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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**August 7, 2011  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 6, 2011**

**4:00 - Jeanette Lavoie – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday, August 7, 2011**

**8:00 – Parishioners of St. John**

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

**Friday, August 12, 2011**

**9:00 – Ellen & Elmo Boari – Memorial Mass**

**Saturday, August 13, 2011**

**4:00 – Parishioners of St. John**

**Sunday, August 14, 2011**

**8:00 – Anna Biagi – 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Important Dates**

**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 Rolly Bessette**

**CCD News**

**CCD registrations are due now! The deadline for registering was 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!

**Our Shared Treasure**

**July 31, 2011**

**Collection - \$4728**

*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:*

*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 Ascii, 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**

Thank you to all who took a tag from our tree. The tags are almost gone. 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.

### Help Needed



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

We need a few more people to help clean the church. Ideally, a team of three is needed, but teams of two work, as well. Please call the Rectory if you are interested.

### *A message from the Bessettes:*

Dear Friends,

As the final weeks of summer wind down and a new school year will soon be underway, the reality of how many commitments both professionally and personally must be met, we have decided that we must cut back. This has been a very difficult decision but on August 27<sup>th</sup> we will be singing our last Mass at St. John's.

As you may or may not know Rolly is a full time teacher at Southeastern Regional High School and I am the Music director at Cardinal Spellman High School. In addition to that we have the full care of my 93 year old mom who lives with us and requires daily

care. Add to those part time babysitting responsibilities for our 2 grandchildren and we found ourselves working 7 days a week and at least 4 nights a week! Although I hate to admit it, we are no spring chickens and the schedule is starting to take its toll.

These past 6 years at St. John's have been filled with so many blessings. Every week we have had the opportunity to share our ministry with you. The people of St. John's have been so warm and welcoming, thank you. We would also like to thank the staff, Debbie Conrad, Lorraine Hopgood, Nancy Smith, Doris Thompson and Liz Healey for all their work behind the scenes. Finally there are two men to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude; Paul Hoffman has been an amazing friend and mentor. He has taught us so much about Liturgy and continues to impress us with his amazing gift of music and leadership. Finally to the man who has made these last 6 years possible, Fr. Wally. Fr. Wally has been the most loyal and supportive "boss" we have ever had. His kindness to my family especially my aging mother has been exemplary. He trusted us in our music decisions and gave us freedom to do what we do. That was the highest compliment he could pay us. When we told him our lives were spinning out of control he respected our decision and although disappointed, showed us his support with a big hug. We know that we will remain friends and we will be there whenever he needs us. We will miss you all but I am sure we'll see you again.

Peace and Love

The Bessette's

### Leadership Retreat

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Retreat in Craigville will be this coming week. Please pray that our teens and adults will have a terrific time and come back renewed and ready to serve our parish as peer ministers. The juniors are: Shaelyn Casey, Kassidy Dias, Julia Hagman, Nicolette Harris, Rachel Hatch, Bridget Irving, Cassie Laslie, Hannah Lipinski, Tayla Monturio, Chloe Pantano, Sarina Pendelton, James Andrea, Matt Crowley, Pat McKenna, David Petti, Tanner Picklus and Robert Simpson. The seniors are: Kelly Guilfoyle Jenny Scudder, Jeanine Simpson, Paige Hussey, Melissa Walsh, Erin Benvie, Nicole Drenzo, Ryan Mercier, Pat Hachey, Cody Merola and Mitch Andrea. Our adult leaders and speakers are: Joe Hopgood, Mike Coles, Maggie Wigley, Dan LeBlanc, Jon Hachey, Nancy Smith, Rich Ferioli, Lorraine Hopgood, Fr. Wally, John Falvey, Rose Talabach and Debbie Dunn. Fr. Kani will be coming to say Mass and help with our penance service. Please pray for good weather!!!!!!