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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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October 19, 2014  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 18, 2014

4:00 – Linda Fontaine -- Memorial

Sunday, October 19, 2014

8:00 – Pat Lyons – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

10:30 – Lorraine & Donald Kerrigan – Mem.

6:00 – Allen & Ruth Winsor – Memorial

Monday, October 20, 2014

9:00 – The Deceased Members of the  
McLaughlin Family

Saturday, October 25, 2014

4:00 – Dorothy Cragen -- Memorial

Sunday, October 26, 2014

8:00 – Doc & Marion Wood – 24<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv

10:30 – Bonnie DeCosta – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sat. 10/25 – Movie Night –two showings: 5 & 7 PM

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

Sun. 11/2 – TEEN MASS

***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, 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.*

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

*Our Shared Treasure*

*September 28, 2014*

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 4,439.00	\$7,3431.50
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$8,0980.34
Excess/Short	\$ 1,345.31	7,548.84

Youth Ministry \$ 1,228.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2<sup>ND</sup> Collection – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – World Mission Sunday

**Catholic School Open Houses:**

**Cardinal Spellman HS**

October 23<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

[www.spellman.com](http://www.spellman.com)

**Tour, Presentations, Admissions Process**

**Archbishop Williams—7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> grades**

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 1:00

**Tour, Meet current AWHs students/faculty**

**Learn about Admissions process**

[www.awhs.org](http://www.awhs.org)

**Notre Dame Academy**

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 – 3:00

November 6<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00

781-749-5930 or

[www.ndahingham.com](http://www.ndahingham.com)

**Tour, Register for HSPT test for 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Register for ISEE exam for 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

**applicants.**

**BC High – Grades 7-12**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Tour the campus with individual student guides. Applications, test registration, and financial aid information also available.**

[www.bchigh.edu/admissions](http://www.bchigh.edu/admissions)

**Holy Family School – Grades K-8**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – Noon

781-878-1154

**9 am Mass at Holy Family Church**

**10 am – 12pm Open House:**

**Meet our new school Principal**

**Tour our classrooms & meet our teachers**

**Ursuline Academy**

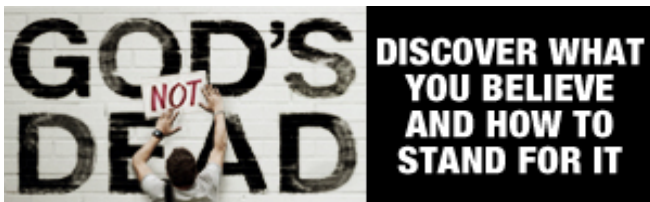
October 26<sup>th</sup> – 11 AM - @ PM

**College prep high school for women**

**781-493-7727 or [www.ursulineacademy.net](http://www.ursulineacademy.net)**

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



**Join St. John's Youth & Family Programs**

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Two showings:**

**5:00 PM**

**7:00 PM**

**In the Parish Hall**

**Many more programs to come:**

**November will be a Bowling Night**

**December a trip to La Salette**

**Watch the bulletin for more details**

The Church in the United States celebrates October as "Respect Life Month". A vital part of the Church's pro-life catechesis is the love and mercy of God for all who have experienced the pain of abortion.

"Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is life altering..." If you or someone you know is suffering from the pain of a past abortion, the Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston will offer a one-day retreat for women on **October 18 and November 15** from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at a confidential location. Space is limited. For registration, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). Trust in the tender mercy of God!

**CRAFT SHOW**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**44 PARK AVENUE, WHITMAN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – 9 – 3 PM**

Christmas ornaments, crystal jewelry, scrimshaw, decorative kitchen items, pewter, homemade dog biscuits, infant sweaters, dressed bears, décor w. natural materials, knitting, crocheting, nature art, stained glass, sterling jewelry.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

"Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and render unto God what is God's" (Mt 22:21). You have no doubt heard the saying given by Jesus in today's gospel (I chose to use a slightly "older" translation), but may still be wondering what is Caesar's and what is God's? In answering that question, one decides how much of their life they "owe" to God and how much they "owe" to the State. The challenge comes in making that division. Most of us have to work, most have to pay taxes and most "owe" something to provide for the "common good" (roads, schools, hospitals and the like). Beyond that, one might wonder how much is to be given to that "common good".

You've doubtless heard me ask the question, "do you own your wealth, or does it own you?" (taken from a financial seminar recently viewed on public television). It is a valid question, and one which Scripture poses in a different manner: "where your heart is, there your treasure will be also" (Mt 6:21). It is a valid question, for it very well directs and guides our motives and motivations. If we live "in the world, but not of the world" (another expression you've heard me utter, ad nauseam), then I believe we have our spiritual "house" in order. When we have our eyes focused on the mission, message and life of Jesus and if we keep our intentions focused on making it to the Kingdom, then I believe that we'll be just fine.

As Shakespeare says, though, "therein lies the rub" (Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 1)! We have to live in the world, all the while keeping our eyes focused on the Kingdom. This can be difficult, what with all of the world's allurements and illusions. Living in the world can be that "double-edged sword" of having to enjoy the goodness of life while trying to avoid the things which aren't good for us, good for our soul. We must realize that every decision/choice we make has consequences, and that these consequences can be life-altering (oftentimes for the better, but sometimes not!).

The "Serenity Prayer" (written by Reinhold Niebuhr, used in many 12-step programs) asks for the "serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. May we have these gifts so as to align ourselves with God's will, striving to do the same each and every day.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul