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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**  
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**September 29, 2013**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

4:00 – Thomas Cosgrove – Memorial

**Sunday, September 29, 2013**

8:00 – Alexis Doucette – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

9:30 – Harold & Dorothea Barney – Memorial

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

**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

4:00 – Ida Nisby – Memorial

**Sunday, October 6, 2013**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Bronislaw Morawski – 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Important Dates**

Sun. 9/29 – Teen Mass & Dinner – 6 PM

Weds. 10/2 – PPC Mtg. – 7 PM

Sat. 10/5 – Blessing of the Pets

Sat./Sun. 10/5&6 – Tootsie Roll Drive

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, 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, Marie Cameron.*

**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!

**FRANK RUNYEON** coming October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Frank has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. More info to come!! But  
~SAVE THE DATE~

*Our Shared Treasure*

*September 22, 2013*

Offertory Collection: \$4854

Clergy Benefit Trust: \$1199

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**CPR INSTRUCTION**

**October 7, 2013**

- Learn adult, child, & infant CPR
- AED Automated External Defibrillator
- Registration is 6:30-6:50 class starts at 7 PM
- Cost is \$40.00 reg cost is \$60-\$100
- Class size is limited
- Call John Tibbetts at 508-326-9893 to sign up
- **CPR IS A GREAT THING TO KNOW!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

**October 4-6 following all the Masses**

**Proceeds used to provide financial assistance to any handicapped individual under 21 to purchase special equipment to improve life.**

**BLESSING OF THE PETS**



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

**Come pray the Rosary**  
**Join us for**  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**  
**Every Thursday after the 9 AM Mass**

To all the Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, Peace and Love. My name is Fr. Stephen Lusiba, a diocesan priest of Kiyinda-Mityana, Uganda. I was ordained on the 22nd of July, 2003. Currently I am the Pastor of Our Lady Source of Joy, Kasambya Parish, Uganda.

I am here to share the experience of the Church in Uganda with you. I would also love to learn more about the experience of the Church here in USA/St. John. I have known Fr. Paul L. Ring for the last five years. He has supported me so much in my mission back home in Uganda. May God reward him abundantly.

Apart from the daily pastoral work of the parish, we are trying our best to introduce education in our parish by building a secondary school in our Parish. The work began in 2008 and we now have over 400 students. We thank God for the achievements so far.

#### THE CHALLENGE:

All the above students walk a distance of 4 to 6 miles every day to school!!! Many of them arrive at school late and tired !!!

We would like to build a girls' dormitory first, in order to improve the education of these children.

So, in the few weeks I am here, I will be sharing with you more on that Challenge and I am appealing to your generosity. All the help you will give me for building a dormitory should go through our Parish, St. John. I am available here at the rectory. We can always share together a cup of coffee, lunch or dinner at your invitation. I look forward to getting to know you.

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#### RCIA Program

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.

St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry Staff would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to the parish for their generous donations of last weekend. All in all there were 140 bags donated and the staff was thrilled with the success of the drive.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**



#### My Dear Friends in Christ,

As I was reflecting on today's gospel, I couldn't help but think of "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens. Seriously. In "A Christmas Carol", Scrooge is visited by the Three Ghosts (Past, Present and Future); in today's gospel, the "rich man" featured in the parable presented by Jesus begs Abraham to call forth someone who has risen from the dead to visit his brothers so that their fate does not "mirror" his. This is where the stories "part company", for a bit. Abraham realizes that their minds won't be changed even if someone who has risen from the dead visits them. This is primarily because they (the brothers) have Moses and the prophets to "steer them in the right direction" - they shouldn't need someone to rise from the dead to "get it". We know, from the benefit of two thousand years of salvation history, that God did send someone risen from the dead (Jesus, in His post-resurrection encounters with the disciples) to help His followers "get it". Did they need this? Some did, some didn't. God realized, however, that something "big" had to happen for people to be convinced of Jesus' claim that He was the Son of God.

What does/did/will (depending on where we are on our journey of faith) it take for us to "get it"? Was reading the Old Testament, specifically the books of the prophets, enough for us? Was reading the New Testament, specifically the Gospels, enough for us? Were the resurrection (and post-resurrection) accounts enough for us? Are we *still* not convinced that God has a plan for us? Each one of us must answer these questions for ourselves, for our faith journeys are just that – ours. No one else can live them for us. We can be coerced to believe. We can be "forced" (to a degree) to believe. Eventually, however, if our faith is to be a true and lasting faith, we must come to believe *on our own*.

Lazarus was given a share in the Kingdom because God has a special place in His heart (the Church would call it a "preferential option") for the poor. We must have a similar place in our heart for the poor, including not only the physically poor, but the emotionally and spiritually poor (who may actually be more prevalent in our community). The "rich man" would have had a similar place in God's heart if he realized how gifted he was, and took the time to share those gifts. God has gifted us similarly. We would do well to take the time – before it is too late – to assess our own "giftedness", and share these gifts of "time, talent and treasure" with our community, our family in faith here at St. John's and the world.

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