St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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September 9, 2012
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 8, 2012
4:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, September 9, 2012
8:00 – Robert Flood – 3rd Anniversary
11:30 – William Orr – Memorial

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Saturday, September 15, 2012
4:00 – Leonard Shepard – 20th Anniversary
Lena Shepard – 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 16, 2012
8:00 – Parishioners of St. John
9:30 – Thomas Cosgrove – Memorial
11:30 – Richard Kruger – 7th Anniversary

Important Dates

Sunday, 9/9 – 3 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting
Wednesday, 9/12 – Noon – Mass for Catholic
Women’s Club

Wednesday, 9/12 – 7 PM – Increased Offertory Mtg.
Thursday, 9/13 – Grade 9 & 10 Teachers’ Mtg. – 7 PM
Sunday, 9/16 – 7 PM – Gr. 9 & 10 Parent/Student Mtg.
Wednesday, 9/19 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Teachers’ Mtg.
Thursday, 9/20 – 7 PM – Gr. 1 – 8 Parent Mtg.
Sunday, 9/23 – TEEN MASS – 6 PM – Dinner to follow
Tuesday, 9/25 – Sun. 9/30 – CCD PROGRAM BEGINS
Sunday, 9/30 – Opening Mass for CCD Prog. – 9:30 AM
– Coffee and Conversation to follow

Anyone interested in helping St. John’s with the
Increase-Giving-Program.
Please come to the meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 12th @ 7 PM in the Chapel

Last Spring 40 parishioners attended a meeting to
address the fiscal problems St. John’s is facing.
We hope those same 40 parishioners and others
will join us at this meeting to go forward.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE:
Sat. 4:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Teen Mass once a month at 6 p.m.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Pam Adornato, Carah Finn, Nora Savoy, John &
Steven Webb, Daniel LaRusso, Richard Dolan,
Albert Federico, Bill Neyman, Annette Moriarty,
Judy Potts, Fedela Nuovo, Bill Monaghan.

Our Shared Treasure
Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012
Weekly Offertory: $5117
Catholic University Collection: $661
Remember we need a minimum of
$6000/wk to run and maintain our parish.
As of July 1, parish deficit = $7875.50
Thank you for your continued generosity

2nd Collection Sept 16 – Rectory Maintenance

The Increased Offertory Campaign:
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more
about a new program taking place throughout
the Archdiocese of Boston. The program, the
Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity
for all of us to address the most pressing needs
in our parish through this increased giving
campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly
collection by at least 20%.

Currently our weekly collection is between
$4,000-5,000. To address our needs, we need to
increase our income to $6000.

Each week, this space in the St. John the
Evangelist bulletin will be devoted to reminders
and important announcements concerning the
Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the
lookout for more information about this exciting
opportunity.

Increased Offertory Meeting: September 12th at
7:00 PM

Stewardship Link: Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the Lord
with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your
produce.”

Electronic Giving

After careful consideration and research, Fr.
Wally and the Finance Council have agreed to
make a viable effort to provide our community
with a new and better way to support our church.
We hope that your family will also join this
spiritual movement and offer your talents, time
and treasure.
Please contact the parish office at 508-378-4207
to receive more information.

Summer Vacation
We hope that everyone has had a
wonderful summer vacation. But
remember that the church bills do
not go on vacation. Please try to “make up” the
weeks that you have be away when you return.
Thanks!!
CCD Registration for September 2012
We emailed the registration forms to all families whose children are currently enrolled in our CCD program. Registrations are now taking place. Please mail your registration forms back to us or you can come to the CCD office on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 to 4:30. We are offering a payment plan to anyone who needs help. Classes will begin the end of September. If you would like to volunteer to help us – call the CCD office at 508-378-1521 or email repstjohn@verizon.net

Dear Friends
The summer is over and we will celebrate the ending of summer at the annual parish picnic today/Sunday. I want to thank Carmen Pearson and her committee for, once again, taking on this big task so that we can all come together and enjoy some good food, fun activities and each other’s company. Next week there will be a more complete thank you in the bulletin.

The parents of CCD age children are urged to please register their children for Religious Education classes as soon as possible. With over 700 children, it is no easy task to place these children in a class that has open seats and in one that is convenient for parents. Remember, all of our CCD Teachers are volunteers and the space for instruction is very small, therefore, class size is limited to 10 students.

On Feb. 2, 1962, or 50 years ago, Father Donald Skerry was ordained a priest and became a member of the Society of the Divine Word. The society is a missionary society, not only in this country, but all over the world. In fact, they have a seminary in Ghana. Locally they serve the community at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, as well as, in many parishes. For the past 18 years, Fr. Don has served you each weekend by celebrating Mass and preaching an inspiring sermon. He often is here for daily Mass, as well. Without doubt, we are all better Catholics because of Fr. Don’s ministry among us. St. John’s will celebrate this important milestone in his life and in the life of our parish on Saturday Sept. 22 at the 4:00 Mass. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall where everyone will get a chance to personally congratulate and thank Fr. Don for his many years of service here in East Bridgewater.

God Bless,
Fr. Wally

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an outreach to baptized Catholics who were not raised in the faith, did not receive First Communion and would like to return to the Catholic faith. It is also designed for non-Catholics who seek communion with the Catholic Church. Classes for this program will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 beginning in the Fall. Please call the Rectory (508-378-4207) if you are interested.

MINISTRY FAIR – we hope that you will offer your time and talent to one of the following Ministries: Parish Council, Fund Raising, Social, Hospitality, Liturgical, Pro Life, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Family Life, CYO, Building/Grounds, or Religious Ed.