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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**October 14, 2012**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

4:00 – Richard Venesky – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Lorraine & Don Kerrigan – Memorial

**Monday, October 15, 2012**

9:00 – David Martell – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

4:00 – Melva & Charles Silva – Memorial

Ralph & Lila Williams

**Sunday, October 21, 2012**

8:00 – Robert Robichaud - Birthday

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Linda Fontaine – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Important Dates**

Thu. 10/18 – Finance Comm. Mtg. – 7pm

Sun. 10/21 – St. Vincent de Paul Retreat – 2-8 pm

Mon. 10/22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers’ Meeting – 7pm

Sun. 10/28 - Halloween Mass – 9:30am

Wed. 10/31 – No CCD classes – all grades

Thu. 11/1 – All Saints’ Day – Mass at 9am & 7pm

Thu. 11/1 – No CCD Classes – all grades

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John & Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan, Albert Federico, Bill Neyman, Annette Moriarty, Judy Potts, Fedela Nuovo, Bill Monaghan, Judy Potts, Joanne Rawson, Debbie Sperre, Pat Zemeitus*

***St. Vincent de Paul***

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who helped make our St. Vincent de Paul food drives such an outstanding success. Our shelves are full again! We pray that you will continue to think of others in need when you shop, or you can leave a donation in one of our St. Vincent de Paul boxes at the front or side entrance of our church. Thank you again for your generosity.

**RCIA**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion or Confirmation and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes for this program will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 beginning in the Fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

***Our Shared Treasure***

*Sunday, October 7, 2012*

**Weekly Offertory: \$6916.**

**As of July 1, parish deficit = \$8335**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

***The Second collection next weekend is for the Missions.***

**The Increased Offertory Campaign: HOW CAN WE PARTICIPATE?**

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please pray about your level of commitment and come prepared to make your decision. Volunteer Advocates have been busy calling each household to ensure each parishioner has an opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed about our plans. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss the project with someone.

Our current weekly average offertory is \$5300. We need a minimum of \$6000 to pay our bills and to maintain our present reduced staff. We need \$7000 to restore those positions and to move forward with needed repairs. Occasionally, as was the case this past week, the Offertory is higher.

The commitments secured during the Increased Offertory Campaign, and sustained for years to come, will be directed towards specific needs that have been identified at the parish. They include:

- Restore positions that had been eliminated or downsized.
- Eliminate the parish’s annual operating deficit.
- Continue renovations of church, hall and rectory, especially the heating system.

**ON-LINE GIVING**

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So, if you forgot your envelope last week, or if you missed our second collection, you can go online and make a gift to the *special collections* or our regular offertory. It makes it so easy and convenient. Please check the bulletin or visit [www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.org) to find out how to give online.

CURSILLO offered by the Office of Worship and  
Spiritual Life

*"is an experience of spiritual renewal and a method  
for Christian living and Evangelization"*

Held at the Campion Center in Weston

Women's Wkend – Oct. 18-21, 2012

Men's Wkend – Nov. 29 – Dec. 2, 2012

For information: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org)

or call 617-779-3640

See Deacon Joe or Lorraine Hopgood if interested



Dear Friends,

I want to thank Kathy Barris for the inspiring talk that she gave at all of the Masses last weekend regarding the Increased Offertory program which we as a parish have begun. It is never easy to give this type of talk and she did a wonderful job. As Kathy indicated in her talk, this is Commitment Sunday and I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to pray about and consider what their contribution to St. John Parish will be. Several people have mailed in their Commitment forms and the initial response is very encouraging, especially during this tough economy. Let me just say "Thank You" to those people who have sent in their forms and those who are doing so this weekend. I know that God will bless your generosity and your devotion to your parish.

Also, a special thank you those who have volunteered for one of the many ministries that help to make St. John's such a vibrant parish. There are still opportunities to do so. The volunteer form will be left in the chapel for the next two weekends.

God bless,  
Fr. Wally

NATIONAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR DRUG &  
ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Oct. 25, 2012

East Bridgewater Town Common

5:45 pm Coffee & Hot chocolate served

6:00 pm Performance by EB High Choir followed

By statement by Susan Silva

**KIWANIS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

**Sing at the Lighting of the Common**

**Who? All students grades K-8**

**What? You will be featured entertainment at  
the Lighting of the Common!**

**When? Thur. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm**

**Why? To celebrate our town spirit and ring in  
the holidays!**

**Participation is free of charge**

**Call 508-378-9404 or email**

**[Christmas@Capachione.com](mailto:Christmas@Capachione.com)**

**Visit [www.capachione.com](http://www.capachione.com)**

**Rehearsals Schedule:**

**Fridays, Oct 26, Nov. 2, 9, & 23 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Final Dress Rehearsal Wed. Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

*"Give pints for half- pints"*

Boston Children's Hospital Blood Drive

Friday, 10/19 from 12:30 - 5:30

At the East Bridgewater YMCA

635 Plymouth Street

Call 508-378-3919 to schedule an appointment

The 300 Club winners for October are:

Jim & Pat Cosseboom, Armand LaVoie

Gloria Raymond, Dorothy Sullivan

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer "Come to the Waters" post - abortion healing retreats on Saturday, October 20 and Saturday, November 17, 2012 at confidential locations. For more information and registration information, contact **Project Rachel – Archdiocese of Boston** at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). *Trust in the tender mercy of God!*

**Prayer Shawl Meeting**

**October 14**

**Riddell Road**

**3 pm**

**If you need a shawl, please ask someone in the prayer shawl ministry to obtain one for you, as we keep a record of all that are distributed.**