
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 16, 2012

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 15, 2012

4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 20th Anniversary
Lena Shepard – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 16, 2012

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John
9:30 – Thomas Cosgrove – Memorial
11:30 – Richard Kruger – 7th Anniversary

Sunday, September 23, 2012

8:00 – David Minella – 1st Anniversary
11:30 – Anne T. Little – 6th Anniversary
6:00 – Carl Schell – Month’s Mind
Maurice Proulx -- Memorial

Important Dates

Sunday, 9/16 – 7 PM – Gr. 9 & 10 Parent/Student Mtg.
Wednesday, 9/19 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Teachers’ Mtg.
Thursday, 9/20 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Parent Mtg.
Saturday, 9/22 – 4:00 -- FR. SKERRY’S JUBILEE
Sunday, 9/23 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM – Dinner to follow
Tuesday, 9/25 – Sun. 9/30 – CCD PROGRAM BEGINS
Sat & Sun, 9/29 & 9/30 – SVdP – Food Collection at all Masses
Sunday, 9/30 – Opening Mass for CCD Prog. – 9:30 AM
– Coffee and Conversation to follow

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.

CRAFTERS—St. John’s Annual Craft Fair is scheduled for November 24th at the Church Hall from 9 AM to 3 PM
SIGN UP EARLY—
TABLES \$30 -- SPACE \$20

NEWS

- Kindred Mom’s Club has started up again. Next meeting Weds., Sept 26. From 9:30 – 11:30.
- Rosary Makers Celebrate 10th Anniversary in which they have made 36,000 beads. Please note the canisters at the doors of the church for donations that would help with their efforts. Many thanks for great work!!!
- St Vincent de Paul will be passing out bags at all Masses on the weekend of 9/22-23 for food collection the following weekend. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$5432

Remember we need a **minimum** of **\$6000/wk** to run and maintain our parish.
As of July 1, parish deficit = \$8443.50
Thank you for your continued generosity

☺ HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR SUMMER OFFERING? THANKS ☺

The Increased Offertory Campaign:
MOVING FORWARD
As you know, St. John the Evangelist Parish is now involved in the Increased Offertory Campaign, an increased giving campaign to strengthen all 290 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.
In recent weeks our parish has been preparing for the Program by recruiting volunteer leadership, updating parish records and producing program materials. Soon all members of St. John the Evangelist will be invited to participate in the Increased Offertory Campaign. We hope you will respond positively and with generosity.
This week you will receive a letter from Fr. Wally describing the Increased Offertory Campaign and how our parish will be involved. It is an opportunity for all of us to take an active role in growth of our parish and for each parishioner to practice the principle of stewardship — giving back a portion of our blessings to God.
On October 14, each parishioner will be asked to make a commitment to the parish’s regular collection. Please pray about your participation in this important effort.

Electronic Giving is coming!

- ✓ **It benefits you and our parish!**
 - ✓ **Enrollment is friendly and trouble-free.**
 - ✓ **Never worry about forgetting to bring money to church again**
- Information about how to sign up will be forthcoming on the web site and through the Rectory Office.

JOIN OUR CHOIRS!

Children, teens and adults welcome to participate in St. John's music ministry at designated Masses! Please contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director at 617-610-2255 for details. Also "Like" St John EB Choir on Facebook. First Children's Choir rehearsal: Monday, September 17, 6-7 pm.



Dear Friends

I am writing to you on Wednesday and, as of today, we are in need of 19 CCD Teachers and 18 Aides. The Religious Education of our children and young people is one of our central ministries at St. John's. The passing on of the faith to our children and young people will not happen without you! Please give this very important ministry some thought and give the CCD Office a call to volunteer your time. I know that Christ the Teacher will bless you.

Next Saturday, Fr. Don Skerry will celebrate his 50th Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood. What a wonderful and blessed accomplishment. Fr. Don has spent the last 18 years of his priesthood with all of us. He has been a quiet and reassuring presence at St. John's during a time of change, and a time of challenge. Undoubtedly, St. John's would not be the parish that it is without Fr. Don. I hope that you will join me next Saturday at the 4:00 Mass to celebrate this great accomplishment in his life, in the life his religious community-The Society of the Divine Word, in the life of St. John Parish and in the life of the Church at large. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the parish hall where each person can congratulate Fr. Don personally.

I want to offer a word of deep appreciation to Carmen Pearson and her large committee for such a wonderful parish picnic. It could not have been better. (Please see bulletin insert).

Msgr. Camillo Sarko is improving by the day but he still has a way to go. His last visit to the surgeon gave him the good news that the second retina attachment surgery was successful. He must, however, continue to keep his head down almost the entire day. He has a special chair which provides for a resting place for his head. He has a special mirror which allows him to watch TV. As I said, it is not easy. However, he never complains and seems to be just so grateful for the charity of the Mass Eye and Ear Hospital, the hospitality of the rectory and the assistance of the staff. Starting next week, he may keep his head raised for one hour every four hours. Hopefully, by the first week of October he will be able to resume more activity. Msgr. Sarko will return to Ghana, if all goes well, on Nov. 20.

I want to thank Mrs. Lorry Hopgood and her husband Deacon Joe for organizing and running the giant 50/50 raffle. It was a great success gaining the parish an additional \$8,000. Congratulations to the winners: Donna Misiaszek-\$4,087.50, Barbara Lovell-\$2,722.28 and Robert McCarthy-\$1,365.22.

Finally, God has blessed us with an abundance of high school students who make such a wonderful and faithful contribution to the life of our parish. Many of them are CCD teachers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. They are also Peer Ministers to the younger high school students-providing them with an inspiring retreat experience. I am very proud of them and look

forward to installing them as Peer Ministers at the next Teen Mass which is on Sunday Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm.

*God Bless,
Fr. Wally*

**Teachers and Aides needed for
CCD Classes for 2012/2013**

We are in urgent need of Teachers and Aides for the following:

Tuesday from 4:30 – 5:30

Grade 3 – (1) Teacher & (1) Aide

Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:30

Grade 1 - (2) Aides

Grade 2 - (1) Teacher & (2) Aides

Grade 3 - (1) Teacher & (2) Aides

Grade 4 - (1) Teacher & (1) Aide

Grade 5 - (1) Teacher & (3) Aides

Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30

Grade 2 - (2) Aides

Grade 3 - (2) Aides

Grade 5 - (1) Teacher & (1) Aide

Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00

Grade 3 - (1) Teacher & (2) Aides

Grade 4 - (2) Teachers & (2) Aides

Grade 5 - (1) Teacher & (1) Aide

Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00

Grade 8 - (1) Teacher & (1) Aide

Sunday from 5:30 - 6:30

Grade 9 - (1) Teacher

We cannot run our program without the help of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish. We will train you and give you all the materials you will need. Classes begin the last week of September! If you would like to teach or help out in any way, please call Lorraine or Nancy at 508-378-1521.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Lorraine Hopgood

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.