



**“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”**  
 ~Jn 15:10-11

Readings for **NEXT Sunday, May 24, 2009**  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/ 1 John 4:11-16/ John 17:11b-19



**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

5:00 PM Scott Casassa

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

9:00 AM All the Souls in Purgatory  
 7:30 PM All the Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

5:00 PM John Morrissey

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Clifford from 7:30-8AM & 8:30-9:15AM NEXT Saturday, May 23**



Calendar

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

12:00 PM Baptism

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Ascension Thursday ..... May 21  
 Confirmation (2 Masses) ..... June 6

**THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT**

Birthingright is grateful to the members of St. John’s for the generous support received on Mother’s Day. The proceeds will enable us to maintain our center in Framingham and to continue our assistance to pregnant women. Our sincere thanks for all your support and prayers over the last 28 years! If you’re interested in becoming a volunteer for Birthingright, please call the office (508-620-0657). We’d love to have you join us!

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been able to help many families this winter which has left our funds low. Please donate using the envelopes in the pews. Your generosity will help many local people. Thank you to all our donors.

**Parish Support**

OFFERTORY 5/10/2009 ..... \$9,031  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT week – Catholic Communications  
 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Coffee Hour**

St. John’s parish family invites you to join us for coffee and conversation following the 10:00 AM Mass. Your hosts this Sunday are members of our MOMS group.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated **THIS Thursday, May 21.**

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

Wednesday, May 20 at 4PM  
 Thursday, May 21 at 9AM & 7:30PM

**CATHOLIC APPEAL – 2009**

Our appreciation goes out to all the parishioners of St. John’s who have made a gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. We ask every Catholic family to participate – each gift makes a difference. To date, we have received \$59,008 from 149 households, reaching 88.7% of our parish goal of \$66,500. For more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you!

**St. John’s Child Sponsor Program Wrapping Up**

Our Child Sponsorship program wrapped up last weekend. We are very grateful to all for your interest in and generosity for this year’s projects. If you haven’t had a chance to consider supporting one of this year’s 4 projects, there is still time. Please pick up a yellow handout with descriptions of the projects from tables in the back of the church, or go to St. John website [www.stjohnshopkinton.com](http://www.stjohnshopkinton.com).

In the developing world, poor families must take care of their most important needs first – food and shelter. Then they think about school for their children. In many poor countries, governments may not have the resources to provide a free education and so often families must bear all or most of the cost of tuition, books, school supplies as well as transportation and clothing costs. This results in children being denied the opportunity to learn the basic skills necessary to function as productive and responsible members of society.

By participating in this program, you have an opportunity to help the world by helping the world’s children obtain the level of education that is vital in modern society. Thank you all so much for your help!!



**MUSTARD SEED**

We thank you for your continued support of the people who come to this Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen for a nourishing meal. Please keep sharing from your abundance so that they may live. Please use the boxes on the tables at the rear of the church for your donation. Thank you for your continued generosity!



*MAY 17, 2009*

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## **WE HAVE BEEN TOLD**

We have been told,  
we've seen his face,  
and heard his voice  
alive in our hearts.

“Live in my love  
with all your heart.  
As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.”

“I am the vine,  
you are the branches,  
and all who live in me  
will bear great fruit.”

“You are my friends  
if you keep my commands;  
no longer slaves,  
I call you friends.”

“No greater love  
is there than this:  
to lay down one's life  
for a friend.”

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