
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**March 23, 2014
Third Sunday in Lent**

Saturday, March 29, 2014

4:00 – Louis Bombardi – 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:00 – Arthur Baggia – 6th Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

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Saturday, April 5, 2014

4:00 – Daniel Glover -- Memorial

Sunday, March 23, 2014

8:00 – Paul Buechs – 3rd Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Cliff & Doris Briggs – Memorial

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Daynes whose funeral Mass was celebrated, Thursday, March 27, 2014

Important Dates

Sun. 3/30 – Sophomore Retreat 2-6 PM

Fri. 3/28 – Divine Mercy Hour – 7 – 8 PM

Wed. 2/2 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

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Fri. 4/4 – Simple Supper – 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Weds 4/9 – Confessions – 6:30 – 8 PM

Thurs. 4/10 – Confirmation Rehearsal – 7 PM

Fri. 4/11 – Confirmation Rehearsal _ 7 PM

Sat. 4/12 First Reconciliation/Retreat – 10 AM

Sun. 4/13 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM

Lenten Schedule

The Light is on for You. Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Wednesdays throughout Lent from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Simple Suppers – a chance to share a meal – last supper in Lent-- Friday – April 4 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Hours – an hour of adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet – Fridays, Mar 28th, April 11th – 7-8 PM

Holy Week

Holy Thursday– Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7PM

Good Friday – The Seven Last Words – 3 PM

The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of our Lord – 7 PM

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday – Masses at 8, 9:30 & 11:30

Our Shared Treasure

March 23, 2014

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Grand Annual: \$26,134

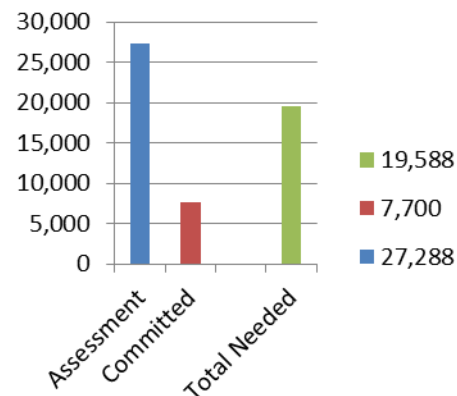
Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00

Offertory deficit to date: - \$16,675

Catholic Appeal: \$

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 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, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Toni McGrail, Scott Zabrek, Bill Maloney, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane Thompson, John Gomes, Frank McCarthy, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bob Solakoff, Bill Clements.

ROSARY MAKERS (making rosaries for 13 years and over 55,000 sent out to date)

Due to the generosity of our wonderful parishioners, our bake sale was a **huge** success. Thank you all!

Hope you enjoyed the “goodies”.

Praising Jesus though Mary,
The Rosary Makers

St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our food pantry serves approximately thirty families every other week, and we provide emergency food assistance whenever there is a need. So you can imagine, our shelves are always in need of restocking. Items that we could use are: baked beans, ravioli, beefaroni, and spaghetti's. Canned white tuna is also a very popular item. Thank you again for helping us help others.

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. John's Parish will award **four \$250** scholarships in memory of Chet Shalginewicz.—Students must be attending a four-year college. Applicants should pick up a form at the Rectory or in the Sacristy of the Church and return the completed form to the Rectory no later than **April 28, 2014**

Shawls and Afghans were recently given to the Sachem Nursing Home, Good Samaritan Hospital, Brockton VA Hospital, and Lifecare in W. Bridgewater. Several items were also given to the homebound.

We are in need of yarn donations.

The next meeting will be April 13th at the Riddell Road Community Center at 3 o'clock. New members are welcome to join us. Any questions, call MaryAnn at 378-4704.

Miramar Retreat Center's "Miles for Miramar" Campaign

You can receive health and spiritual benefits when you support Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury's **Sixth Annual Miles for Miramar** campaign from **April 1 through June 30**. Walkers, cyclists, joggers, and swimmers can pledge miles and donate to support Miramar. Everyone can support these "athletes" by making a donation for their efforts. \$2.00 per mile is suggested. The priests and brothers are already warming up. Contact Ann at Miramar Retreat Center: 781-585-2460 or on-line at www.miramarretreat.org to pledge miles or make your donation. Visa and Master Card accepted.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever been so caught up in your daily routine that you fail to see Jesus in it? Of course you have – we all have. I think this to be less of a condition of faith than a case of humility. What do I mean by that? Well, I believe that sometimes we forget the humanity of Jesus to such a point that we don't think that He ever would "lower" Himself to be with us. We want Jesus to be divine – and He is! We also want Him to understand those things we are going through in our daily lives – and He does.

Today's gospel is a perfect "case in point" of that phenomenon. When Jesus approaches Jacob's well, He is thirsty; it is noon (it is most likely hot), and Jesus is tired from His journey. Who wouldn't be? What happens next is something which distinguishes this event from any ordinary encounter one might have at such a place. First off, there is the idea of a Jew asking for something from a Samaritan. Next, there is the cultural barrier of a man approaching a woman not his wife for any reason. Finally, there is the level of conversation in which Jesus engages the Samaritan woman. Any of these three things would make this event "stand out", but for all three to happen in the same encounter is truly amazing! Then again, Jesus is anything but conventional in His thinking, acting or living.

Jesus' desire for water is just the "jumping off point" for a further exploration into the Samaritan woman's life, the worship practices of Jews and Gentiles and the mission of Jesus. When Jesus reveals details about this woman, it is clear that He "knows" her (by "knowing", I speak here of her soul (note the conversation about her husbands)), even though they have never met. In speaking of "living water" (Jn. 4:10), Jesus is speaking about Himself being the "spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn. 4:14). In speaking of worshipping "neither on this mountain (Mt. Gerizim) nor in Jerusalem (where Jesus will complete His earthly mission)" (Jn. 4:21), Jesus expands the vision of His mission to include all places, all times, all peoples.

This is where we "come into the picture." Jesus sees into our souls (just as He did with the Samaritan woman), helping us to confront evil and sin which may be blocking us from fully experiencing God's goodness. Jesus gives us that "living water" (Jn. 4:10) when we approach Him in humility, He "quenches our thirst" for mercy and love (in our lives and in the world). When Jesus expands His mission, we are brought "into the fold", and Jesus becomes an integral part of our journey of faith.

Let us have the courage to invite Jesus into our lives, letting His "living water" (ibid.) satisfy our thirst for righteousness. Let us allow Jesus to heal us of that which is preventing us from loving fully God and neighbor. Let us use this Lenten journey as a time for deepening our relationship with the One who comes to bring life in abundance.

Have a Blessed Lent,
Fr. Paul