
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**January 19, 2014
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Friday, January 17th

9:00 - Frances Swinamer – 26th Anniversary

Sunday, January 19th

8:00 – Chet Shalginewicz – 5th Anniversary

9:30 – John E. Sylvia Sr. – Memorial

11:30 – Col. George & Dorothy Jackson – 71st
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, January 25th

4:00 – Ralph E. Ortenzi – 34th Anniversary

Sunday, January 26th

8:00 – Robert Robichaud – Memorial
Geneva Chashman -- Memorial

9:30 – William McEnaney – 1st Anniversary

11:30 – Robert Pratti – 1st Anniversary

Important Dates

Wed. 1/22 – Holy Hour for Life – 7pm

Sun. 1/26 – TEEN MASS -6pm

Our Shared Treasure
January 12, 2014
\$5022.00
 Grand Annual: \$13,290 update next week
 Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5882.00
 Utility & Energy: \$1629.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

***There is a second collection next weekend
for the Churches in Latin America***

OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, January 26th, 10:30 a.m.
 NEW, FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS for 3 & 4 yr. olds
 New Principal with "Open Door" Policy



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Please keep the following in your prayers:
*Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie
 Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, Alison
 LaLond, Michael MacDonald, Susan Lynch, Roy
 Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Karen
 Villa, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Sharon
 Farrell, Toni McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill
 Maloney, Louise Armstrong.*



St. John's Peer Ministry-- Move-Us-A-Mile
 Our Peer Ministers are joining with Catholic Heart Work Camps on a mission trip to serve the needy in **Nashville, TN** this summer, and we need your help to move us along. This weekend, we are beginning a fundraising campaign called "Move-Us-A-Mile".... Please consider sponsoring a portion of our trip (\$5.00 per mile) to help offset our travel costs. Envelopes and donation boxes will be available at the doors to the church. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!
"Whatsoever you do to the least of these, my brethren, that you do unto me." Mt 25:40

The Pro-Life Committee will host the annual parish Baby Shower from Tuesday, January 1st through Sunday, January 19th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen life for their babies. Items needed are listed below:

Disposable diapers	Diaper bags
Crib Sheets	Baby towels
Sleep n Play sleepers	Nightgowns
Baby Bottles	Blanket Sleepers
Receiving Blankets	
Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers	
Toiletries ex...Wipes, rash ointment,	
<u>Baby shampoo</u>	
Baby soap, baby lotion, powder,	
Baby nail clippers,	
Baby thermometers.	



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

Anyone interested in delivering the Eucharist to people who are home-bound, please contact the Rectory at 508-378-4207. If you have not been trained to be a Eucharist Minister, we will train you.

SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawls of 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 Riddel Rd Hall. We can use yarn donations. Any question, call Rose Penney at 508-583-5045.

FOOD PANTRY

January is passing by very quickly and we apologize for taking this long to say Thank You. We were able to provide forty East Bridgewater families with a complete Christmas dinner because of your food and cash donations. You helped bring joy to many thankful families including young children to our elderly. We hope this year brings many blessing to us all. Our pantry shelves always need restocking. Right now we could use canned fruits and soups. Thank you again for your generosity.

Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness and Healing

With Exposition and Adoration
of the Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00pm

Come join Deacon Joe for an hour of prayer,
readings and reflections on forgiveness and healing.

You're invited to the

St. John's Day of Service

Please join us for an day of helping our Parish and building excitement for our first Parish Mission Trip to Nashville.

Saturday, February 8

Any teenagers in Grade 8 and up are invited to join us for one of the two-hour shifts to make our Chapel Side Entrance a more welcoming area. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Parish Teenagers to join us in making our side entrance a little brighter and more pleasant. 508-378-1521 for more details.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have now moved into “Ordinary Time”, named thusly due not to its routine nature but to the fact that we mark the weeks using *ordinal* numbers (thus, the *Second* Sunday in *Ordinary* Time). There is surely nothing routine about our life of faith or our relationship with God! While we have moved away from major celebrations and get back to our regular schedules of work, school and the like, we still make time for God in a particular way. This is done both in worship on Sundays and Holy Days as well as in our relationships with one another. In our worship and prayer, we are called to look within and see how that relationship is progressing, how it is being strengthened; we also look to see where it is stagnant and where it can be further solidified. In our everyday lives, we are called to see where God has been invited and where He has been excluded. In doing all of this, the “ordinary” nature of our lives takes on an extraordinary dimension.

In today’s gospel, this is the closest John gets to a baptism account of Jesus. The actual event is not recorded in John’s gospel (as it is in Matthew, Mark and Luke), but the reference to it in John’s account hit all the “high points”: the descent of the Holy Spirit, the deepening of the nature of baptism with the inclusion of the Holy Spirit (as opposed to just water), the pronouncement of Jesus as the Lamb of God. In all of this, John’s account brings baptism to the “next level”. It is in this spirit that we are baptized and brought into the faith.

It is the gift of baptism which makes us sons and daughters of God and makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is this “spirit of adoption” (Rom 8:15) which brings us into God’s “family”. This is what makes us a “family of faith”, rooted in the love that we have for God and, by association, one another. It is in this spirit that we have the courage to go out into the world, proclaiming God’s Kingdom to be in our midst, a Kingdom which we are called to assist in building. We do this by living the faith in word and deed. We do this by living our faith to the best of our abilities. We do this by recognizing the opportunities of discipleship which help us to actively live our faith.

May we use this “Ordinary Time” in extraordinary ways. May we have the courage to reach out to our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the marginalized and those the world sees as “less than”. May we continue to seek to strengthen our relationship with God through works of prayer, charity and love. May we know God’s love and have the courage to share it with whom all we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul