow.

God desires a certain sense of “loyalty”. It is not to be a “blind” loyalty (for God doesn’t want “robots”), otherwise how does one explain “free will” (itself a gift from God)? No, God wants us to put the things we have/are into the “context” of faith. With faith, we can “move mountains” (perhaps not literally...perhaps so!); we can do amazing things. Let us have the courage to see God’s gifts for what they are – moments when we acknowledge our dependence on God, thanking Him for all those things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week

Fr. Paul

Day of Blessing for Married Couples Growth, Healing and Blessing in your Relationship



**Join us for a day for married couples to focus on
Receiving What you Need; Resolving Conflict,
Developing Happiness; and Experiencing True
Intimacy**

Sunday, Oct 27

**Registration: 11:30; Program 12L00 – 7:00
Espousal Center**

554 Lexington St, Waltham

**Offering \$70 per couple (includes special dinner)
Lunch will not be offered, However, Mass will be
celebrated and the day will close with a special
dinner.**