
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

April 6, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, April 5, 2014

4:00 – Daniel Glover -- Memorial

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 – Paul Buechs – 3rd Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Cliff & Doris Briggs – Memorial

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

9:00 – Dorothy Walsh -- Memorial

Saturday, April 12, 2014

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, April 13, 2014

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Parishioners of St. John

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Weds 4/9 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8 PM

Thurs. 4/10 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7 PM

Fri. 4/11 – Confirmation Rehearsal _ 7 PM

Sat. 4/12 First Reconciliation/Retreat – 10 AM

Sun. 4/13 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM

Lenten Schedule

The Light is on for You –
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesdays throughout Lent from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Divine Mercy Hours – an hour of adoration and
Divine Mercy Chaplet – April 11th – 7-8 PM

Holy Week

Holy Thursday– 7PM -- Mass of the Lord’s
Supper –

Good Friday – The Seven Last Words – 3 PM
The Solemn Celebration of the
Passion of our Lord – 7 PM

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday – Masses at 8, 9:30 & 11:30

Easter Sunday is Clergy Sunday. Please honor and
celebrate our priests by being as generous as you can
to ensure the highest quality of care for those who
have dedicated their lives in service to us.

Our Shared Treasure

March 30, 2014

\$4409.50

Grand Annual: \$26,534

Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00

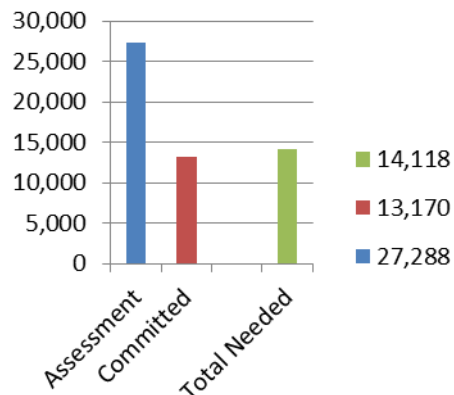
Deficit this week: \$1472.50

Offertory deficit to date: - \$16,675 and growing

Catholic Appeal: \$13,170

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie
Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Michael
MacDonald, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark
DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey
Riberio, Toni McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill
Maloney, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane
Thompson, John Gomes, Frank McCarthy, Jon
Olson, Pat Sweet, Bob Solakoff, Bill Clements,
Elaine Salvucci, Penny Walsh, Rita Orr, Nancy
Porter.*



Join the St John’s Peer Minister’s at

Bridgewater Ice Arena

Saturday, April 12th from 4 – 6 PM

Admission: \$5.00

Skate Rental: \$3.00

Family 5 pack \$30*

**Family 5 pack includes: adults and children from the same
family for admission & skate rental.*

All ages welcome, bring lots of friends. The rink is
reserved just for this event.
Tickets may be purchased ahead of time at the CCD office,
from any Peer Minister or at the door that night. Any
questions, call 508-378-1521

St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our food pantry will be providing forty families with an Easter dinner this year. We are grateful for your generosity which has enabled us to offer this dinner for a second year! We are now able to put together three holiday meals each year; Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Thank you again for your kindness. Please know that our St. Vincent de Paul pantry works because of your food and cash donations. We are truly blessed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John's Parish will award **four \$250** scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz.—Students must be attending a four-year college. Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than **April 28, 2014**

Shawls and Afghans were recently given to the Sachem Nursing Home, Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton VA Hospital, and Lifecare in W. Bridgewater. Several items were also given to the homebound.

We are in need of yarn donations.

The next meeting will be April 13th at the Riddell Road Community Center at 3 o'clock. New members are welcome to join us. Any questions, call MaryAnn at 378-4704.

Miramar Retreat Center's "Miles for Miramar" Campaign

You can receive health and spiritual benefits when you support Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury's **Sixth Annual Miles for Miramar** campaign from **April 1 through June 30**. Walkers, cyclists, joggers, and swimmers can pledge miles and donate to support Miramar. Everyone can support these "athletes" by making a donation for their efforts. \$2.00 per mile is suggested. The priests and brothers are already warming up. Contact Ann at Miramar Retreat Center: 781-585-2460 or on-line at www.miramarretreat.org to pledge miles or make your donation. Visa and Master Card accepted.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old spiritual titled "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Could you imagine being a friend of Jesus? I'm not talking about a disciple, apostle or follower of Jesus – we're all called to be that. I'm talking about a friend – some with whom you "hang out", have over to dinner, someone with whom you play golf or tennis. This is the type of relationship which Martha, Mary and Lazarus had with Jesus. Think back to the gospel passage (Lk 10:38-42) where Martha was busy preparing to host Jesus and Mary just sat there (or seemed to, to the untrained eye), ending with Martha being told that Mary had taken the "better part, and it shall not be taken from her" (Lk 10:42). This was a moment when Jesus showed He was a *friend* of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Their friendship was evidenced by the honesty of their words, something friends aren't afraid to do.

The story of the "raising of Lazarus" is one of friendship, both human and spiritual. Jesus gets word that Lazarus is ill. One would think that Jesus, a friend of the trio, would rush right over (or perhaps send one of His disciples in His name). Yet Jesus waits for two days before departing from where He was. This may seem strange, but Jesus assures those around Him that "this illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God..." (Jn 11:4). Jesus has already formulated a plan in His mind; He knows exactly what He is going to do, for He knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows He has power over life and death, so He knows that even if Lazarus experiences an earthly death that this particular episode will not end in death.

There is another reality at work here as well. Jesus knows that He has power over life and death because, as He proclaims to Martha, He is "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25). It is in this "vein" that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus isn't concerned about the crowds and their wailing; He isn't concerned about the stench emanating from the tomb; He isn't even concerned about Lazarus being dead. Jesus knows who He is; what He is about and what He is doing at all times. This is a powerful lesson for us. While we don't have power over life and death, we have power (in the form of "free will") to decide how we are to live in this life, and thus how we are to spend Eternal Life. God wants us to be with Him in the Kingdom, sharing Eternal Life, but the choice is ours. We choose God by how we choose to live our lives, either in union with God or with the world. Whatever choices we make, the choice is ours. Let us choose wisely and well, so that we may spend Eternal Life in the Kingdom with God and all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Lent,
Fr. Paul