
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

February 16, 2014
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 15, 2014

4:00 – Mark Cosgrove – 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 – No Intention

9:30 – No Intention

11:30 – No Intention

Saturday, February 22, 2014

4:00 – No Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2014

11:30 – Bonnie DeCosta -- Memorial

Important Dates

No CCD DURING THE FEBRUARY VACATION

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5, 2014 – MASSES AT 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM.

Fri. 3/7—5:30 – 7:00 pm – First Simple Supper

Wed. 3/12 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8:00

Sun. 3/16 – TEEN MASS – 6 pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin T. Sullivan whose funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, February 12, 2014

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Michael MacDonald, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Karen Villa, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Toni McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill Maloney, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane Thompson, John Gomes, George Little, Frank McCarthy.

Our Shared Treasure

February 9, 2014

\$5297

Grand Annual: \$24,814

Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00

Deficit of: \$585

Religious Education: \$1,294

Thank you for your continued generosity.

***The Catholic Appeal
Forward in Hope***

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent we are also entering the time for The Catholic Appeal for 2014. We must nourish and build our community of faith here at St John Parish, and so must we nourish and encourage our larger Archdiocesan ministry. As we support this larger ministry, we are casting our bread upon the waters and it does come back to us in many ways.

The Catholic Appeal helps to fund many central ministries that directly affect our parish that we could not afford without their help: our Deaconate Program, Human Resources for the Rectory and CCD Staff, Pastoral Care for our priests, and various Property Management/Improvement Programs, to list a few.

Will you prayerfully consider helping with the good work that does come back to St John Parish by pledging as much as you can possible afford to further the good works of our Archdiocese?

Elaine Meuse
Coordinator



***Come to the Waters of Healing
One Day Retreat for Hope &
Healing After Abortion
Winter/Spring 2014 Dates:***

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Saturday, April 12, 2014

9:00AM – 5:00 PM

This one-day retreat is designed to help women hurting from past abortions, experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing.:

It will offer a loving and confidential environment to

- hear stories of post abortion healing
- share Scriptural stories of Christ's healing love
- spend quiet time in prayer before God
- receive Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) and the great gift of Christ in the Eucharist

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston

Location is confidential. Requested donation of \$10 to cover lunch cost.

Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants

SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawls or lap robes were recently given to several people having heart operations, newborn babies, Norwood Hospital, Sachem and Island Terrace Nursing homes. We also contributed to the church baby shower.

The next meeting will be on Feb 9th at 3 o'clock at the Riddell Rd Hall. We can use yarn donations. Any question, call Rose Penney at 508-583-5045.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

*Is a Lenten Program which offers
Confession*

*Every Wednesday night in Lent
From 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Beginning March 12th
And continuing until
April 16.*



St. John's Peer Minister's invite you
to a

St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Fundraiser

When: Saturday, March 15th

Social Hour beginning at 5:00 pm with Dinner to
follow

Cost: \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple

The evening will include a Boiled Dinner, Dancing,
raffles and a lot of fun and laughs



The Peer Ministers are raising
money to help lower the \$800 per person cost of
the trip and make it more affordable for

everyone.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Somebody once asked Charles Darwin, the proponent of the theory of evolution, the question "Is there anything that is true only of man?" Darwin answered: "Man is the only animal that blushes". What does it mean to blush? Well, basically it is an acknowledgement of being embarrassed over something. When we do something wrong, whether wittingly or unwittingly, we tend to get embarrassed; only the most callous of people would not do so. When we do purposely do something wrong which hurts or harms ourselves, another and/or God, we call that "sin". In the Catholic tradition, this purposeful engagement of wrongful behavior results in a damaging of (in the case of venial sin) or break in the relationship (i.e. mortal sin) which we have with others and God.

Thank God we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation to "right the ship", as it were, restoring that relationship back to where it should be. We also have the Ten Commandments, which are offered to us as a way of living. The Ten Commandments are a "blueprint" for living a life rooted in God's love. More than that, however, the Commandments are mandates (otherwise, they might have been given as the "Ten Suggestions", as I saw alluded to on a bumper sticker a while back!) from God on how we are to treat ourselves, others and God, and how we are to look critically at our lives. When we hear the word "mandate", we shouldn't be fearful; on the contrary, we are given this mandate from God (in the form of the Commandments) so as to live in freedom, a true and lasting freedom which the world cannot give.

Jesus, in speaking of the law and the prophets, tells His audience that He has come to fulfill, not abolish, them. The fulfillment of these comes through Jesus' own life, death and resurrection. When Jesus comes "on the scene", the Scribes and the Pharisees are controlling how the people view and live these realities (of the law and the prophets). The only problem is, they themselves aren't always living them; they are "talking the talk" but not always "walking the walk". This is the difference with Jesus. In fulfilling the law and the prophets, Jesus helps us to live both in the "letter" and in the "spirit" of the law, found in the Commandments and the prophets, found in Him. In doing this, Jesus brings about a radically new way of both perceiving and living life in God.

The Commandments are important both for the revelation of God's presence in the world and for His need to bring order out of chaos. They are also important in that they help us to live in full relationship with Him. May we have the courage to live both in the letter and spirit of the Law. May this Law bring about a freedom to live more fully alive in God, and help us to work toward the building up of the Kingdom here on earth, the betterment of ourselves and our brothers and sisters and for the greater glory of God!

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

Anyone on the envelope or on-line giving systems,
please contact the Rectory if you need your 2013
contribution statement for taxes.