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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**July 24, 2011**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 23, 2011**

**4:00 – Mass for the People**

**Sunday, July 24, 2011**

**8:00 - Joseph A. Rodricks – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**10:00 – Betty “Forgeron” Russo – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Wednesday, July 27, 2001**

**9:00 – Rev. Charles Murphy – Memorial**

**Friday, July 29, 2011**

**9:00 – Louis Pircio & Loretta Young – Memorial**

**Saturday, July 30, 2011**

**4:00 – Cecelia Harrigan – 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday, July 31, 2011**

**8:00 – Jack Curley – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**10:00 – Parishioners of St. John**

*Banns of Marriage*

*II—Brandon Denneen & Danielle McBean*

**Important Dates**

**Mon. 7/25 – 7/29 -- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Sat. 7/30 - Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 to 2**

***Our Shared Treasure***

***July 17, 2011***

***Collection - \$4839***

If you know someone who is in need of healing, physical, emotional, spiritual, marital and/or family prayers and have given you permission to place their name in the prayer list, please contact Debbie at the Rectory at 378-4207.

\*If you placed someone on the prayer list and they no longer need our prayers, please let us know and we will remove their name.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*Joan Hoffman, Bob Small, Maureen Ronan, Diane Naughton, Tim Ayers, William F. Borden, Frances D’Arcangelo, Kristina D’Arcangelo, John D’Arcangelo, Charlene D’Arcangelo, Gianna & Joe Cuccarello, Donna Dvorak, Chip Langer, George Corr, Mary & Louis O’Donnell, Pam & Vince Adornato, Dorothy Howe, Margaret Rogerson, Nancy O’Connor, Brendan Handrahan, Janet Johnson, Mark O’Reilly, Christina Wedge, Brooke DiBon, John Vass, Jane & Michael Sheehan, Anthony Lambiase, Sam Asci, Wayne & Louise Goodwin, Nelson Powers, Lana Thomas, Don Kitchell. Betty & Bill DiPietro, John McHugh*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** -- We meet at the Riddell Road Community Building the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 3 pm. Always looking for new people to join us. Any questions, call MaryAnn Boyle at 508-378-4704 or Rose Penney at 508-583-5045

**Back to School Giving Tree**

Our "Back to School Giving Tree" is up. Would you please take a tag and purchase a gift card from the store indicated on the tag. Please bring the gift cards and place them in the basket in front of the altar next week so we can get them to the families in time for shopping while the sales last.

Remember to write the \$ amount on the card. Thank you!

If you know a family that needs our help for "back to school" expenses, please call Lorraine @ 508-378-1521.

**CCD News**

**CCD registrations are due now! The deadline for registering is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Many classes are already full.** The CCD office is open Mon - Fri from 9:00 to 4:30. If you are unable to pay the full amount, we do offer payment plans. Please call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 for more information.

**We are in need of teachers for all grade levels and all days.** Please consider sharing your faith with our children. We will train, supply materials, and help anyone who feels they need some help preparing for the classes.

We have a brand new and exciting program for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> classes that we know that the kids and teachers will love! A special training and presentation by the publisher will be held on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Anyone interested please come.

Classes will begin the end of September.

## **Food Pantry**

We hope you are all enjoying this beautiful summer weather! When you are shopping, these are a few items the pantry can use: baked beans, green beans, jelly, canned fruit, brownie mix, sweet relish and crackers. Paper goods (towels, tissues, T.P.) and cash donations are always welcome too! Thank you for your support.

## **Catholic Singles**

If you are a Catholic man or woman, single, widowed, or divorced, over the age of forty and would like to meet new people who share your values, please join Connected Catholics of the South Shore. Our annual membership drive meeting is to be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011. The place is Holy Family School Hall, 6 Del Prete Ave, Rockland. It will begin at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Todd Newton to be the keynote speaker.

## **Adult Confirmation Class to be Held in the Fall!**

Starting in October, St. John's will offer adult Confirmation classes for those Catholics who have been baptized and have received their First Communion and for whatever reason did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will be presented in 6 sessions over three weeks on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Participants of this program should be committed to attending all the classes, as well as, a willingness to attend Mass as often as possible.

## **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.

## *A Message from Fr. Kani*

Dear Friends,

**I greet you all with an Indian word –  
*Namashkhar (I salute the divine within you)***

**Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress and serving one another is blessing. Since a month has gone by after I left India, here I am with a grateful heart to God, for the warmth experienced from our Pastor Wally and the parish community.**

**Christianity is India's third-largest religion, constituting 2.35% of India's population, and the activities of the Church is still alive and vibrant in most parts of the country and there is much left to be organized. Now I have taken a short break outside of my parish community to serve you here for my personal renewal and update.**

**The idea of change inspires and excites me and here at St. John's it is more tangible with the parish volunteers and office staff under the able leadership of our Captain Fr. Wally. His words of brotherly affection and timely instruction have made me to be an effective minister of God's Word. I greatly admire the generosity of the faithful, particularly the voluntary services for the well being of the Church especially the stewards of the Vincent de Paul Society.**

**The senior citizens who piously participate in the liturgical services are the signs of God's blessings to the Church and to the families. The affective nature and the appreciative words of everyone has touched me deeply and dearly.**

**As I hold you all in my prayers, wish that my service to the parish community be a sign of blessing to everyone. As Nancy Smith and her committee have been preparing tirelessly for the forth coming event of Vacation Bible School which is July 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, I wish them, best of luck and God's blessings.**

**Thanks & God Bless,  
Fr. Kani**

## **300 Club Winners**

**Kay Evans, Leonard Sheppard  
Dot Tully, William McMahon**