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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**  
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**September 1, 2013**  
**22<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 31, 2013**

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, September 1, 2013**

8:00 – Nancy Saya – 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

10:30 – Wilfred Duffany – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday, September 7, 2013**

4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Lena Shepard – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, September 8, 2013**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – William McEaney -- Memorial

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Trenholm whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

**Important Dates**

**Sun. 9/8 – Prayer Shawl Meeting—3 PM**

**Sun. 9/15 – Annual Picnic following 11:30 Mass**

**Sun. 9/15 – Cori Forms at Picnic**

**Sat. & Sun 9/21 & 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive**

**Tues. 9/24 – CCD Program Begins**

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Juan Botta, Irene Kimball, Nancy Thomson, Ann P. Katilus, Joseph Pompeo, Bob Marx, David Robichaud, 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.*

**Catholic Appeal is here!**

Your support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal helps countless people of all ages and backgrounds through 50 ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you to the 88 parishioners who pledged their support of the 2013 Catholic Appeal at Mass. To date our parish has contributed \$13,025 to this year's appeal. St John's has been assessed \$27,064 for the Catholic Appeal this year. The remaining \$14,039 is like a tax on the parish. The parish is responsible to meet all of this assessment. You may pledge your support to the parish campaign at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org).

*Our Shared Treasure*

*August 25, 2013*

Offertory Collection: \$4549.50

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE ENDS!!!!**  
**FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY – 4:00**

**SUNDAY – 8:00 & 9:30 & 11:30**



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER THE 11:30 MASS**

The menu as always will be delicious. Moon walk, face painting, and a count-how-many in the jar contest for all to enjoy!

Tickets will be sold starting August 3<sup>rd</sup> and after each week end Mass and on the day of the picnic at a cost of \$5 per person everything included.

**Hope to see you there!**

**Prayer Shawl Meeting**

The next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Riddell Road Community Center at 3 o'clock. We will begin our 4<sup>th</sup> year. Prayer shawls and Lap Robes from the June meeting were sent to the Brockton Hospital, South Shore Hospital and given to several people with health problems. New members are always welcome and also yarn donations. Hope you all had a nice summer.

**Bridgewater Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle**

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 1 to 3 PM**

**582 Bedford Street, Rte 18/28**

**Behind Army National Guard**

**CLEANERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH EVERY 6<sup>TH</sup> WEEK. PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN. CALL THE RECTORY IF INTERESTED.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion and 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 beginning in the fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.



**NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

**CLASSES START Tuesday, September 24.** Many classes are without teachers or aides. Please volunteer 1 hour per week to pass the word of God onto our children. Call Lorraine at 508-378-1521 if you can help.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

*With school just around the corner, snacks, breakfast foods and drink boxes will be needed.*

*Don't forget the Food Drive scheduled for the weekend of September 21 & 22.*

It is time to be CORI'd again. Anyone volunteering in the parish needs to fill out a CORI Form for the Archdiocese EVERY YEAR. We will make these forms available at our Annual Picnic. Please be sure to fill one out even if you completed one last year.



**My Dear Friends in Christ,**

It was the custom in Jesus' day, to have "tiered" seating; this was an ancient Roman custom adopted by many Jewish families. In taking this multi-levelled approach, there were "seats of honor", which were reserved for high-powered folk or close family/friends of the host. One would never dare to sit in one of these seats, lest he be asked to move to a lower place and thus suffering embarrassment in front of the whole assembly. One would (or should) wait to be asked to take their place at one of these seats of honor. Jesus uses this custom to illustrate how one is to live the Christian life. In following Jesus, one is to live a life of humility; this humble way of living, never assuming "places of honor" but being willing to take a lower place (one of service), is how one is to live. This is not to say that we are to be "doormats", to let people walk all over us. On the contrary, if we live our lives in quiet service then we are winning for ourselves esteem in the eyes of God (the only one we should be concerned about offending or embarrassing). Humility, in the eyes of the world, is often seen as a weakness, something to be avoided. True humility, humility that is rooted not in this world but in the Kingdom, is not at all humiliating; it is quite the opposite, in fact, if we do it right. Sirach reminds us of this in today's first reading. In extolling the virtue of humility, the author tells us that one that practices humility "will be loved more than a giver of good gifts" (Sir 3:17). Sirach further reminds the listener that true humility means that we "will find favor with God" (Sir 3:18). We should be focused on pleasing God; yet, so very often we are concerned about our "standing" with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, etc. What most of us fail to realize is that when we please God, others will benefit. When we strive to please God above all else, we become more secure in who we truly are, who we have been created to be. In loving God, it is by extension that we love our brothers and sisters. If we love God, but not our neighbor, we are only doing half of the work. May we have the courage to love God above all else. May we serve God, and our brothers and sisters, in true humility, charity and love. May we come to know God by extending ourselves in love to one another and, by doing so, serve God with all our heart.

**Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul**

The new bulletins are being printed by Pilot Printing which allows us to make them more creative with colors and images. We are very excited about them and hope that you are too. However, the deadline for having them ready is much earlier now, so we will need all information the Friday the week before the bulletin will be sent to the publisher. Ex. Due Fri, Aug 30 for Sun, Sept 8<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your cooperation.