
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**January 26, 2014
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Saturday, February 1st

4:00 – No intention

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 – No Intention

9:30 – Colleen Beltramini – 1st Anniversary

11:30 – Christopher Thompson – 17th Anniversary

Important Dates

Wed. 1/22 – Holy Hour for Life – 7pm

Sun. 1/26 – TEEN MASS -6pm

**Sun. 2/1 – Scout Sunday – 9:30 Mass –
Coffee/Conversation after Mass**

Sat. 2/8 – ST. John’s Day of Service

Sat 2/9 – Gr 2 Commitment Mass – 9:30

No CCD DURING THE FEBRUARY VACATION

Our Shared Treasure
January 19, 2014
\$4577.00
 Grand Annual: \$23,390
 Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00
 Utility & Energy: \$1,145.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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, Toni
 McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill Maloney,
 Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl*

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.

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)

January 6	January 20
February 3	February 17
March 3	March 24
April 7	April 21
May 5	May 19
June 2	June 16
July 7	July 21
August 4	August 18
September 8	September 22
October 6	October 20
November 3	November 17
December 1	December 15

(Thanksgiving Meal only November 24)
(Christmas Meal only December 22)

SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawls of lap robes were recently given to several people having heart operations, newborn babies, Norwood Hospital, Schem 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.

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.

From the Pastor

My Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week, a multitude of committed Christians (over 650,000) embarked on a journey of faith to Washington, D.C. Their purpose is a solemn and important one, one which we have had to undertake for almost four decades now. It is the "March For Life" and it is an event which highlights the need for us to be a "light to the nations". It is a rally which will bring together rich and poor, young and old, men, women and children.

The "binding force" which links us all (marchers and prayers, alike) together is our unwavering commitment to the defense of life for the pre-born, one of the most vulnerable groups among us. There are many who have gotten discouraged, for it seems that our efforts have gone for naught. We take courage, however, in the fact that we have made a difference, one mind and heart at a time. I know in my own conversations with people over the years, I have seen many folks come to a moment of conversion. This is done not by me, but through me and by the grace of God.

Today's gospel highlights the need for us to see that we are all called by God. Often times, we look at the gospel proclaimed today as a call for more to enter into the priesthood. That "call" is certainly there, but implicit in this passage is the fact that we are all called by God to "fish" for men and women receptive (and, perhaps, not so receptive (at first)) to God's call to them to respond to their baptismal call to serve God and His people in the Church and in the world. It begins, however, in our own heart and mind. We cannot convincingly call others to conversion, to a new way of thinking about and looking at life, if we don't first believe it. We can "talk the talk", using words such as "discipleship" and "ministry". If we don't believe and live what we are saying, however, then it is just that – talk – and our words ring hollow. We must first believe, and then live, what we have heard, letting them "take root" in our own minds and hearts.

Jesus, in this encounter by the seashore, begins to assemble "the twelve". In calling Simon, Andrew, James and John, Jesus call is sure. The disciples' response, for their part, is immediate. What courage it must have taken for them to respond so quickly and surely; what faith it must have taken to leave all that they knew to follow Jesus. Jesus isn't calling us, necessarily, to leave all that we know. Sometimes it's best to "grow where you're planted", responding to God's call wherever you are. Our response, however, must be as bold as the disciples' was, for it is a bold thing to profess one's faith publicly. May we have the openness to hear God's call. May we have the boldness to respond with surety. May we speak to others about our faith with courage and conviction. May all come to know, through our words, given to us by the Holy Spirit, what we have come to know: that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death, and won for us newness of life!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

