
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

May 11, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 10, 2014

4:00 – Riley Politano – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, May 11, 2014

Happy Mother's Day - All the mothers of St. John Parish

Saturday, May 17, 2014

4:00 – Edward Williams – First Anniversary

Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:00 – The Moynihan Family – John, Margaret, Francis, Mary & Marjorie – Memorial

9:30 – Tony LuCruz – Memorial

11:30 – Donald D. Flaherty, Jr. – First Anniversary

Important Dates

Wed. 5/7 – Rehearsal for 9:00 1st Communion – 6 PM

Wed. 5/7 – PPC & Fin Comm. Meeting – 7 PM

Thurs. 5/8 – Rehearsal for Noon 1st Communion – 6PM

Sat. 5/10 – 1st Communion – 9:00 AM & Noon

Thurs. 5/15 – Rehearsal for 9:00 AM 1st Communion

Sat. 5/17 – 1st Communion – 9:00 AM

Mon. 5/26 – Memorial Day – Rectory Closed

Thurs. 5/29 – Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Dottie & Eddie Younis, Lillian Wedge, Richard Cerci, MacDonald Family, Susan Lynch, Roy Conrad, Mark DeLuca, Michael Terry, Harvey Day, Audrey Ribero, Bill Maloney, Jerry Paluch, Mark Schatzl, Shane Thompson, John Gomes, Frank McCarthy, Jon Olson, Pat Sweet, Bob Solakoff, Bill Clements, Elaine Salvucci, Rita Orr, Nancy Porter, Dawn Bono, David LaRosa, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Susan Colins. The residents of Sachem & Westview.

Our Shared Treasure

May 4, 2014

	<u>Last Wk</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Collection	\$ 6,518.00	\$ 241,009.76
Budgeted	5,882.35	252,941.05

Excess/(Short) \$ 932.65 \$(11,931.29)

Grand Annual to Date: \$27,159

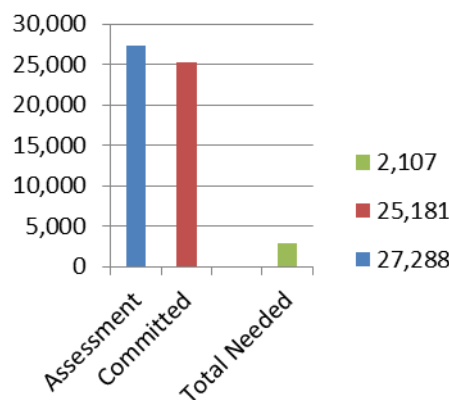
Grand Annual Budget: \$40,000 = **Short \$(12,841.00)**

Catholic Appeal: \$25,181 from 154 parishioners

Catholic Appeal Goal \$27,288 -- at 92%

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CATHOLIC APPEAL 2014



Jesus the Good Shepherd

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:7-10

Warner NH: The College of Saint Mary Magdalen is pleased to announce a new initiative designed to make a faithful Catholic education more affordable to prospective students.

This exciting new program is available to any incoming freshman or transfer student who enrolls for fall 2014. Free Room and Board will also be guaranteed to those who participate until they graduate or leave the College.

The reduction in cost represents an \$8,000 discount for the fall 2013-2014 academic year worth more than \$25,000 over four years. The College has rolling admissions and will be actively accepting students throughout the Summer.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES BEGINS



JUNE 1, 2014

SATURDAY – 4 PM

SUNDAY – 8:00 & 10:30

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please let the Prayer Shawl Committee know if there is someone in need of a shawl/afghan or if you want to donate yarn. The next meeting is May 18th at Riddell Rd. Community Hall at 3 PM. 508-583-5045 or 508-378-4104

Thank you again for helping us provide an Easter dinner for so many families in our town. Please notice that a basket has been placed at both entrances of the church. Our hope is that you can place your food donations into the baskets when you come to mass. What a tremendous difference it would make if each family put even one food item into the basket each week. It definitely would help us keep the shelves stocked!! Some items that are needed now are cereal, white tuna, mac and cheese, and baked beans. Have a great week. The Members of St. Vincent de Paul

The Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful time for our young parishioners. Thank you to all who made this possible, especially the Family Life Ministry who annually makes this event such a celebration .



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In the classic Christian song “His Banner Over Me Is Love”, we sing the verse that “He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep”. I have to be honest and tell you that it took me the longest time to get over being called a “sheep”. Being from the city, the only time I saw sheep was either at the 4H exhibit at the Brockton Fair or at a petting zoo. I thought of sheep as dumb and smelly, and I took some offense at being compared to these “creatures”.

The point (in this song) of being called sheep is in regards to a trait in sheep of which I hadn’t thought – trust. In fact, it was my friend Fr. Rayappa (an Indian priest whose family are shepherds) who pointed this out to me. The reason why sheep follow a shepherd is because they *trust* him; the sheep *know the shepherd’s voice* and they follow *only that voice* – other voices, other shepherds are ones which they will not follow. This is an admirable quality, one which we would do to emulate.

Jesus uses this analogy for two reasons. Firstly, Jesus used “earthy” images because they were ones to which the people could relate; they were people of the land, many of whom worked with sheep. The fact that the Pharisees couldn’t “relate” to this analogy shouldn’t surprise us; most things which Jesus taught went “over the heads” of the Pharisees. Secondly, the aforementioned quality of trust is one of which Jesus speaks with great love and conviction. Jesus knows that He is the “Good Shepherd”, sent by God to lead the people to the “sheepfold” of God. While we might have a hard time relating to Jesus as shepherd (most having never met a shepherd!), we shouldn’t have any trouble relating to the fact that Jesus has come to lead us to God. It was for this reason that Jesus came into the world, it was for this reason why He died for us and it is for this reason why we have newness of life!

May we have an open heart, willing to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. May we know that Jesus calls us to life in God for our good. May we trust that Jesus will lead us on right paths, guiding us in His Everlasting Way. May we, one day, come to the verdant pasture of the Kingdom, sharing in new and everlasting life!

Blessings of Easter Peace,

Fr. Paul