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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**October 27, 2013**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, October 26, 2013

4:00 – Parishioners of the St. John

Sunday, October 27, 2013

8:00 – Doc & Marion Wood – Memorial

9:30 – Richard Kruger – Memorial

11:30 – Bonnie DeCosta – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Robert & Rita Farrell – Memorial

Sunday, November 3, 2013

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Alfred H. Smith – Month’s Mind

11:30 – John J. McHugh Jr. – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Important Dates**

Sat & Sun 10/26-27 – Fr. Lusiba Presentations—  
following 4:00 & 11:30 Masses

Sun. 10/27 – TEEN MASS

FRIDAY, NOV 1 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – ALL  
SAINTS DAY

Thurs. 11/1 – Fr. Lusiba goes home to Uganda

***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, Aline Clish, Fr. Ed  
McLaughlin, Marie Cameron, Michael Terry,  
Sheila Crenney, Karen Villa*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**IS ALL SAINTS DAY**

**A**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT**

**9:00 AM & 7 PM**

Bridgewater K of C – Monthly Meat Raffle

Saturday, October 26, 2013

1 to 3 PM

5 delicious Meat Trays = \$70 Average Value

Two 50/50 Raffles = \$60 Average Winnings

1 Consolation Prize

*Our Shared Treasure*

October 27, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$49368

World Mission Sunday: \$1077

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Dormitory for St  
Benedict, Uganda*

**Catholic School Open Houses:**

**Fontbonne Academy Open House**

**Sunday, November 3, , from 1 – 3 p.m.**

**Grades 9 - 12 – all girls**

**[admissions@fontbonneacademy.org](mailto:admissions@fontbonneacademy.org)**

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

**October 20<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 1:00**

**November 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00**

**Pre-register at [awhs.org/events!](http://awhs.org/events!)**

**Adding grades 7 & 8 this year**

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

**Learn about Admissions process**

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

**Notre Dame Academy**

**November 7<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 27<sup>th</sup> – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**[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**



**American  
Red Cross**

**EAST BRIDGEWATER BLOOD DRIVE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013**

**9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

**355 PLYMOUTH STREET**

**QUESTIONS: CALL JON WILSON**

**781-710-2450**

## WHY NEED FOR A GIRLS' DORMITORY IN UGANDA?

Next weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, I will make a mission appeal for building a girls' dormitory for St. Benedict High School in Uganda. Your generous donations would be greatly appreciated. The dormitory for 300 girls is estimated at \$300,000. As I have written before, these girls walk {NO BUSES} a distance of 4 to 6 miles to school Monday to Friday!!! So, this being the only school of the kind in the region, we would like to have them reside at school for their security and academic performance.

In addition, for anyone interested in sponsoring a student's education for a year of study, can donate \$300 (\$100 per term) to insure the ability of someone who could not afford to go to St. Benedict School the opportunity to do so.

How to pay: Write a check to St. John Parish, indicate in the memo St. Benedict School-Uganda.

We shall have a 30 minutes video presentation about St. Benedict School and the need for the dormitory on Saturday, Oct. 26th after the 4 pm Mass and on Sunday, Oct. 27th after the 11:30 am Mass. Please join me (Fr. Stephen) for only 30 minutes to watch this video.

St. John Parish has become a home away from home. I appreciate anything you can do to assist us in our mission and I, of course, will account for each and every dollar you donate to us. I will be sending you pictures of the progress of the project. God willing, I will be with you again next summer 2014.

God Bless  
Fr. Stephen Lusiba.



## My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up in a family of five, one of the “pressing questions” we often had for my mother centered on who the favorite was. There were times, growing up, that it seemed that one of us would be favored over the others (if only for that moment) which added “fuel to the fire”, as it were. When we pushed her to answer the question, her answer was always the same: “I love you all the same...I just love you differently”. While this never seemed to satisfy me/us, I/we have come to realize what that answer meant. There were different times in our lives when we, more than the other siblings, needed her attention – and we got it, even if only for that one instance. At other times, other siblings got the attention. My mother seemed to know, instinctively, when that was.

The same can be said of our relationship with God. While it has been said that “God doesn't play favorites”, there are times when God puts His attention towards those in need, especially those who approach with humility. This is the case with the tax collector in today's gospel. Unlike the Pharisee, who “blows his own horn” ad nauseam, the tax collector approaches God with such humility that he can't even bring himself to raise his eyes heavenward. All he does, in approaching the Almighty, is offer what has become known as “The Sinner's Prayer”: “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Lk 18:13). This approach would be well imitated by me and you, for it is in humility that we are to reach out to God. In return, God casts His gaze on us and with the love of a parent who knows our needs (even before we do), gives us what we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

St. Paul speaks to this reality, of realizing that everything we have from God is a gift. Paul speaks in terms of being awarded a “crown of righteousness” (2 Tim 4:8) for having “kept the faith” (2 Tim 4:7). For his part, Paul allows himself to be “poured out like a libation” (2 Tim 4:6); in other words, Paul allows God to work through him to achieve the goal of spreading the gospel. Paul, through conversion, has come to see God as a “just judge” (2 Tim 4:8). He realizes that he will be judged, but it will be done so on how he has lived his life overall, not just the times before his conversion. Each one of us, for our part, must come to a point of conversion. If we are there, let us keep our hearts focused on God and Kingdom; if we are not there, let us not waste a moment to “put our house in order”.

May we know God's love for us. May we know that God is at work in our lives, bringing us to conversion and helping us to deepen our relationship with Him. May we never fail to approach God for those things we need, but let us do so with humility. May we always be open to receiving those gifts from God that help us grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a blessed week,  
Fr. Paul



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

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB** **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**

**ATTIC TREASURES**

**FOOD COURT**

**CRAFTS**

**JEWELRY**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

**BAKED GOODS**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Excellent event every year!**