
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

February 9, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8, 2014

4:00 – No Intentions

Sunday, February 9, 2014

11:30 – Wendle Harrington – 7th Anniversary

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

Important Dates

Sat & Sun, 2/8&9 – LOLLIPOP SALE

Sat. 2/8 – ST. John’s Day of Service

Sat 2/9 – Gr 2 Commitment Mass – 9:30

No CCD DURING THE FEBRUARY VACATION

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.*

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the
Archdiocese of Boston is currently searching
for an experienced **Chief Financial Officer**.
The CFO will be responsible for all financial
aspects of the Society including donated
goods, operations and charity programs. As
the only Finance individual he/she will be
responsible for all accounting and finance
functions. Please forward resume and
salary requirements to:
hr@svdpboston.org by February 28, 2014.

Our Shared Treasure
February 2, 2014
\$6446
Grand Annual: \$24,614
Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00
Deficit of: \$0
Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection this Sunday for Religious Education

The annual Catholic Appeal will be starting soon.
To find out how the Cardinal uses these funds and
to pledge or donate, the following site is provided:

BostonCatholicAppeal.org



2014 Food Pantry Dates

St. John Conference – Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. John Church, 210 Central St., East Bridgewater, MA
508-378-3760

The Food Pantry is open in the church hall:
the first Monday from 3:00 to 6:00PM and the third
Monday from 3:00 to 4:30PM
(Holidays may affect the schedule)

<u>January 6</u>	<u>January 20</u>
<u>February 3</u>	<u>February 17</u>
<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 24</u>
<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 21</u>
<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 19</u>
<u>June 2</u>	<u>June 16</u>
<u>July 7</u>	<u>July 21</u>
<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 18</u>
<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 22</u>
<u>October 6</u>	<u>October 20</u>
<u>November 3</u>	<u>November 17</u>

(Thanksgiving Meal only November 24)

<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 15</u>
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(Christmas Meal only December 22)

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.



Together, we can save a life

Bridgewater Community Blood Drive

Thursday, February 13, 2014

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Lowe's

American Red Cross Bus

724 West Center Street

Valentine Event at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks St. Duxbury, will celebrate couples at an elegant Wine and Dine evening on **Friday, February 14 from 6:00-9:30 pm**. The evening includes a wine and cheese social, an elegant dinner prepared by the Miramar staff, and a romantic dessert. Between dinner and dessert Fred and Diane L'Ecuyer of Duxbury and Fr. Tom Griffith, SVD will offer a short presentation: "Making the Most of Your Marriage-Monogamy Doesn't Mean Monotony", all for \$85 per couple. Contact Miramar before Feb. 10th to make reservations, or for more information, call 781-585-2460 or go online at miramarretreat.org. Visa and Master Card accepted.



FAMILY LIFE

**Will sponsor the annual Lollipop Sale
February 8th & 9th
After each Mass**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When one does a "Google search" on the phrase "salt and light", one comes up with over nine million entries. Listings abound, with everything from church ministries to small faith communities to t-shirts emblazoned with a salt shaker and a light bulb! All of them have one thing in common – they trace their origin back to today's gospel passage in which Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe how we, as Christians, are to be and act in the world.

Jesus, throughout His earthly ministry, used "earthly" images. This is understandable, given that people of His day were so connected to the earth and its environs. Jesus, in using images such as this, as well as speaking in parables (stories which point to a greater truth), wanted people to strive for a higher reality, one which reaches beyond this world. One may wonder how effective these images and stories are today, since we have become somewhat "disconnected" with our environment, often seeing it merely as a place to "hang our hat" while we go through life. I think it would be a mistake for us to fall into this trap; the earth isn't just a "stopping point" for us until we get to heaven. Our earthly journey is meant as a learning experience for us so that when we do (God willing) make it to heaven we can know that we helped "build the Kingdom" in our time here. This is why we pray, in the "Our Father", "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." It is no accident that we are here on earth, which is why we are called to be "salt and light" to the world.

Salt and light are connected by their dispensation. When one uses too little salt in a meal, it can be bland and tasteless; when one uses too little light, one can stumble and fall. Conversely, when one uses too much salt, the dish being prepared can be "overwhelmed" by the spice; when one uses too much light, one can be blinded and thus rendered unable to move freely. In using both salt and light, a balance must be achieved; in the same way, in our lives of faith balance must be struck so that the message of Holy Scripture and Tradition as found in our Church can be heard, acted upon and lived. If one lives their life of faith sparingly, the message of faith might go unheard; if one is too "heavy-handed", then people are turned off and the message is similarly lost.

May we have the courage to be "salt and light" to our brothers and sisters. May we be a "light to the nations" and may we "spice up" the world when able and necessary. May we effectively preach the gospel in word and deed by sensing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and thus bring forth the greater glory of God.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul