
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

July 31, 2011

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 30, 2011

4:00 – Cecelia Harrigan – 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, July 31, 2011

8:00 – Jack Curley – 1st Anniversary

10:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Friday, August 5, 2011

9:00 -- Fredrick & Ann McGrath – Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 6, 2011

4:00 -- Jeanette Lavoie – 6th Anniversary

Sunday, August 7, 2011

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:00 -- Ann Contrada, Eric Fishbaugh, & Patrick Connolly – Memorial Mass

Banns of Marriage

III—Brandon Denneen & Danielle McBean

Important Dates

8/3 – RCIA Meeting in the Rectory

8/7-8/11 – Leadership Retreat in Craigville

8/15 – Holy Day of Obligation -- 9:00 am & 7:00 pm.

Mass - The Assumption of the Blessed Mother (India's Independence Day)

8/18 – Important Fundraising Meeting—7 pm.

8/27 – Reception for Dorrie and Rollie

-CCD News

CCD registrations are due now! The deadline for registering is August 1st. 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 6th, 7th & 8th 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 7th at 7:00pm. Anyone interested please come.

Classes will begin the end of September!

Our Shared Treasure

July 24, 2011

Collection - \$4227--Second Collection: \$842

*****Second Collection – August 7th – Catholic Relief*****

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

**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.*

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 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.

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.

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 Special Thank You.

To Ann Foley who has been a member of the Church Cleaners for the past five years. With the passing of Ann's cleaning partner, Charlene Voci, Ann has decided to retire. We thank her for her dedicated service and hope that we will have some members of the parish who will volunteer to take her place. Ideally, a team of three is needed, but teams of two work, as well. Please call the Rectory if you are interested. Ann, we wish you the best!

Catholics Come Home

Today is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary time but July 31 is also the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatius encourages us to 'find God in all things'. He also invites us to use all of our senses when we read Scripture. Seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling can help us enter into the Gospel more fully. Consider today's Gospel. If you were among the 5,000 who followed Jesus on foot, what would see? How would the grass feel under your tired feet? Who would you want with you to hear this Man, Jesus? Who do you want with you here, each week? Pray for the right words to invite someone home to the Church.

A **COUNTER** IS NEEDED FOR EVERY SIXTH SUNDAY TO COUNT THE COLLECTIONS OF THE MASSES. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP OUT!!!!



Dear Friends,

This past week "Panda Mania" invaded St. John's. This was the theme for the annual Vacation Bible School. Actually, the complete title is "PandaMania-Where God is Wild About You." 119 children had a great time, thanks in great part to the 60 teens and 15 adults that made it happen. I want to thank in a very special way, Nancy Smith, who once again, chaired this huge undertaking. Also, I want to thank several of the adults who assisted Nancy: Karen Connell, Jennifer Connolly, Meredith Lincoln, Kathleen Roper, Jennifer Lonergan, Marijo Martin, Michelle Spriggs, Christine Cadigan, and Nicole Vickery. There are many others, too numerous to list who also were a great help and without their assistance this week would not be possible. This is an event that our children will never forget and one that they so richly deserve for God is "wild about them!"

God Bless,
Fr. Wally

Limited openings are currently available at **Sacred Heart Elementary School**, grades 1 – 6, and at our Early Childhood Center, offering morning Preschool, full-day Pre-Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten. Accredited by the New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges, our programs offer low student/teacher ratios, a challenging academic curriculum, and a safe, values-based Catholic school environment that enables students to develop and strengthen their faith. Call the Early Childhood Center at 781-585-2290 or the Elementary School at 781-585-2114 for more information or to arrange a tour. Space is also available in grades 7-12. Please call **Sacred Heart High School** at 781-585-7511.

St. Joseph Manor Volunteers

Here at St. Joseph Manor we have a very special group of volunteers, from age 10 to age 80+. We are always looking for talented individuals who want to share their gifts with others. Volunteer opportunities include: activities, pastoral care, adult day health and companions for our residents when they visit off-site appointments. If you are interested in discovering the many rewards of volunteerism, please contact Diana Caperello, Director of Recreational Activities. At 508-583-3028.