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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**October 28, 2012**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 – James & Leona DeCost – Memorial

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 – Doc & Marion Woods

9:30 – Bonnie DeCosta – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, November 4, 2012**

8:00 – William, Geneva & Kendra Frabetti --  
Memorial

9:30 – Jennie Kucinsi – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – William Browne, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

6:00 – Frances R. Pritchard – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Please pray for the Repose of the souls of Ida Nisby, Mary O'Donnell and Dorothy Killea whose funeral masses were celebrated this month.

**Important Dates**

Sun. 10/28 - Halloween Mass – 9:30am

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

**GRAND ANNUAL BEGINS IN NOVEMBER**

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

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

Sun. 11/4 - Teen Mass – 6 pm

Tues. 11/6 - No CCD – Election Day

Sun. 11/11 - No CCD – Veterans' Day

Wed. 11/14 - No CCD – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thurs. 11/15 - No CCD – Parent/Teacher Conf.

***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, Judy Potts, Joanne Rawson, Debbie Sperre.*

**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 21, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$6010

Mission Sunday--\$969

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – NOVEMBER 4**

**INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN**

A special thank you to those individuals and families who have increased their weekly or monthly commitment to St. John Parish. The fact that you are doing so during such a difficult financial time for so many people is a testimony to your generosity and dedication to St. John's. For those individuals or families who would still like to make a new commitment to the parish, the table with the basket will remain in front of the altar to receive your commitment form for two additional weeks. Once again-many thanks!!

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

Thursday, Nov. 1 is the feast of All Saints and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and at 7:00 pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS**

We are still in need of several Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. If you are able to help out please contact Fr. Wally or Deacon Joe.

**ON-LINE GIVING**

If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? 25 Families have begun to use this service. It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. 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. The steps are all outlined for you on the site. If you need help getting started, give Debbie a call at the Rectory and she can walk you through the steps to begin.



**Family Life Committee will be selling Lollipops after all the Masses the weekend of Nov 17 & 18**

## 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.



Dear Friends,

There are a number of unconnected thoughts that I would like to share with you. First, a special thank you to those individuals or families that given some thought and prayer to their financial commitment to St. John Parish. As of Friday, 135 families have turned in their commitment forms. There is a basket in front of the altar for those who are going to turn in their forms and it will be there for the next couple of weeks. Once again, thank you very much.

For the past three weeks, the ushers have been taking a head count of those who are attending Mass. This is required by the Archdiocese each year and these statistics and others are given to the planning office of the Archdiocese of Boston so that accurate planning can take place for our future and the future of the three "Bridgewaters". Last year the average attendance for the four weekend Masses was 1,150. It was about the same for the previous 5 years. This year the average attendance for the four weekend Masses is 661. Attendance at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday and the 8:00 Mass on Sunday have remained largely unchanged. However, the 9:30 Mass has seen an attendance drop of over 50%. I am told that there are football games and other sporting events going on at that time. The 11:30 Mass has seen a 40% drop in attendance as well. I hope and pray that attendance goes up quickly.

The annual CYO Ski Trip will be held during the Martin Luther King weekend which is Jan 18-20. The cost is \$285 and this includes transportation, lift tickets, lodging in Stowe Vermont and 3 meals at the hotel. The ski resort and the hotel are great facilities. This will be the third year that we have chosen Stowe for our ski trip. A \$100 deposit is due at the next Teen Mass which is Sunday Nov. 4.

God bless,  
Fr. Wally

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is election day and we encourage everyone to get to the polls and vote. There is a question on the ballot (Question 2) about Physician Assisted Suicide. There are many flaws to this bill and we want you to know what the bill entails. Please visit our website to find links to the problems of this bill before you cast your vote.

*St. Michael's College—a Catholic college dedicated to providing a liberal arts education where students learn what matters in mind, heart and soul; Located in Burlington Vt. Is offering a \$20,000 scholarship (over four years) to candidate nominated by their parish Priest. Anyone interested, please contact the rectory for information.*

### 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  
Men's Weekend – 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

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!*

#### "COPING WITH HOLIDAY GRIEF"

##### Support Group

The death of a loved one naturally brings grief and pain. The family and social gatherings, memories, chores and expectations of the holiday season may impact your sense of grief, loss or loneliness. This seven-week support group will provide helpful tips to manage and cope with the grief during the holiday season.

##### Bridgewater Group

Location: Given at pre-registration

Dates: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

### ALL SOULS

November is the month dedicated to all those who have gone before us marked with the gift of Faith. During the month of November, a Novena of Masses will be celebrated for those loved ones that you want to be remembered. Simply use the envelopes that you have received or the ones on the ushers' tables for this purpose. The names of your loved ones will be remembered in this Novena. The envelopes will be placed on the altar.