

St. John the Evangelist

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A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



We, the family of St. John the Evangelist, a Roman Catholic Church of Agawam, MA., are a community of faith striving to be united in God's Love and sharing in a commitment to worship together. As a multi-ethnic parish, we seek to evangelize by loving others as we are loved by God. We engage in special ministries to: Our Youth and Elderly, Families and Singles, The Joyful and Grieving, Nursing Home Residents and Shut-ins. We prayerfully endeavor to comfort all God's people with a deep pastoral concern and give hope to all.

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Web Site: www.stjohnevangelistchurch.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays 4:00 & 6:00 pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Saturdays 5:00 pm (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days - **To be announced**

Reconciliation - Saturdays 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm - or by appt.

Weekdays - Mon-Tue-Wed & Fri - 8:00 am

Thursday - Communion Service

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesdays 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Beginning of September 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on the last Sunday of every month for parishioners registered 3 month prior to baptism. Please call the office to schedule.

MARRIAGES

To be arranged at least one year in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to register as soon as possible.

THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lents are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading -- We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel -- If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].



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REPENT

**the kingdom
of heaven
is at hand**

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SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)**March 9**

Nature and human nature--plagues and wars--turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates who, to this day, "pray and work" while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only "hands on" but "in home." Her palace becoming a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these "Oblates of Saint Frances" in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com.

Third Week of Lent - The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses.

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting and giving with the millions of people through the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease and the lack of education and other opportunities.

**Sanctuary Light: March 7th - Mar. 13th
Will be lit in Memory of: Marissa Tangredi**

By: Mother

"In My Mother's Arms Prayer Line"

Betty at 786-3630 – for your request.

Mass Notice - Effective immediately there will no longer be Masses for more than one intention on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. All previously booked Masses with multiple intentions will be honored.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During the Season of Lent we are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Several opportunities for confession will be available in the local area in the upcoming weeks.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, W.S.

Monday, March 15, 2010 @7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Westfield, MA

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church, Springfield, MA

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to the above times, Fr. Brennan will be available on the following Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in St. John's Church. **Wednesday, March 10, March 24 and March 31st.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday afternoon from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Appointments are also available for Confession.

From Slavery to Sainthood—Celebration of the Life of St. Patrick, Tuesday, March 16 2010 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration 8:30-9:30. Coffee and Pastry with registration. Mass will be offered by Msgr. Chris Connelly. This will be held at Jericho Fr. Wagner Celebration Center, 537 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA. For more information call Jean at 452-0652.

Office of Lay Ministry - Anyone wishing to join the Lay Ministry Certificate Program in Introductory Leadership Training which begins on March 23, 2010, please see the information at the back of the church if you are interested or call The Office of Lay Ministry Formation at 452-0824..

2010 Annual Catholic Appeal: *Did you know...the Montague Catholic Social Ministries provides programming geared toward strengthening families through Family Literacy projects. Domestic Violence recovery and support, and bi-weekly play groups for children from birth to 5 years old? Through your generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal families are given the opportunity to participate in numerous programs centered in Catholic social teachings. Thank You!*

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Six Mondays: **March 22, 2010-April 26, 2010**

7-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Parish Center

Agawam, MA. The seminars are a series of talks designed to lead people through the basic message of salvation and help them to yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Seminars conclude with prayer for Baptism in the Holy Spirit. For more information call Susan 786-6307. Registration forms at each door of the church.

Cancer Support Group-Will meet on March 9th and every other Tuesday following at 10:00 a.m. in the foyer. All are welcome.

The Bereavement Group will not be held on March 22nd. I will be attending a workshop. Mary Scannell

Friends of the Agawam Senior Center-Fund Raiser

HIGH TEA-COFFEE

Friday April 9th, 2010 from 4-7 p.m.

Agawam Senior Center

954 Main Street

Followed by

THE SMALL PLANET DANCER

7:30 P.M.

DONATION \$12.00

RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES

MENU

COFFE, TEA, PUNCH

Variety Tea Sandwiches

Hand made Chocolates

8th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Bishop McDonnell invites all men of the diocese to participate in this years Men's Conference held at Cathedral High School on Saturday March 13th. In addition to Raymond Arroyo of EWTN and co-owner of the Chicago Nears Patrick McCaskey we will have Michael Priesler thought to be one of the last living Catholic survivors of Auschwitz. Having been in a concentration camp for 2 1/2 years he has an amazing story of survival and faith. For more info call 452-0811.

WINTER PICNIC

The ECC would like to thank all the parishioners who attended our annual Winter Picnic. To those who helped by volunteering their time and those who provided us with such delicious desserts your contribution was greatly appreciated. The support you give by participating as a parish community can make wonderful things happen, as a result with money raised \$200.00 is being sent to Haiti through "hands Together Organization" which is the catholic organization that Fr. Savage is involved with. The ECC was also able to donate the abundant food that remained to the Samaritan Inn in Westfield and Loaves and Fishes.

US CENSUS - Coming soon-your opportunity to make a difference! Did you know that you can assure your community of receiving their fair share of federal dollars for roads, school, libraries and even more? Congressional representation is based on population numbers in your area. When you receive your Census reporting from in late March or early April of this year complete it and return it...make sure your voice and the voice of your community is heard. For questions and answers visit www.2010Census.gov.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at St. Thomas Church in West Springfield, on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER Are Sponsoring a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner to be held at the Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Donations \$10 adults, \$4 for children under 10. Also please bring 2 cans of food for the Open Pantry. For tickets you can purchase them from the front desk at the Senior Center, Friends Committee or **Emile at 335-9440**.

Weston Irish Open House -Weston Center for Women at Mont Marie, Holyoke, will offer an Open House from 9-3, Saturday, March 6, to introduce a wide array of Irish apparel for St. Patrick's Day. Each year new designs have been added to long-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, and gift items. In this tenth year of production these include Hooligan Hoodies for toddlers and kids, a black shirt with Irish design for adults, and an embroidery line of mock turtlenecks and knit caps. The store at Weston is open Monday-Friday from 8 till 3. For more information call 533-3022.

March Movie - On March 16th at 1:30 p.m. we will be showing the movie "**The Miracle of Marcelino**" in the Fr. Joyce Room. All are invited to come and enjoy.

The Rosary after morning mass will be suspended during the winter months. Doors open to the church at 7:45 each week day. Also on Wednesday's the **Divine Mercy Prayers** are said after Mass. Adoration is also held every Wednesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in spending one hour in **Eucharistic Adoration**, please call the rectory office.

A prayer for inner peace and for world peace will be said at 8:40 a.m. each Wednesday during Eucharistic Adoration.

The Bereavement Group meets Monday at 10 a.m. in the parish foyer. It is an open group to support anyone who has experience a major loss. For more information contact Mary Scannell at 786-4499.

The Shawl Ministry/Happy Knitters
The Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on Wednesday morning from 10-11:30. Up to this date the group has given away **eighty-three prayer shawls** to the sick in the parish. What a wonderful ministry they are doing! Come and join the fun!

Pastoral Ministry hours are Monday-Thursday from 9-5. I am available for some groups during those evenings. Please keep me informed of anyone homebound or hospitalized. Supportive counseling can also be given for anyone unemployed. Please call 786-4499 and speak with Mary Scannell.

Prospect House - Is writing to request **Twin Comforters** for the shelter. Each year, Prospect House provides a temporary home to nearly 35 Families and 60 Children at a time of crisis in their lives. Some of the things we provide our residents are a bedroom, food, access to health care, mental health care, budgeting assistance, housing search assistance, child enrollment in school, job search assistance, and adult education enrollment. On behalf of Prospect House staff and residents, I thank you for your consideration in this matter. Any assistance you might be able to offer would be deeply appreciated, every little bit really makes a difference. Any questions please call Lillian Enid Pagan at 737-5518.

Mass Intentions



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- Monday, March 8**
8:00 AM - Parish
- Tuesday, March 9**
8:00 AM -
- Wednesday, March 10**
8:00 AM - Bill Flebotte
by Family
- Thursday, March 11**
8:00 AM - M/M Frederick Dacey
by Son, Thomas
- Friday, March 12**
8:00 AM - Alwyn Shepard, 1st Anniversary
by Daughter & Granddaughter
- Saturday, March 13**
4:00 PM - James J. Quinn
by The Money Counters
- Manuel Cincotta, Sr.**
by Family
- 6:00 PM - August, Leah & Roland Peltier
by Bob & Pauline Gregory
- Sunday, March 14**
8:00 AM - Paula & Mark Bouffard
by Family
- 10:30 AM - Ciriaco Paglia
by Daughter
- Brenda Dunne, 1st Anniversary**
By Dahm & Shoemaker Families

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick and dying of our parish. Remember all who are in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. For all who have died: Lionel Beaulieu, Sean J. Bevan, Patricia L. Hartmann, Sonia L. Medina, Regina A. Newhauser, David B. Searleman, Francisco Torres, Jr., and members of our parish. May the Lord welcome them into His Heavenly Kingdom.

February 28 2010



Regular (Env.) (505)	\$6,036.00
Maint. (Env.) (17)	329.00
Fuel	1,670.00
Loose	<u>825.00</u>
Total	\$8,860.00

Parish Center Weekly Meetings

Lower Parish Center

<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
7:00—8:30 pm		
Sunday <u>NA</u>		
7:00—8:15 pm		
Monday <u>AA</u>	Dick	221-7806
7:30—9:00 pm		
Tuesday <u>AA</u>	Stephen	250-9203
7:30—9:00 pm		
Wednesday <u>NA</u>		
8:00—9:00 pm		
Thursday <u>AA</u>	Gary	783-5641
7:00—8:15 pm		
Saturday <u>NA</u>		
7:15—9:30 pm		
Saturday <u>AA</u>	Richard	949-8296

For the public at large the number for the NA is 1-800-481-6871.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS for 2009

If you would like a tax statement mailed to you for your 2009 contribution to St. John's Church, please call St. John's at 786-8105 and ask to speak to Paula Raiche and she will mail it out to you. Thank you!

LOAVES & FISHES are in need of beans and beef hot dogs for there monthly meal to feed the less fortunate. Please bring your donation to the parish center. Thanking you in advance.

SAVE THE DATE: The Catholic Women's Club will be hosting a fashion show on Thursday evening April 22, 2010. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. The fashions will be from **Cold Water Creek**. The proceeds are for the needy families in the area. Please come and support this enjoyable evening with all the other wonderful ladies from our church.