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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**April 10, 2011  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, April 9**

4:00 – John Colbert – 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, April 10**

8:00 – Kendra Frabetti – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

9:30 -- Susan Quill – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

11:30 – Mass for the People

**Saturday, April 16**

4:00 – Mass for the People

**Sunday, April 17**

8:00 – Peter Meuse – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
Jessie DiLando**

**Important Dates**

Sun. 4/10 – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – 12:30

**Wed. 4/13 – Alternate Virtus Training – 6 pm**

Sun. 4/17 – Teen Mass – 6 pm

Sun. 4/17-Sun. 4/24 – HOLY WEEK

Wed/Thurs. 4/27 & 28 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7 pm

Fri. 4/29 – Confirmation – 6:30 pm.

Sat. 4/30 – Confirmation – 10:30 am.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday – 4/16 4:00 Mass**

**4/17 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 Mass**

**Teen Mass at 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday – 4/20 6:30 Mass & Confessions until 8 pm**

**Holy Thursday – 4/21 7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper**

**Good Friday – 4/22 3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm – The Lord’s Passion**

**Saturday – 4/23 Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday – 4/24 Masses – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am**

This year we have three RCIA candidates who will be entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please keep these people in your prayers as they make this commitment of faith—**John Pumphery, Lisa Statkiewicz, and Franceska Wahlberg.**

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB, PAST & PRESENT. PLEASE BRING IN ANY PCITURES, STORIES, RECIPES OR TIDBITS TO OUR NEXT MEETING—APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM AT RIDDELL RD HALL. HOPE TO HAVE THE ALBUM READY FOR THE JUNE BANQUET. THANKS, MARY ANN

***Our Shared Treasure***

**April 3rd Collection: \$6,260**

**Grand Annual: \$41,935**

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

*Second collection April 17 for Church Maintenance*

***Religious Education News***

**CCD Registration for September 2011**

- An email with the registration form was mailed this past week to all families whose children are currently enrolled in our CCD program.
- Registrations are now taking place. If you did not receive an email the forms are also available in the CCD office which is open on Monday and Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00
- Please mail your registration forms back to us or you can come to the CCD office. Please do not go to the Rectory because the CCD office is located in the basement of the church.

The upcoming Easter collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously to support the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**300 CLUB**

**DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE 300 CLUB FOR THIS YEAR. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USHER’S TABLES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.**

**Catholics Come Home** – We’ve heard the story of Lazarus a million times and know some of this story by heart. “*And Jesus wept.*” “*See how he loved him.*” “*Untie him and let him go.*” This is a story of friendship, love, emotion, and miracles. During the week take a few minutes to re-read this beautiful Gospel passage (John 11:1-45 [www.usccb.org/nab/04011.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/nab/04011.shtml))

Think of the people you love who are not with us each week. What word or phrase jumps out at you? How can you bring Jesus’ promise of eternal life to them? Why re-invent the wheel? Perhaps the simplest and best words are those of Martha to her sister Mary: “The Teacher is here and is asking for you. [www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org)

**The Alternate Virtus Training for those who could not make the last training is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/13 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Fr. Moses Akebule, Joan Hoffman, Bob Small, Maureen Ronan, Diane Naughton, Samantha Desmarais, Tim Ayers, William F. Borden, Ryan Cuffe, Priscilla Sullivan, Frances D'Arcangelo, Kristina D'Arcangelo, John D'Arcangelo, Charlene D'Arcangelo, Gianna & Joe Cuccarello, Donna Dvorak, Peg LaFleur, Chip Langer, George Corr, Mary & Louis O'Donnell, Arlene Belliveau, Pam & Vince Adornato, Dorothy Howe, Margaret Rogerson, Nancy O'Connor, Brendan Hanrahan and Bob & Janet Johnson.*

If you know someone who is in need for healing, physical, emotional, spiritual, marital and/or family prayers, please contact Debbie at the Rectory at 508-378-4207.

### ST JOHN SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John Parish will award four \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applicants should be confirmed members of the parish who regularly worship with us and are involved in the life of the parish. A committee will screen the applications and schedule an interview with each applicant. Applications are available at the rectory and need to be submitted by May 1, 2011.

### Catholic Appeal

St. John has raised \$8,685 from 56 households for the 2011 Catholic Appeal, reaching 42.4% of our parish goal of \$20,500. We are pleased that we have 4 new contributors this week. Thank you. We ask every Catholic family to participate—every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

### Easter Egg Hunt

**The Family Life Committee will be sponsoring a special Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday. It will be outside the backyard of the church—weather permitting.**

**There will be a special area just for the younger children who are 5 or younger.**



Easter Flower Offerings should be in no later than Palm Sunday for the bulletin insert to be prepared in time for Easter. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dear Friends,

It is hard to imagine that Holy Week begins on Saturday April 16 or one week from Saturday. Our Lenten journey has gone quickly and it will quickly come to an end. But before it ends let me offer a little spiritual advice. First, put the Holy Week services, that is, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in your calendar and in your family's calendar. The services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday are at 7:00 pm and on Holy Saturday the service is at 7:30. Do your best to make sure that you celebrate the great events of our salvation as a family. On Easter Sunday we will have the regular schedule of Masses which is: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30. Following the 9:30 Mass, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children. Second, try to come to either the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the daily Mass at least once before Easter. The Chaplet is celebrated on Monday at 6:00 pm and daily Mass is celebrated on Wednesday thru Friday at 6:30 PM. Thirdly, try to come to the Sacrament of Penance before Easter. At St. John's, the sacrament is celebrated on Wednesday evening from 7:00-7:30 or on Saturday from 3:00-3:30. (The sacrament will not be celebrated on Holy Saturday.)

My last bit of Lenten advice is to try to take some alone time to realize how blessed you are and how much God truly loves you.

Finally, I will begin my eighth year among you in a few months. By this time I know that I can sound like a broken record, but, I would once again ask you to join the 300 club. The cost is \$5 per month or 15 cents per day. There are very few people in this parish who can't afford 15 cents per day. Presently, we have about 120 members in the 300 club. If we had 300 members, the parish would realize about \$20,000 in profit. It is such a painless and inexpensive way to help out your parish. If you are not a member, simply cut out the form in today's bulletin and return it to the parish office. You can do so by mail, in the Sunday collection or in person. Consider it an Easter gift to your parish.

God Bless,  
Fr. Wally

### 300 CLUB RAFFLE

If you would like to become a member in the 2011-2012 300 Club, just tear out this form and submit your application. First drawing will be March 27<sup>th</sup>.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

\$60 ( ) 2 PMTS OF \$30 ( ) 4 PMTS OF \$15 ( )