
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**September 22, 2013
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, September 21, 2013

4:00 – Deceased St. Vincent de Paul Members

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 – Jennie Kucinski – 20th Anniversary

9:30 – Robert Sullivan – 9th Anniversary

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, September 28, 2013

4:00 – Thomas Cosgrove – Memorial

Sunday, September 23, 2013

8:00 – Alexis Doucette – 9th Anniversary

9:30 – Harold & Dorothea Barney – Memorial

11:30 – Cayden Politano-Barber – 1st Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert J. White whose funeral Mass was celebrated September 16th.

Important Dates

Sat & Sun 9/21-9/22 – SVdP Food Drive

Sun. 9/22 – Gr. 9 & 10 Parent Mtg. – 6 PM

Tues. 9/24 – CCD Program Begins

Weds. 9/25 – Fin Comm Mtg. – 7 pm

Sun. 9/29 – Teen Mass & Dinner – 6 PM

Weds. 10/2 – PPC Mtg. – 7 PM

Sat. 10/6 – Blessing of the Pets

Mon. 10/7 – CPR Training – 6:30 – 9:30

Sun. 10/13 – An Evening w/ Frank Runyeon – 6:30

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Christopher Berlo, Penny Walsh, Juan Botta, Irene Kimball, Nancy Thomson, Ann P. Katilus, Joseph Pompeo, 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, Fr. Ed McLaughlin.

St. John's Choirs Bulletin Notice: Fall 2013

The Adult Choir sings at the 11:30 am Mass beginning Sept. 15. Rehearsals take place before Mass at 10:30 am. The Children's Choir's first rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 23 at 6 pm. The first Children's Choir Mass is Sunday, Sept. 29 at the 9:30 Mass. The first Teen Choir Mass is Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6 pm. We will rehearse before Mass at 5 pm. Please contact Paul Hoffman for information about our music program or if you are interested in joining a choir!

Our Shared Treasure

September 15, 2013

Offertory Collection: \$4675.50

Rectory Maintenance \$1311

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection – Sept 22 – Clergy Benefit Trust

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC DATES

2013

2014

September 28

January 25

October 26

February 22

November 30

March 29

December 28

April 26

May 31

June 28 ???

PLEASE SAVE

**PLEASE WELCOME
FR. STEPHEN LUSIBA**

Fr. Stephen has traveled from Uganda and will be visiting with us for the next six weeks. Please give him a warm welcome.

With all my gratitude, I wish to thank Bill Dowling for his awesome grill; the assistant grillers; John Tibbetts for his wonderful music; Brenda Armand for her artistic face painting; all the preparers, servers and all who setup and helped clean up after the picnic. It was a very successful event that was enjoyed by all.

Carmen

To Carmen from all of us.

Thank you for a very enjoyable, delicious, well-organized picnic. **YOUR ARE THE BEST!!!!**

#10 -- WOW



BLESSING OF THE PETS



Bring your pets to the church parking lot on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 PM where we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and a special blessing will be bestowed on your pets.



TEACHERS NEEDED

CLASSES START -- Tuesday, September 24.

Tues: Gr. 3, 4, & 5

Weds: Gr. 3 & 4 – 2= Gr 5's

Thurs: Gr. 3 & 6

Sat: 2, 5, 6

Sun: 2 = Gr. 9's, Gr. 10

Call Lorraine at 508-378-1521 if you can help



2013 Catholic TV Telethon

Friday and Saturday
September 27th and 28th
From 9 AM to 10 PM

Please tune in (Comcast Ch 268; Verizon Ch 296;
Charter Ch 101. Call and support this very
important work.

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO:

Expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has
not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation
and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small
group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus
on the teachings and experience of the Church and
prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the
Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the
process with your questions, your insights and your
faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact:

Steve Colburn at 508-378-4765 or Tom Phaneuf at
508-378-4580.

**COME TO THE RCIA OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, SEPT 22 FOLLOWING 11:30 MASS
IN THE CHURCH HALL**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's gospel often takes folks aback at Jesus' commentary on His own "parable of the dishonest steward". Jesus *seemingly* praises the worker for using "earthly" means to deal with his imminent dismissal from the employ of the rich man, even to the point of using (seemingly) unscrupulous means. I say, "seemingly" (twice, for emphasis) because one has to look beneath the surface to get at the "heart" of the parable and its meaning. Stewards, those (in Jesus' day) who were put in charge of large households of rich people, were known to take a "cut" of anything that came into the house (goods, money, property) for themselves. It was a way to augment their salary which often times wasn't that great; it was accepted policy for them to do this, and even their employers would turn a "blind eye" to this practice. The rich man in today's gospel is letting the steward go for squandering his property, thus losing money for him.

Jesus goes on to praise the steward for going to his master's debtors and cutting the invoice by twenty and fifty percent. In doing this, he was essentially taking out his "cut", giving all money back to his master. In doing this, the steward would win back esteem (and his job!) from his master. The steward's cunning comes in knowing how the world operates. He uses the tools of the world to further his career. Jesus uses this practice to teach His disciples how to live and act in the world. We must be aware of how the world operates, for we cannot "absent" ourselves from it. This is not to say that we should act in this way, but just be aware of it. We are always to live *in* the world, but not *of* the world. Our focus must always be the Kingdom, regardless of our physical placement in the world. Jesus reminds us that "no servant can serve two masters" (Lk 16:13); that servant will always have a divided heart. Our focus, in serving God, must be singular – on the Kingdom. We would do well, however, to know and be aware of how the world operates.

May we always "have our eyes on the prize", namely Eternal Life. May we always trust that God, our divine Master, is aware of our good works and will, one day, be ready to reward us in our goodness. May our faith sustain us, our purpose be sure and our fidelity be single-minded/hearted. May we, one day, see the Kingdom and hear those words from Almighty God: "well done, good and faithful servant, share in your Master's joy" (Mt 25:23)

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