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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Important Dates

- Sat. 4/26 - Confirmations at 10 AM & 1 PM
- Sat. 4/26 - BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - after the 4:00
- Sun. 4/27 - Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3 PM
- Wed. 4/30 - Fin Comm. Mtg. - 7 PM
- Wed. 5/7 - Rehearsal for 9:00 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - 6 PM
- Wed. 5/7 - PPC & Fin Comm Meeting - 7 PM
- Thurs. 5/8 - Rehearsal for Noon 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - 6PM
- Sat. 5/10 - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - 9:00 AM & Noon
- Thurs. 5/15 - Rehearsal for 9:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
- Sat. 5/17 - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - 9:00 AM

***Please keep the following in your prayers:***

*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie  
 Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci,  
 MacDonald Family, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad,  
 Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day,  
 Audrey Ribero, 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, Dawn Bono,  
 David LaRosa, Bob Small, Bill Monaghan.  
 The residents of Sachem & Westview.*

*Please welcome into our parish the following children who were baptized this month.*

*Layla May Schweitzer  
 Kaidence Marie Faella  
 Kendall Alexandra Murphy  
 Austin Robert Cooper  
 James Richard Maher*

**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.

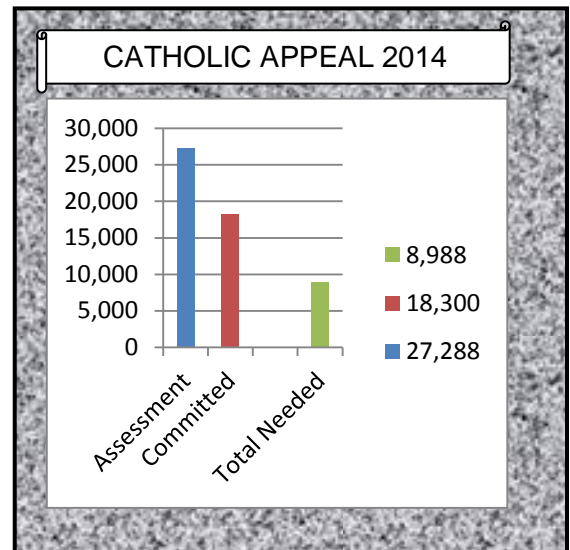
*Our Shared Treasure  
 April 13, 2014  
 Total not available at printing  
 April 6, 2014  
 \$6667  
 Grand Annual: \$26,859  
 Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00  
 Catholic Appeal: \$18,300*

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

*Collection - April 20, 2014 - Clergy Trust*

**The Easter collection is for our 638 active and senior priests who have dedicated their lives in faithful service to God and His Church. Remember priests such as Fr. Paul and Fr. Don who have made a meaningful difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here is the Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.**

Visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org) for more information.



**St John's Divine Mercy Chaplet  
 Every Thursday following the 9:00 daily Mass  
 in the Chapel.**

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass.

**Great News – Ground has been broken for Fr. Luciba’s Dormitory for the girls in his school. On this great day of celebration, let us take a minute to consider how much we have and how thankful the students at St. Benedict’s in Africa are for our help with this project. God is smiling.**



**A special wish from the staff of St. John's for you and your family for a joyous and wonderful Easter!**

A special thank you to two very generous parishioners who donated yarn for the Shawl Ministry and beads for the Rosary Makers and a beautiful cross.

Thank you Mary Warmington & Ann Owen



My Dear Friends in Christ,

He is risen! Alleluia! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Today's solemnity brings about a joy that no power can attain, no money can buy. Today, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, true to His Word, has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life. What a glorious day this is for all God's people.

I can remember growing up that Easter had a different "feel" than the other holidays/holy days. Family gatherings were a part of each of these times (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), and going to Mass was part of many of them (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), but Easter stood out for me. Perhaps it was when I came to the realization of what the day was about. Christmas was (and still is) a beautiful time of year, but often times the "commercialization" gets the better of even the best of intentions; I can't recall any "commercialization" ever being associated with Easter. The other thing about Easter which brings it to the "top of the list" for me is the gift of resurrection.

Don't get me wrong – I'm eternally grateful that God thought enough of us to give His Son for us. Easter, however, is when one like us in all things (save for sin) gave His life for the world, so as to rise from the dead and win for us Eternal Life. Scripture tells us that "no greater love hath one, then to lay down their life for a friend" (Jn 15:13). This is what Jesus does for us in the Easter miracle – He lays down His life so that He might pick it up again, winning for us new life.

Easter comes at a time of new birth. In springtime, we see new life come into the world. How appropriate that our Easter celebration comes at this time. May this day (and season) be for us a time of "new birth." Let us look for opportunities to foster growth and revitalization in our parish and community. If you're joining us again for another week of worship, welcome back; you're the reason for our loving community! If you've been away from "the family" for a while, welcome home! May you find in St. John the Evangelist Parish a home where you can put down "roots", planting yourself in the garden of God's loving care. In any event, no matter where you are on your "journey of faith", may you find in St. John's a place where you can grow, flourish and "bear great fruit" for the sake of God's Kingdom and His Holy People!

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul