
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 7, 2014

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 6, 2014

4:00 – Richard Venesky – 7th Anniversary

Sunday, Sept 7, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Rev. Thomas Flaherty – 13th Ann.

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, September 13, 2014

4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 22nd Anniversary

Lena Shepard – 12th Anniversary

Sunday, September 14, 2014

8:00 – Alice Fopiano – 25th Anniversary

10:39 – Ellen Cassidy – 5th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sat. 9/13 – EBBA Business Expo – 10 AM - 2 PM

Sun. 9/14 – Prayer Shawl Mgt. – 3 PM – Riddell Rd.

Sat & Sun 9/21 – St. V de Paul Food Collection

Sun 9/21 – Parish Picnic – following 10:30 Mass

Sun 9/21 – Catechetical Sunday, Ministry Fair, CORI forms available

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Gerald Ahl, Henry "Harry" Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver.

*A Prayer to St Peregrine
For Sick Relatives and Friends
(The Patron Saint of those who suffer from Cancer.)*

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder Worker" because Of the numerous miracles which you obtained from God For those who have turned to you in their need. For so many years you bore in your own flesh This cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being.

You turned to God when the power of human Could do no more, and you were favored with The vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

I know ask God to heal these sick persons Whom I entrust to you:

(Here mention their names)

Aided by your powerful intercession, I shall sing with Mary a hymn of gratitude to God for his great goodness and mercy.

Amen

*Our Shared Treasure
August 31, 2014*

Collection: \$ 4,780.00

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,759

Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = Short \$12,241

Thank you for your continued generosity.

*2nd Collection September 14, 2014 -Rectory
Maintenance*

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

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



A new school year is just around the corner. Summer goes by way too quickly!! Lunch box snacks and kid cereals would really be appreciated. White canned tuna is definitely a staple in our pantry. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support. We couldn't do this job without you!!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive will be September 20 & 21 at all Mass. Bags will be given out the weekend before.



**All children should be signed up for classes by now
The deadline for registering was August 31st.
You can still register either on-line in our website or in person in the Religious Education Office located in the basement of the church between the hours of 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM Tuesday – Thursday
However, there will be a small late fee.
Hurry before the class you need is filled.
Payments this year may be made in cash, check, credit or debit cards through one-time payments or on the installment plan.
RELIGIOUS ED. WILL BEGIN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.**



The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 21, 2014 after the 10:30 Mass Including a Ministry Fair, (for those who want to lend their time and talents for the parish), CORI forms available for all volunteers for 2015 for your convenience and the

Drawing for the Raffle

A GOOD WILL OFFERING OF BAKED GOODS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL!

Tickets for the picnic are being sold after each weekend Mass and on the day of the picnic. Cost is \$5.00 per person (everything included).

Raffle tickets flyers can be picked up at Mass. You can't win if you don't play!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

**ARE NEEDED FOR
THIS YEARS' RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES.
ALL GRADES AVAILABLE.**

PLEASE CONTACT:

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OR
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A special thank you to Anna Moore and Lee Ann Franzi for becoming our fifth cleaning crew. God truly provides when you ask.

The Catholic Women's Club will be starting this year on Sept 10th with a 12 o'clock Mass in the church, followed by a pizza lunch and meeting in the Chapel. Please meet by the statue of Mary on the rectory side at 11:45 for a brief prayer service while we place the original statue of Mary in a resting place. Anyone interested in joining us, are always welcome.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Like with a lot of things in life, forgiveness and reconciliation is a process – it doesn't just "happen". In today's gospel, the four-step process of reconciliation is as follows: one-on-one, going with a friend, calling in the church, treating them (the one who wronged you) like you would "a Gentile or tax collector" (an outsider with no standing in the community) (Mt 18:17). It seems as if Jesus is contradicting the idea of forgiving "seventy times seven times" (Mt 18:22, in the passage immediately following today's gospel). One has to look carefully at the passage to see that the two ideas (treating one like an outsider and forgiving unconditionally) are not contradictory.

There are some times when one has to "give it over to God" (a stock phrase of my mother's). In doing this, one is allowing God to work in the life of the person who has wronged us in a way that we cannot. Sin must be challenged when it is seen, but it must be done in the most effective way possible. This is the reasoning behind the "escalation" found in the process of forgiveness in today's gospel. One begins by allowing the person to repent/apologize without "going public". If this is unsuccessful, then one brings in a "third party" (one, it is assumed, who knows both parties) to provide objective counsel. If this does not work, you bring in the church (the competent authority which has the power to "bind" and "loose" (as referred to in Mt 18:18)). Finally, when these avenues have been exhausted, then one who has wronged is commended to God (so that the Almighty can work in the person's life).

It can be a challenging thing, to confront sin and to be confronted by one's own sin. It is a humbling experience both for the offending and aggrieved parties. If one is open to correction, and if one is bold enough to correct, then healing can take place. If not, the only remedy is to allow God to work in both party's lives. If this is done, then healing can still take place, in God's own time; at times such as this, only God's power can "do the job".

May we have the courage to both confront and be confronted by sin. May we know the healing power of God through forgiveness and reconciliation. May we feel this healing power by being conduits and receptacles of forgiveness. May we "let God be God" in our lives and in the lives of all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul