
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 21, 2014
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20, 2014

4:00 – Cayden Polittano – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, Sept 21, 2014

8:00 – Robert DeCosta -- Memorial

10:30 – Parishioners of St. John

6:00 – Rob Johnston – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, September 27, 2014

4:00 – Ida Nisby – 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, September 28, 2014

8:00 – Harold & Dorathea Barney -- Memorial

10:39 – Alexis Doucette – 10th Anniversary

6:00 – Thomas & Helen Fitzgerald – Memorial
Thomas J. Fitzgerald

Important Dates

Sun. 9/27-28 – Mission Appeal by Fr. John Hanley

Sat. 9/27—Rel. Ed. Open House – 3:30 – 5 PM

Sun. 9/28 – Rel. Ed. Open House – 8 – Noon

Sat. 10/4 – Blessing of the Animals – 1 PM

Sat. 10/4 – Rel Ed. Begins

Sat. 10/4 & Sun 10/5 – Tootsie Roll Drive

Sat 10/4 – Car Wash for EBCTV

Sun. 10/5 – TEEN MASS – COMMISSIONING NEW
MINISTERS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Gerald Ahl, Henry "Harry" Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O'Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan.

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.

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Stephen Lusiba Who arrived last Monday and will be staying with us Until the 8th of October.



*Our Shared Treasure
September 15, 2014*

Collection:	\$ 5,615.50
Rectory Maintenance	\$ 552.00
Middle East Support	\$ 870.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,859
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$12,141**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection September 27, 2014 –Mission Appeal – Fr. Hanley

The weekend of September 27th, Fr. John Hanley ,OMI will be visiting our parish with a Mission Appeal. on behalf of the Propagation of the Faith.

**THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE
Began Sept. 7th**

**SATURDAY – 4:00 PM
SUNDAY – 8:00, 10:30 & 6:00 PM**

**St. John's Family and Youth Programs
Kick-Off Celebration and Information
Night**

**When: Thursday, September 26th
Time: 7:00 pm**

Where: St. John's Parish Hall

Please join us to learn specific details about our many events being held this year for our youth and families.

Our Family and Youth Programs have events planned for every month of the school calendar year and sometimes, more than one.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC DATES
2014 – 2015**

**September 28
October 26
November 30
December 28**

**January 31
February 28
March 25
April 23
May 30
June 27 ???**

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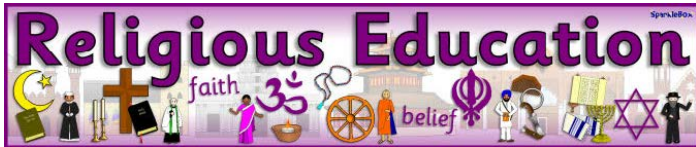


TEACHERS NEEDED

CLASSES START – Sat. October 4, 2014

TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR ALL GRADES

Please Call Lorraine or Nancy
at 508-378-1521 if you can help!



**THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON
SAT. SEPT 27th, FROM 3:30 – 5
SUN. SEPT 28th, FROM 8 – NOON**

**CLASS LISTS AND MATERIALS WILL BE
AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS, THE OPPORTUNITY
TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP MAKE THIS A
WONDERFUL YEAR.**

BLESSING OF THE PETS



**Bring your pets to the church parking lot on
Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 PM where we will
celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and a special
blessing will be bestowed on your pets.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, whenever we encountered something (either by viewing or experiencing) that we didn't think was fair we said something to my parents; inevitably, the response was always the same – "life isn't always fair". While this shocked us (less so, unfortunately, as we got older), we came to see the truth in it. Because of the human condition, and the need for some to "get a leg up" on someone else, life didn't always "balance". There always seemed to be injustice, and there was a certain level of acceptance. The thing which made it seem more "balanced" was the fact that we were assured that God saw all, and that justice would ultimately prevail.

In today's gospel, there appears a level of injustice at work. In seeing both the full-day laborers and those who work only an hour getting the same amount of pay, one can't help but feel a "twinge" of resentment; imagine yourself in that situation, and you might feel that you deserve more, as the workers in today's gospel do. The landowner, however, is free to dispense his money as he sees fit – this is his right. This parable is meant to serve as an indication of the generosity of God. There are some who "toil in the vineyard" day in, day out; these can be seen as the "cradle Catholics" who were born into the faith. There are others, converts to the faith, who are akin to those who "only work one hour"; they come later to the faith, and are seen by many as deserving less. God, however, does not work on the principle of "first come, first served". God provides as He sees fit, being generous to all who labor for Him. It may seem that converts to the faith get better treatment, but in reality they are only getting what God sees fit to give them – as is God's right. This idea cannot deter or detract us from doing the work, as Catholic-Christians, to which the Church calls us. We are all called, regardless how we as human beings see it, to work unceasingly for the good of the Church and the building up of the Kingdom here on earth.

May we come to see the work that we do as beneficial to all – those who are "cradle Catholics" and those who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have come into the faith later in life. May we all work together to build up the Kingdom here on earth, so that one day we may see the fullness of that Kingdom in heaven.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul