
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

March 30, 2014
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 29, 2014

4:00 – Louis Bombardi – 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, March 30, 2014

8:00 – Arthur Baggia – 6th Anniversary
Stephen Baggia – 4th Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

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Saturday, April 5, 2014

4:00 – Daniel Glover -- Memorial

Sunday, April 6, 2014

8:00 – Paul Buechs – 3rd Anniversary

9:30 – Parishioners of St. John

11:30 – Cliff & Doris Briggs – Memorial

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

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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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - FOLLOWING 4 PM MASS SATURDAY, MAR. 29, 2014

Our Shared Treasure

March 23, 2014

\$4621

Grand Annual: \$26,534

Weekly Collection Budgeted: \$5,882.00

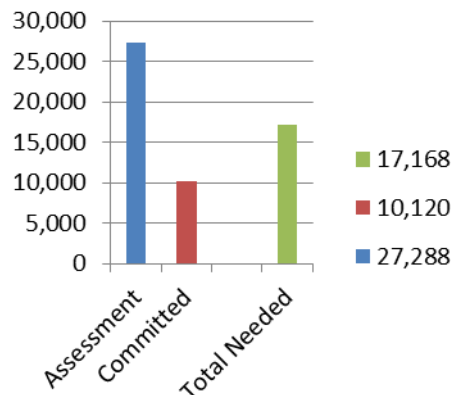
Deficit this week: \$1261

Offertory deficit to date: - \$16,675 and growing

Catholic Appeal: \$10,120

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, Elaine Salvucci, Penny Walsh.

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 through Mary,
The Rosary Makers

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KEVIN SMITH AND KEVIN LASLIE FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW BULLETIN BOARD.

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,

Today the Church celebrates "Laetare Sunday". The word "laetare" is taken from the Latin and means to "rejoice", which may seem strange to us during this Lenten Season. This designation comes into play, however, when we recognize that we are very close to the celebration of Easter, and there is "cause for rejoicing here". Today's readings bear this out as well.

Today's first reading speaks of the anointing of David as king. Samuel, in being sent by God, is prompted by God to anoint David. David's other brothers may seem, on the surface, to be more "qualified" to assume the role of king, but God sees beyond the surface. In anointing David, God shows that He "sees" us in a different way than we might see ourselves or others. In looking at the kingship of David (of which Jesus is "in line"), one sees that being anointed is no guarantee to perfection – which is good news for us, indeed! God shows to us that He "anoints" in a different way than society does.

Our second reading speaks of the second "theme" (of three) through which we walk with our RCIA candidates, that of "light". We are called to walk in the light of Christ, for we are "children of light" (Eph 5:8). This might seem easy, for walking in light is much easier, safer and comforting than walking in darkness. Sometimes we might be drawn to darkness, however, because things in darkness are seemingly hidden. I say "seemingly", for God sees all, which is a good thing as God can help us move from darkness into light.

Our gospel brings forth this idea of "light" in a different way, with the story of the man born blind. This is a physical blindness, but it is tied into the spiritual realm by the fact that in Jesus' day sin and illness had a direct "linkage". When one was ill or disabled, one was seen as being "born totally in sin" (as the Pharisees say in Jn 9:34); we know this not to be the case now, partly due to the actions of Jesus, who has no issue with healing the man. In "schooling" the Pharisees, helps us by teaching us to look beyond what is "seen" with the eye and to "see" with the heart. When we do this, we see as God sees.

Let us be people of the light, walking in the light of Christ. Let us follow the Lord in the light of His truth and love. Let us come to know Jesus and live in the light of life!

Have a Blessed Lent,
Fr. Paul