
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**August 14, 2011
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, August 13, 2011

4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, August 14, 2011

8:00 – Anna Biagi – 16th Anniversary

Friday, August 19, 2011

9:00 – Donna McGrath – 9th Anniversary

Saturday, August 20, 2011

4:00 – John & Marguerite Flaherty –
Memorial

Sunday, August 21, 2011

8:00 -- Kay Grazado – 7th Anniversary
Albert Ialongo – 57th Anniversary
10:00 – Mass for the People of St John’s

Important Dates

**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

9/7 – CCD Grades 6, 7, & 8 Trainings @ 7 pm.

CCD News

CCD registrations are due now! The deadline for registering was 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

Aug 7, 2011

Collection - \$5085

Second Collection – Catholic Relief-\$956

*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, Bill Browne, Russell L. Clifford Jr. & Ruth Russell, Jack, Sheila and Joseph McElhiney.*

**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.

Music News We are pleased to announce that Erica Wasil has accepted the position of Music Minister for the Saturday, 4 pm Liturgy. Erica comes to us from Braintree, where she has been an active member of the Folk Group at St. Francis of Assisi. Erica has also worked at St. Clare Parish, Braintree and St. Nicholas of Myra, North Dighton as cantor and pianist. Erica received her Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Southern Maine, with a concentration in vocal performance.

Erica sings with the Braintree Choral Society in her spare time, and has been a soloist with that ensemble. This past winter Erica and her mother, Suzanne, joined our adult choir. We look forward to Erica contributing her talents to our worshipping community. Please be sure to welcome her when you see her!



Dear Friends

The Senior and Junior Retreats went very well this past week. We are so blessed to have such wonderful young people in our parish. They are a tribute to their parents and to our community of St John's. We look forward to the contribution they will add through their ministries as peer leaders. Many of them were volunteers at this year's Vacation Bible School which was a huge success and was noted as such in this week's issue (August 5th) of the Pilot. Anyone interested in reading the article can take a copy after Mass this weekend or go to www.thebostonpilot.com. Sincere congratulations to Lorraine Hopgood and Nancy Smith for directing such wonderful programs.

Independence Day of India is celebrated on 15, August (8/15/47) to commemorate its independence from British rule and its birth as a sovereign nation in 1947. The day is a national holiday in India. All over the country flag-hoisting ceremonies are conducted by the local administration in attendance.

The main event takes place in New Delhi, the capital city of India, where the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort and delivers a nationally televised speech from its ramparts. In his speech, he highlights the achievements of his government during the past year, raises important issues and gives a call for further development. The Prime Minister also pays his tribute to leaders of the freedom struggle.

India has been a meeting ground between the East and the West. Throughout its history many invaders have come to India but Indian religions allowed it to adapt to and absorb all of them. All the while, these local dynasties built upon the roots of a culture well established. India has always been simply too big, too complicated, and too culturally subtle to let anyone empire dominate it for long. The first British outpost in India was established in 1619. This led to the establishment of the British East India Company, which had a monopoly over all British trade with the region. And they ruled, developed and paved way for what INDIA stands for today.

(Compiled for web: Indian history)

Our universal church celebrates August 15, The Assumption of Mary, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her life. The word assumption is taken from a Latin word meaning "to take up." May our Mother from heaven above bless our mothers below on earth with good health and happiness.

God Bless,
Fr. Wally & Fr. Kani

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.

*****CLEANERS NEEDED*****

We need a few more people to help clean the church. Ideally, two teams of three are needed, but teams of two can work, as well. Please call the Rectory if you are interested. We could really use your help. After all, "cleanliness is next to Godliness."

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Catholic Women's Club will be starting their new season with a Mass at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 14th at St. John's. After Mass, we will meet at Riddell Road Hall and enjoy a supper.

All are invited to meet and greet our members in the hope you might want to join. We have a great agenda planned.

So please join us and find out.
God Bless and Thank you.
MaryAnn Boyle, President