



Sunday, 8:00 AM  
 Sunday, 11:30 AM  
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 January 26, 2025  
 Third Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time*



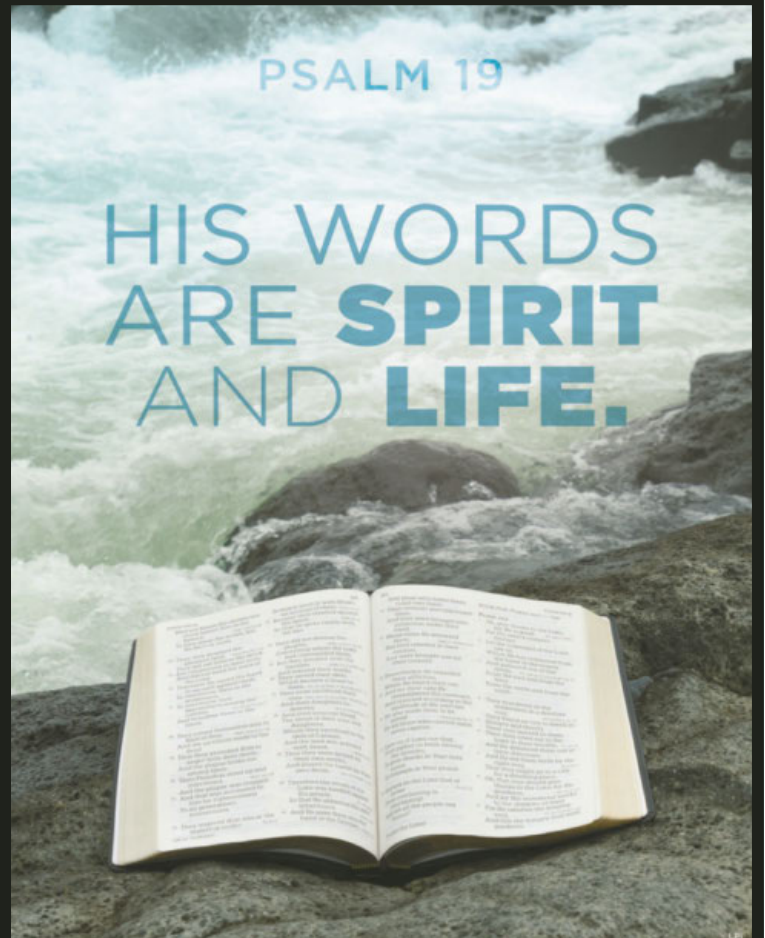
Saturday, 4:00 PM  
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.  
 - Lk 4:18*

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PSALM 19

HIS WORDS  
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**103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater  
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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
 9:00-3:00  
 Monday through Thursday**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### **Pastor:**

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### **Priests In Residence**

Fr. Peter Francis  
Fr. Michael Diochi

### Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Connelly  
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### **St Ann's**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass  
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass  
Thursday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m.

### **St John's**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:  
Wednesday & Friday  
9:00 a.m.

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

**Administrative Assistant:**  
**Arlene Stefano**  
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## 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 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

## SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

**Administrative Assistant:**  
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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 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 25, 2025**

- 4:00 - Grace Cosegrove — 6th Anniversary

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

- 9:30 - Christopher Thompson — 28th Anniversary
- Joseph Thompson — 2nd Anniversary

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

- 4:00 - Grace Cosegrove — 6th Anniversary

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

- 9:30 - Jim McLaughlin — Month's Mind

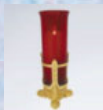
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Suggested donation \$25+

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK** Suggested donation \$55  
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK** \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

**HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS** \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.

**NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in January of 1981, my brother and I (along with a friend of ours) travelled down to Washington, D.C. to take in the inauguration of (the re-elected) President Ronald Reagan. Regardless of one's politics, if you've ever been to an inauguration you know that there is something interesting, unique, even spectacular about such an event. At the centerpiece of this event is the Inaugural Address. It is an opportunity for the President to "set a course" and to "lay the foundation" for the work that they hope to accomplish over the next four years. One remembers (either through personal memory or history lessons) the famous charge laid out by President Kennedy in 1961, that one should "ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Stirring words, indeed!

In today's gospel, Jesus puts forth what is, in essence, His "Inaugural Address". The words that Jesus reads, from the prophet Isaiah, are not only *spoken by* Him, they are *about* Him. These prophetic words, spoken at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and fulfilled in the hearing by the people that day, would be lived out and fulfilled by Jesus in His public ministry and ultimately by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus isn't just "talking the talk" here; He is letting those who would have ears to hear know what the reign of God is all about, both here on earth and in the Heavenly Kingdom. It is not just poetic words that will bring about the Kingdom. It is the action of Jesus, in bringing "glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives...sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18), as well as those who would choose to follow Him (read: you and me), that will usher in a new day, a new way of living.

At first, the people are taken with and amazed by Jesus prophetic way. They are amazed that this "native son" could have all of this command and power. Ultimately, however, they will find Him altogether too much, driving Him out of the town and attempting (unsuccessfully, of course) to put an end to Him. I think we can all relate to this, to a certain degree. How many times have we tried to correct a loved one, close friend or co-worker, only to be rebuffed and rejected? Just like Jesus, however, this should not keep us from speaking the truth about our faith. Just like Jesus, the rejection we feel/face will be nothing as compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom.

May we have the open ears and hearts to hear the Word of God touch us and change our lives. May we have the courage to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. May we know that the Word of God, bringing us challenge and hardship at times, will ultimately lead us to know Christ, to live Christ and to follow Christ with our whole heart, soul and life.

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

# MINISTRY NEWS

## Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### January Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is January 26 Mass at St. Ann. Similar to Family Mass, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass.

If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

### February Family Mass

Our next Family Mass is February 2 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily. There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass. If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.



### Paint Afternoon Fundraiser

January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, St. Ann Parish Center

Cost: \$30/person

20 person event max

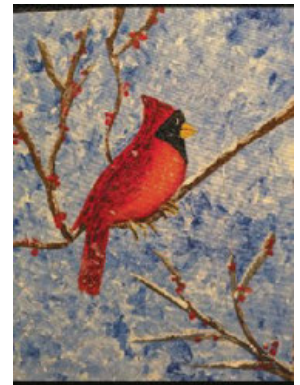
Join us for a special afternoon of painting and fun as we learn to create our own wonderful painting from our instructor Sandy Churchill.

The money raised will support the work of our collaborative Disciples of Hospitality Committee, which organizes all of our social events.

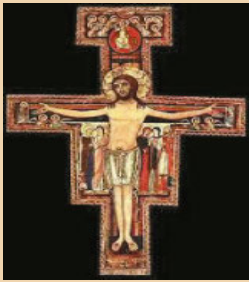
Advance sign up is required.

Please contact Matt Brady in the office to sign up.

This is what we will be painting!



Special thanks to Rich Cesarini, our Music Director, and Jack Colombo, his partner at the Southeast School of Music, for donating St. Ann's new piano. Rich and Jack recently had to close the school, so they donated one of its pianos to us. Thank you Rich and Jack!



### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

One of the images which have stayed with me since my pilgrimage to Assisi in 2017 is the crucifix upon which Francis was contemplating when he was told by Christ to “rebuild my church”. Mistakenly thinking he was being told to literally rebuild the Chapel at San Damiano, Francis came to realize that Christ was telling him to restore the Church (as Institution) to what it once was, what it was meant to be. The San Damiano Crucifix, also known as the Cross of Saint Francis, was probably painted some time during the 12th century by an Umbrian artist. The artist is unknown, though a strong Syrian influence is indicated. Francis would have beheld Our Lord on this Crucifix sometime in the early part of the 13th century. The Crucifix remained there for several decades more, until 1257, when the Poor Clares moved to nearby Santa Giorgio (Saint Clare), taking it with them. There, they have lovingly kept the cross for over 700 years. A replica remains in San Damiano. The first public viewing was held during Holy Week in 1957, in San Giorgio’s Chapel in the Basilica of Saint Clare of Assisi.

The San Damiano Crucifix is an icon, meaning it is an image with a religious content and meaning. The purpose of an icon is to teach meaning where it is seen, and in turn, strengthen the faith of the viewer. The San Damiano Crucifix is incredibly rich in this regard - truly a treasure of information and meaning. Our Lord and Savior is represented as both wounded and strong. He stands upright, rather than hanging, resolute and clearly alive on the cross. His eyes are open. His wounds are present, though the sources of His suffering - the nails and thorny crown - are gone. Because He has conquered death, He is crowned with a halo, His glory apparent in this image, the shape of the cross incorporated into His halo. Above Him “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews” is printed in Latin.

Just under the hand of God, the Ascension is depicted. Christ moves upward, holding the cross which He has transformed to His Royal Scepter. His scepter and garments are gold, a sign of His royalty and victory. His red scarf is a sign of His Dominion and Sovereignty, exercised with love. An angelic host welcomes Him into Heaven.

Directing your gaze to the very top of the cross, you will see a semi-circle. Within the semi-circle, the right hand of God is poised in benediction. The thumb, middle, and index fingers are commonly used in a blessing and symbolize the Holy Trinity.

Six angels, gathered along the beam of the cross, are gesturing with their hands, suggesting that they are discussing the momentous event of Christ’s Crucifixion.

The Major Witnesses are the five witnesses of the Crucifixion pictured standing below Christ’s outstretched arms. On the left, we see Mary, Mother of Jesus, standing next to John, the Beloved. Mary is dressed in dark red and purple, indicating deep love and the Ark of the Covenant, respectively. John

## THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS

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points toward Christ, but casts his gaze to Mary. Jesus has handed her into John’s care. On the right, we see Mary Magdalene standing next to Jesus. Her hand is on her chin, indicating a confided secret: her Lord has risen. Mary Clopas, the mother of James, is dressed in a light earthen color and pale green, representing humility and hope. The final of the Major Witnesses is the centurion of Capernaum, a piece of wood grasped in one hand indicating the building of the synagogue. Just beyond the centurion’s shoulder, the face of his little boy who, was healed by Jesus, can be seen. The original painting also reveals three more faces, thought to be the family who also accepted Jesus. The Minor Witness are the smaller figures pictured on either side of the Major Witness. Longinus stands on the left, holding the spear used to pierce Christ’s side. On the right, Stephanos is ready to offer his sponge soaked with vinegar.

One tiny detail, a rooster (sometimes included on reproductions), can be seen on the right side of the image, next to Jesus’ left calf. The rooster recalls Peter’s betrayal of Jesus as well as the new dawn of the Risen Christ and the hope it brings.

Though debatable, the row of figures at the base of the cross are said to be the Patron Saints of Umbria. The original San Damiano Crucifix is somewhat damaged in that area. Scholars suggest the saints are Saint Damian, Saint Rufinus, Saint Michael, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. In addition the images of familiar figures, embellishments throughout the cross convey meaning. Scrolls in the pattern encircling the cross may signify the mystical vine. A section resembling a rock is the symbol of the Church. The seashells are symbols of eternity. They represent the vast and timeless sea of eternity. May this eternal imagery, found in the seashells and throughout the images of the San Damiano Crucifix, be ours now and forever.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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

### 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. 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.

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchll, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**  
**To join please call — TINA ANTHONY**  
**508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SVDP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's Church. To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

**Next meeting: January 14, 2024**

West Bridgewater Food Pantry  
 457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1  
 West Bridgewater 02379

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD**  
**Wednesday each month**  
**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM**  
**Need: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce,**  
**baked beans**  
**Cash donations also accepted.**

## JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

### WHEN

January 26, 2025  
 3 - 4:30 PM

### WHERE

Holy Apostles Parish ~  
 Our Lady of the Lake  
 Parish Center  
 575 Monponsett St.  
 Halifax, MA

### JASMINE MARINO

is a Human Trafficking survivor who will share her own experience to raise awareness of Trafficking.



**JASMINE GRACE**  
 SURVIVOR, AUTHOR

Join us as we hear a powerful testimony about surviving the commercial sex trade & addiction. Learn the facts & how to prevent this from happening in your community.

### BAGS OF HOPE

As a survivor and advocate, Jasmine assists women as they exit and recover from the commercial sex trade. Jasmine empowers the women by providing them with 'Bags of Hope', which are filled with basic personal care items.

### ITEMS NEEDED:

women's socks, deodorant, lip balm, toothbrush & paste, shampoo and conditioner, baby wipes, hairbrush & elastics, bar of soap, tampons & pads, nail polish, bag of trail mix, \$5 Dunkin gift card, winter hat-scarf-gloves, notes of encouragement.

### WE PRAYERFULLY ASK YOU TO ASSIST JASMINE BY DONATING ITEMS.

A collection basket will be available during the presentation.

## The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Saint John's Conference

PO Box 544  
 East Bridgewater MA 02333  
 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
 Hotline—508-378-3760

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

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30      Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

**January 20, 2025**

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

**The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.**

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

**St. Joseph Spiritual Ministries**  
 A Congregation Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston  
 71 Walnut Park  
 Newton, MA 02458



**A Guided Retreat *this Spring***  
**“Hospitality of the Heart”**

**Presenter: S. Mary Rowell, CSJ Canada**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**to Friday, March 28, 2025**

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**Suggested Donation: \$510.**

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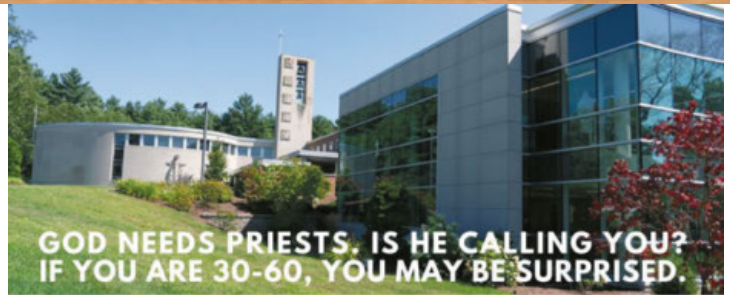
**E-mail [spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org](mailto:spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org).**

Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ, is a Sister of St. Joseph in Canada and is vocation and formation director for her Congregation. She currently works in retreat and environmental ministries at Villa St. Joseph in Cobourg, Ontario. In that capacity, Mary provides presentations and retreats across Canada and the United States, many of which focus on the CSSJ charism for all members of the “Joseph Family”. Mary also facilitates general chapters for various Congregations.



Formerly a nurse and nurse educator, Mary has been privileged to work in the United Kingdom, and in ophthalmology and blindness prevention programs in Bangladesh, China, India, various countries in South-East Asia and in Romania.

Mary has a Bachelor’s degree in philosophy, a Master’s in Medical Law and Ethics from the University of London in the U.K. and a doctorate in Theology from the University of Durham, U.K.



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 IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.**

**FIRST FRIDAY VISIT**

**February 7, 2025**

**5:00 PM EST**

**Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary**

**HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER**

**In-Person Visit:** Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

**Virtual Visit:** Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit (Zoom link provided at registration)

**Register:**  
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 781-899-5500 ext. 134  
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