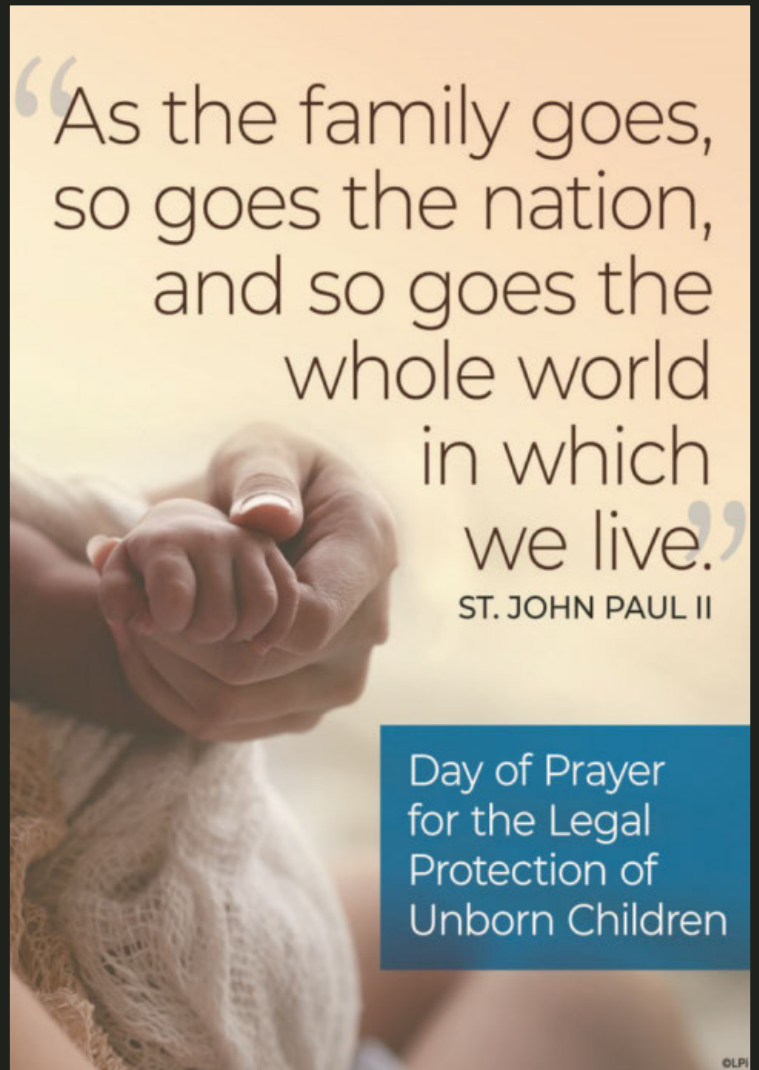
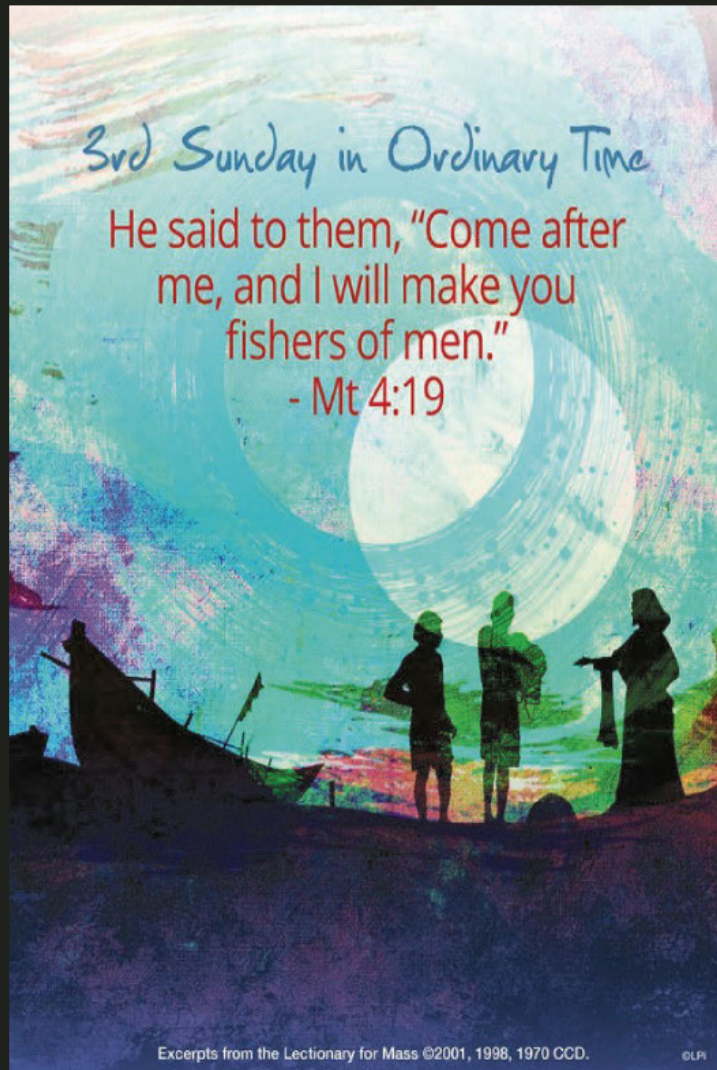




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January 22, 2023  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

**St John's**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

**St Ann's**  
**Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &**  
**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass**  
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**Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Holiday Schedules will vary**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass**  
**Or by appointment.**

Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Rectory 6 months prior to the intended date of marriage.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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## St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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### Sunday, January 22, 2022

- 7:30 - Roy Piver & Rob Robichaud & Geneva Cashman — Memorial
- 11:30 - For all life from conception to death
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

### Sunday, January 29, 2023

- 7:30 - Anyone suffering from mental or physical poor health
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

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## St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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### Saturday, January 21, 2022

- 4:00 – Bob & Theresa Mason; John & Mary Doherty—Memorial

### Sunday January 22, 2023

- 9:30 - Gene Biagi — 40th Anniversary

### Saturday, January 28, 2023

- 4:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

### Sunday, January 29, 2023

- 9:30 - (Ann) Nanci McLaughlin — Memorial

Please keep the following parishioners who have left us to join our heavenly Father in your prayers.

- Sean Patrick Besarick
- Anne Galvin
- Gloria Pelegrino
- Claire Pratt
- Bridget Ann Sullivan
- Frank Michienzi
- Normand Lozier
- Addie Lockney



*Please welcome the following children who were recently baptized into the faith.*

- Emilia Grace Curran
- Vivian Paige Collins
- Maeve Everleigh Sloan
- Issac Stephen Boyd
- Wyatt Gabriel Lark, Nathaniel Scott Lark,
- Ariana Elyse Hirtle Lark, Charlotte June Lark
- Benicio Ward Jouvin
- Blake Abigail McKinney
- Thomas Joseph Sheehan
- Quinn Sandra Kendrick

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Over the past few days, a multitude of committed Christians (over 650,000) embarked on a journey of faith to Washington, D.C. Their purpose is a solemn and important one, one which we have had to undertake for almost four decades now. It is the “March For Life” and it is an event which highlights the need for us to be a “light to the nations”. It is a rally which will bring together rich and poor, young and old, men, women and children. The “binding force” which links us all (marchers and prayers, alike) together is our unwavering commitment to the defense of life for the pre-born, one of the most vulnerable groups among us. While a milestone event took place recently (with the overturning of “Roe v. Wade” by the Supreme Court), there is still much work to be done in defense of those of who have no one to speak for them. We take courage, however, in the fact that we have made a difference, one mind and heart at a time. I know in my own conversations with people over the years, I have seen many folks come to a moment of conversion. This is done not by me, but through me and by the grace of God.

Today’s gospel highlights the need for us to see that we are all called by God. Often times, we look at the gospel proclaimed today as a call for more to enter into the priesthood. That “call” is certainly there, but implicit in this passage is the fact that we are all called by God to “fish” for men and women receptive (and, perhaps, not so receptive (at first)) to God’s call to them to respond to their baptismal call to serve God and His people in the Church and in the world. It begins, however, in our own heart and mind. We cannot convincingly call others to conversion, to a new way of thinking about and looking at life, if we don’t first believe it. We can “talk the talk”, using words such as “discipleship” and “ministry”. If we don’t believe and live what we are saying, however, then it is just that – talk – and our words ring hollow. We must first believe, and then live, what we have heard, letting them “take root” in our own minds and hearts.

Jesus, in this encounter by the seashore, begins to assemble “the twelve”. In calling Simon, Andrew, James and John, Jesus’s call is sure. The disciples’ response, for their part, is immediate. What courage it must have taken for them to respond so quickly and surely; what faith it must have taken to leave all that they knew to follow Jesus. Jesus isn’t calling us, necessarily, to leave all that we know. Sometimes it’s best to “grow where you’re planted”, responding to God’s call wherever you are. Our response, however, must be as bold as the disciples’ was, for it is a bold thing to profess one’s faith publicly. May we have the openness to hear God’s call. May we have the boldness to respond with surety. May we speak to others about our faith with courage and conviction. May all come to know, through our words, given to us by the Holy Spirit, what we have come to know: that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death, and won for us newness of life!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## MINISTRY NEWS



### Disciples of Hospitality

Our collaborative Disciples of Hospitality play an important role in our parishes by creating opportunities for parishioners to socialize and get to know each other. As we start the new year, we are looking to work on new ways to make this happen. We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 25th at 5 pm in St. Ann's hall to share ideas and start planning. All parishioners are welcome to join us!

For questions, please email or call Matt in the office.

**Matt Brady**  
**Director of Ministries,**  
**Together in Christ Collaborative**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as *the main thing*.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel relates the "call" of the men who would become not only "disciples" (i.e., followers of Jesus) but "Apostles" ("one who is sent", in this case by Christ) of Jesus. We may look at today's gospel and think of this call as "one-and-done", but the truth of the matter is that the conversion of the Apostles, which followed their initial invitation to follow Jesus, happened over the course of their lives and deepened with each miracle event, sermon, and encounter with Jesus.

If you are a regular reader of this column, you've heard of the conversion of St. Francis and his subsequent mission to "rebuild the church". In both of these instances, neither of these events in Francis' life were "one-time events". They happened as a "moment of faith" in Francis' life, but they both unfolded over time. Much like the Apostles of Jesus, we can look at Francis' conversion and mission as encounters with Jesus which shaped most of Francis' adult life and see that Jesus continued to reveal Himself to Francis in both profound and simple ways.

Like most of us, God reveals Himself in many of these profound and simple ways. For Francis, the encounter with the leper, the call emanating from the San Damiano Cross, his break from his father (and, really, his former way of life), his forming of the Franciscan Order, and his reception of the Stigmata all point to an ever-deepening relationship with the Lord. May we come to encounter the Lord in profound and simple ways. May we, like Francis, be open to hearing the voice and seeing the face of Christ in our lives. May we respond to these encounters with the love, passion, and zeal with which Francis did.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



## PLEASE DON'T FORGET

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR HEATING COSTS

With the anticipated increase in fuel costs, we estimate that this winter will be a combined cost of approximately **\$30,000** for the heating bills of Saint Ann's and Saint John's.



Therefore, the second collection until further notice will be directed to those bills.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicoliar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Jack & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

*If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.*

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Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333

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### PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

### THE FOOD PANTRY

*Tuesday, January 2, 2023  
Monday, January 16, 2023*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES



**MEMORIAL MASSES**  
Suggested donation \$25+

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE  
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**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE  
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### St Ann Prayer Line:

To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org). If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.



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Due to very low funds, St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ann's is looking for donations for a calendar raffle — any gift cards (store, Amazon, restaurants or whatever you want to donate) wine baskets, movie baskets, just a few ideas, if you want to donate a monetary amount, please put it in an envelope labeled for the raffle and put it in SVdP boxes at the sides and back of St. Ann's Church. Any help you can give is extremely appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless

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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD  
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### Family Healing and Recovery Ministry invites you to

Join us for an evening of intercessory rosary, Holy Mass, guest speaker and fellowship.

**When:**  
First Friday of each month (starting January 6th, 2023)

**Time:**  
6:30pm (Intercessory Rosary)  
7:00pm (Mass)

**Location:**  
Saint Joseph the Worker church (Holy Apostles Parish)  
1 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA.  
[Rosary4recovery.org](http://Rosary4recovery.org)

Karen McWilliams [karen.mcwilliams@aol.com](mailto:karen.mcwilliams@aol.com)  
(603)682-7933

# NEWS

The Cursillo is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Each Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order that Christ's love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Fr Bill Murphy and Mary Ann McLaughlin will be the Spiritual Directors of upcoming weekends.

The Boston Cursillo Weekends will be held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center 30 Jeffrey's Neck Rd, Ipswich MA 01938. For more information call: Chris Graf 617-332-5548

The dates for the Cursillo Weekends are:

Women's Weekend      February 9 - 12, 2023  
Men's Weekend         March 23 -26, 2023

## VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A PARISH FLOURISH.

### LET'S START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH MORE HELP AT BOTH CHURCHES.

**7:30 — ST ANN'S — NEEDS LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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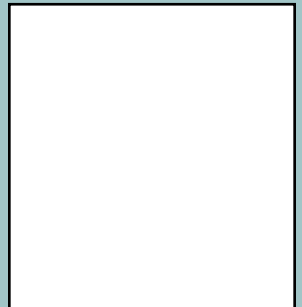


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