
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

October 26, 2014
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 25, 2014

4:00 – Dorothy Cragen -- Memorial

Sunday, October 26, 2014

8:00 – Doc & Marion Wood – 24th & 14th Anniv

10:30 – Bonnie DeCosta – 20th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

9:00 – Kathleen D’Entermont

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

Important Dates

Sun. 10/26 – 10:30 Mass – Halloween Mass –
2nd Commitment Mass

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, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Bill Osborne, & 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 19, 2014

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 5,476.00	\$82,554.72
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$92,548.96
Excess/Short	\$ 308.31	\$ 9,994.24

World Mission Sunday -- \$ 1,175.00

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.

Holy Family School – Grades K-8

November 3rd – 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 26th – 11 AM - @ PM

College prep high school for women

781-493-7727 or www.ursulineacademy.net

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.

Miramar Retreat Schedule Books are in the magazine rack at the side entrance of the church. Please take one if you are interested. Very worthwhile.

**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.**



**Vikings Recreation
Center**

607 Bedford St. EB Rte 18

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!



Our Bereavement Ministry is looking for people who would like to help parishioners navigate through the process of planning a funeral Mass and providing comfort while doing so. An information meeting is planned for this Wed. at 10 AM in the Rectory. Please join us. Training will be provided.

Love the Lord your God
with ALL your HEART
ALL your SOUL
ALL your MIND
ALL your STRENGTH

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As most of you know by now, I have a great love of bumper stickers; I tend to “pass the time” by reading the bumper stickers I come across while stuck in traffic (which, unfortunately, happens all too often!). One that caught my eye a while back read “If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us ‘The Ten Suggestions’”! As I’ve often said, they’re called “**commandments**” for a reason – we are commanded, by God, to follow them; we are not only called to follow the *letter* of the law, however, but also the *spirit* of the law as well. This is the point of today’s gospel.

Jesus is being challenged, first by the Sadducees and now by the Pharisees. Jesus is asked to name the greatest Commandment - of the 613 mitzvahs in Jewish Law...and you thought we had it tough with *ten*! In doing so, Jesus would be then accused of giving precedence to one over the other 612 and thus giving an “order of importance”. He avoids this “trap” set by the Pharisees by not naming any one Commandment, but by summing up all of them. Jesus does this with what will/has become known, in salvation history, as “The Great Commandment” – to love God and to love one’s neighbor. Jesus not only puts these Commandments in their proper light, but all of the Law and the Prophets as well; in doing this, Jesus honors both the letter *and* the spirit of the law and “cements” His role as the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets.

Laws are important; they help govern, guide and direct. Laws give people and society a way of keeping order. Laws, however, cannot be either respected or adhered to if they do not take into account a way of living them out. There are many laws in the legal system which are challenging for Catholic-Christians to follow; they may, in fact, be in direct violation of God’s law(s). One can look at laws and practices regarding abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia (so called “death with dignity” laws) and see that they violate the commandment “thou shall not kill”. When one sees such a “civil” law/practice, the Catholic-Christian must take their own (well-formed) conscience into account as to how much they can follow that in light of “God’s Law”. One must recognize the (civil) consequences of disobeying that (civil) law and decide how willing they are to face punishment. One can only look at the early Christians for guidance in this matter; the early Christians were unafraid to face physical torture, incarceration and even death to “hold fast” to the ecclesiastical law they were called to follow.

May we pray for guidance in following God’s law(s). May we know that when we adhere to the Commandments that “our reward will be great in heaven”. May we have the courage to face mocking, derision and even civil punishment in light of this adherence. May God see all that we do, be steadfast in His love for us and instill in us courage to face, and overcome, any obstacle that the Evil One may put in our way.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul