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**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM  
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**Sundays in Summer:** 8:00 & 10:30  
**Daily Masses:** 9:00 AM – Mon. – Fri.

*St John the Evangelist is a prayerful community in the Roman Catholic tradition called to witness the forgiving, healing, and saving presence of Jesus Christ in our sacramental, liturgical and social activities. Parishioners are called to respect all life and to offer evangelization for the parish, our town and surround communities. We are called to respond to the Gospel through the example of our lives. We reach beyond our parish to serve the needs of all people in our neighborhoods and around the world. We are a community of faith, hope and love.*

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**-Saturdays: 3:00-3:30 or by appointment. Please call the Rectory.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**-Couples planning marriage should contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage and before they book their reception.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**-If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick because of advanced age or sickness, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a priest.

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
 JUNE 7, 2015**



"I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - *Mark 14:25*

*But when does flesh receive the bread which He calls His flesh? The faithful know and receive the Body of Christ if they labor to be the body of Christ; and they become the body of Christ if they study to live by the Spirit of Christ: for that which lives by the Spirit of Christ is the body of Christ. - St. Augustine of Hippo*

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**June 7, 2015**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Saturday, June 6, 2015**

4:00 –Francisco Figueiredo – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

8:00 – James Weatherbee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

10:30 – Maria Chaves -- Memorial

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

4:00 – Lina Merianos – 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

8:00 – Parishioners of St. John

10:30 – Irene Shalginewicz – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sat. 6/13 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

Sat. & Sun. – 6/20 – Fr. Bernie Olszewski – Cross International Appeal

Sat. 6/27 – Leadership Retreat Car Wash – 9 – 2

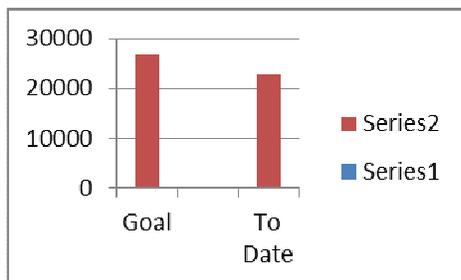
Sat. 6/28 – 7/4 – Mission Trip to Nashville

*Please keep the following in your prayers:*

*Pam Adornato, Bill Monaghan, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O’Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Elaine McKeon, Teresa Barris, Joseph Recco, The Shearing Family, Alex Hankey, Bob Cass, Jean Tilden, Dorothy Romano, Chris Golden, Paul Martin, Anna Foy, Tom Farley, Robert Panza, Steven Lacey, Joe Bosse, Pat Lang, Bob Foley & The residents of Sachem & Westview.*

*If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.*

***The 2015 Catholic Appeal***



**\$23,135 pledged**  
**\$26,637 our goal**

**86% participated**  
**88% goal**

**155 participants**

**176 our goal of participants**

***Our Shared Treasure***

***May 31, 2015***

**Offertory: \$5451**

**Budgeted: \$5,784**

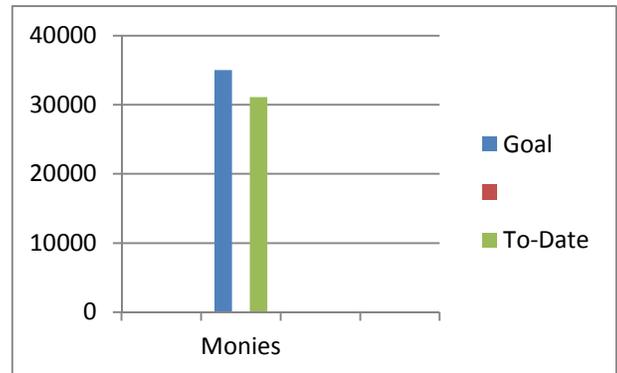
**Deficit: \$333**

**Grand Annual : \$31,811-- \$3,189 away from goal!**

**Help us reach our goal of \$35,000 by June 30, 2015**

***Thank you for your continued generosity***

**GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION**



The Family and Youth Ministry has completed its first year. The year has been an amazing year of faith, love, and support for our Parish Families. We look forward to building on our first year and creating even more opportunities for our family to grown together in faith. We are not going on vacation this summer! Watch for details about our Parish Yard Clean-up, Beach Day, VBS, a Backyard Camp-out, and a field day coming soon. Our "Flocking" fundraiser has been such a success that the requests keep coming in, so we have decided to continue the flocks into the summer. Any additional funds raised will start our efforts off for our coming year of events, Mission Journeys and faith experiences. This weekend also saw the completion of the fundraising for our Mission Journey to Nashville. Thanks to the prayers and generous support of our Parish we reached our fundraising goal. Many have asked about supplies for our journey. We would love any kind of goodies for our 28-hour Train Ride. All goodies should be dropped off by Thursday, June 25th so that we can have time to pack them. Your continued prayers for a safe journey are always welcome!

We leave in 19 days with a full team of 20 members!

**Saturday, June 13 @ Noon**  
**Cardinal Sean O’Malley will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Edward’s Church.**  
**(71 East Main St. Brockton)**  
**All are invited to attend the Mass and the reception following outside in the tent beside the rectory. The Cardinal and staff will be available for pictures and conversation immediately following the Mass.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank the Postal Food drive held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. It brought in a variety of food and is already being distributed. We are still in need of summer items. In particular mayonnaise, relish, salad dressing and pickles.

School will be out in a couple of weeks and many families who come to the pantry have children. Please think of items you might buy for your children (especially cereal) and maybe pick-up and extra box for the food pantry. Once again donations of any kind are gratefully appreciated.

**"The Summer Youth Leadership Retreat is planned for August 2nd - 6<sup>th</sup> at Craigville Beach**

Any of our youth that received the Sacrament of Confirmation this year and are interested in attending are encouraged to contact Lorraine or Deacon Joe Hopgood at 508-378-1521 or email Lorraine at [repstjohn@stjohnrep.net](mailto:repstjohn@stjohnrep.net) for information.

***FAMILY CHURCH PICNIC***  
**IS COMING SEPTEMBER 13, 2015.**

It takes many people to make this event the success it is every year. The Family Life Mission could use more hands to help this year. Please Contact Carmen Pearson (508-378-7364) if you can help in any way.

***World Meeting of Families Prayer***

**God and Father of us all,**

**In Jesus, your Son and our Savior,**

**You have made us**

**Your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church**

***May Your grace and love***

**Help out families**

**in every part of the world**

**be united to one another**

**in fidelity to the Gospel.**

***May the example of the Holy Family,***

**with the aid of Your Holy Spirit, guide all families,**

**especially those most troubled,**

**to be homes of communion and prayer**

**and to always seek Your truth**

**and live in Your love.**

**Through Christ our Lord, Amen**

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us!***

***2015 Year for Families***



My Dear Friends in Christ,

**Today** the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration, more commonly referred to as Corpus Christi (the Latin name

for the aforementioned solemnity) speaks to one of our most central truths, namely the Eucharist. It is Jesus, whose body, blood, soul and divinity we receive on this day and who brings us together as a Eucharistic community, who we focus on today.

**In** today's readings, blood is of central focus. As a people of faith, we see the progression from ritual (read: blood) sacrifices to the ultimate and unique sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. While there may be a connection between the two, they are unique in who is at the heart of that sacrifice. We move from animal sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross; we move from a sacrifice which had to be offered over and over to one which was offered once, and for all. This movement is not to be missed, to be trivialized. The ritual sacrifices of Moses and the people were rooted in the people's need to be "cleansed" from impurity, whereas the sacrifice of Jesus cleanses us from sin and brings healing (which is why we pray, in preparation for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"). The sacrifice is brought to another level, from the human to the divine (found in Christ).

**This** solemnity, which has its roots in late 13<sup>th</sup> century tradition, is meant as a parallel to Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist. It was marked by processions, adoration and like celebrations. I often wonder on days such as this if we still hold the same reverence as in past generations, past traditions. Have we, with our modern "sensibilities" lost a sense of reverence, of solemnity which we are called to hold. Now, please don't take this as a "rant" against that which is good about new ways of living (which, certainly, can have its benefits), for it is not meant to be that. I have come to and do, however, witness how some approach to receive Jesus' Real Presence. There is a "casualness", which is sometimes evident in said reception, which we would do well to avoid. There is also a recognition of Who it is we are receiving that we would do well to keep in the forefront of our minds. These avoidances and acceptances are all part of what it means to receive Eucharist. They bring about a sense of true reverence and awe in God's presence.

**Corpus Christi** is a wonderful opportunity to "connect" in a real way with Jesus. It gives us a distinct chance to reflect on the Real Presence, as well as what it means to be one Body in Christ. The "oneness" we are meant to share is rooted in Christ, has its origins in Christ and finds its fulfillment in Christ. It is something which the world cannot give (or even offer), this lasting and abiding Presence. May we always have the reverence and awe worthy of reception of Christ. May we never lose sight of Who it is we are receiving. May others, as we have, come to see Jesus in Eucharist – that it is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in which we are partaking. May this sharing give us the courage to **be** Christ and to **see** Christ – to **be** Christ **for** others and to **see** Christ **in** others. May this movement of the heart cause us to put into action the cry of the psalmist: to "take up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord" (Ps 116).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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"Be a Servant"  
 Matthew 20:26



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