
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

September 9, 2012

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 8, 2012

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, September 9, 2012

8:00 – Robert Flood – 3rd Anniversary

11:30 – William Orr – Memorial

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

9:00 – Rev. Thomas Flaherty, OSB – 11th Ann.

Saturday, September 15, 2012

4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 20th Anniversary

Lena Shepard – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 16, 2012

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Thomas Cosgrove – Memorial

11:30 – Richard Kruger – 7th Anniversary

Important Dates

Sunday, 9/9 – 3 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting

Wednesday, 9/12 – Noon – Mass for Catholic Women’s Club

Wednesday, 9/12 – 7 PM – Increased Offertory Mtg.

Thursday, 9/13 – Grade 9 & 10 Teachers’ Mgt. – 7 PM

Sunday, 9/16 – 7 PM – Gr. 9 & 10 Parent/Student Mtg.

Wednesday, 9/19 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Teachers’ Mtg.

Thursday, 9/20 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Parent Mtg.

Sunday, 9/23 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM – Dinner to follow

Tuesday, 9/25 – Sun. 9/30 – CCD PROGRAM BEGINS

Sunday, 9/30 – Opening Mass for CCD Prog. – 9:30 AM – Coffee and Conversation to follow

Anyone interested in helping St. John’s with the **Increase-Giving-Program.** Please come to the meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 12th @ 7 PM in the Chapel**

Last Spring 40 parishioners attended a meeting to address the fiscal problems St. John’s is facing. We hope those same 40 parishioners and others will join us at this meeting to go forward.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE:

Sat. 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Teen Mass once a month at 6 p.m.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John & Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan, Albert Federico, Bill Neyman, Annette Moriarty, Judy Potts, Fedela Nuovo, Bill Monaghan.

Our Shared Treasure

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012

Weekly Offertory: \$5117

Catholic University Collection: \$661

Remember we need a **minimum** of **\$6000/wk** to run and maintain our parish.

As of July 1, parish deficit = \$7875.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection Sept 16 - Rectory Maintenance

The Increased Offertory Campaign:

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more about a new program taking place throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. The program, the Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 20%.

Currently our weekly collection is between \$4,000-5,000. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$6000.

Each week, this space in the St. John the Evangelist bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Increased Offertory Meeting: September 12th at 7:00 PM

Stewardship Link: Proverbs 3:9 *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your produce.”*

Electronic Giving

After careful consideration and research, Fr. Wally and the Finance Council have agreed to make a viable effort to provide our community with a new and better way to support our church. We hope that your family will also join this spiritual movement and offer your talents, time and treasure.

Please contact the parish office at 508-378-4207 to receive more information.



Summer Vacation

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer vacation. But remember that the church bills do not go on vacation. Please try to “make up” the weeks that you have be away when you return. Thanks!!

CCD Registration for September 2012

We emailed the registration forms to all families whose children are currently enrolled in our CCD program. Registrations are now taking place. Please mail your registration forms back to us or you can come to the CCD office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. We are offering a payment plan to anyone who needs help. Classes will begin the end of September. If you would like to volunteer to help us – call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 or email repstjohn@verizon.net

Teachers and Aides needed for CCD Classes for 2012/2013

We are in need of Teachers and Aides for the all grades and all days. We have classes for grades 1-5 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4:30-5:30.

Grade 6 meets at 6:00-7:00 on Wednesdays and grades 7 & 8 meet on Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 and Thursday from 6:00-7:00. We have grades 1-6 on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00. The Confirmation program grade 9 meets at 5:30-6:30 on Sunday and grade 10 meets at 7:00-8:00.

We cannot run our program without the help of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish. We will train you and give you all the materials you will need. Classes begin the last week of September! If you would like to teach or help out in any way, please call Lorraine or Nancy at 508-378-1521 or reply to this email.

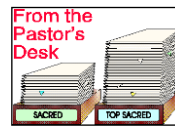
Thank you and God Bless you,
Lorraine Hopgood

Mass Cards – traditionally Mass Cards have been purchased to remember our beloved dead at a wake. Now, Mass Cards are available for the intentions of the living and would be suitable to give to someone on their birthday, anniversary, or when someone is ill.

Catholic Women's Club

The opening Roll Call Luncheon of the Catholic Women's Club will be Wed., Sept. 12. We will meet in the Hall at the Church right after the 12:00 – Noon Mass. All are invited to come. The CWC will be having their meetings at 1 p.m. on the second Weds. of the month at Riddell Road Hall. We have a wonderful agenda set up for the coming year and welcome new members!

Prayer Shawl Meeting – will resume 3 p.m. September 9th at Riddell Meeting Place. Any questions, please call Mary Ann at 508-378-4704 or Rose at 508-583-5045



Dear Friends

The summer is over and we will celebrate the ending of summer at the annual parish picnic today/Sunday. I want to thank Carmen Pearson and her committee for, once again, taking on this big task so that we can all come together and enjoy some good food, fun activities and each other's company. Next week there will be a more complete thank you in the bulletin.

The parents of CCD age children are urged to please register their children for Religious Education classes as soon as possible. With over 700 children, it is no easy task to place these children in a class that has open seats and in one that is convenient for parents. Remember, all of our CCD Teachers are volunteers and the space for instruction is very small, therefore, class size is limited to 10 students.

On Feb. 2, 1962, or 50 years ago, Father Donald Skerry was ordained a priest and became a member of the Society of the Divine Word. The society is a missionary society, not only in this country, but all over the world. In fact, they have a seminary in Ghana. Locally they serve the community at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, as well as, in many parishes. For the past 18 years, Fr. Don has served you each weekend by celebrating Mass and preaching an inspiring sermon. He often is here for daily Mass, as well. Without doubt, we are all better Catholics because of Fr. Don's ministry among us. St. John's will celebrate this important milestone in his life and in the life of our parish on Saturday Sept. 22 at the 4:00 Mass. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall where everyone will get a chance to personally congratulate and thank Fr. Don for his many years of service here in East Bridgewater.

*God Bless,
Fr. Wally*

RCIA

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 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 every Monday evening at 7:30 beginning in the Fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

MINISTRY FAIR - we hope that you will offer your time and talent to one of the following Ministries: Parish Council, Fund Raising, Social, Hospitality, Liturgical, Pro Life, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Family Life, CYO, Building/Grounds, or Religious Ed.