



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

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 February 9, 2025  
 The Fifth Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time*



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

*2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope*



*5th Sunday*  
 IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5



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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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 Monday through Thursday**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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:**  
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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**

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**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

- 8:00 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — 18th Anniversary
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

- 9:00 - Jerry & Mamie Marochino - Memorial

**Sunday, February 16, 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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**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

- 4:00 - Marie Jackson — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

- 9:30 - Joseph Sousa — Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

- 4:00 - Manuel & Maria Sousa & Son — Memorial

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

- 9:30 - Kim Russo — 6th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance

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

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Suggested donation \$55  
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**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,

A man went out fishing one day and, much to his dismay, caught nothing! Realizing that he couldn't face his wife without at least one fish, he went to the fish market and approached the counter. He picked out a beautiful fish, and proceeded to ask the "fish monger" to throw him the fish over the counter. When asked why the man would want this, the fisherman replied, "this way, I can honestly tell my wife that I *caught a fish*"!

The disciples who Jesus approaches are fishermen, by trade. In fishing "the Lake of Gennesaret" (Lk 5:1), which is the Greek name for Galilee, they were plying their trade in a fish-rich area. The body of water in question is thirteen miles long and seven-and-a-half miles wide and, in Jesus' day, had ten prosperous towns along the coastline. Needless to say, it was a great place to fish and it must have been both frustrating and nerve-wracking for Simon Peter and his mates not to have caught anything. As Jesus approaches, He asks them to put out to sea once more; at first, Peter is skeptical but then gives in to Jesus' request. In doing so, Peter shows his trust in Jesus – a faith that will serve him well in future years. Of course, there is such an abundance of fish that it didn't take Peter long to "get the point": if one trusts in Jesus, there will be an abundance of "riches" - not necessarily material ones, but ones that will serve us well as we work as disciples of the Lord.

The "abundance" miracle that is seen here is repeated many times over in scripture. In Exodus 16, we have the manna in the wilderness; in 1 Kings 17:8-16, we have the widow's never-empty oil jug; just a few weeks ago, we had the wine supplied by Jesus at the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). In all of these, we see two things at work: 1) God provides for the "human" needs of His people, and 2) they show forth the immense power of God. This particular miracle also shows a few other things. In providing, in a miraculous fashion, for the needs of the disciples, there is *recognition* by the disciples of Jesus' power. There is then a *response* by those disciples of a confession of the unworthiness of these same disciples. Finally, there is an *assurance* of success when we follow God's word.

May we have the courage to recognize God's call for us. May we have the openness to respond to that call for us with our whole hearts. May we be assured that when we do this, we will have an abundance of "riches" – not in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes.

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)



Everyone had a fantastic time at the paint afternoon on 1/26! Special thanks to our instructor Sandy Churchill for teaching the class. Stay tuned for info about a future event because we had so much fun we want to do it again!

### Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

February 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann

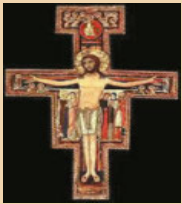
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge.

All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours!

### February Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is February 23 at the 6:15 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.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus reassures Simon Peter "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10). In this simple but profound statement, Jesus sets the course for St. Peter and the life he will be living. When St. Francis first started out in his formation of the Franciscan Order, I sense that he felt a lot like St. Peter. I'm sure there were many times when St. Francis felt that he would be hard at it, and catch nothing. When one is called to such a radical change of life, such as St. Francis was and those who would become the first followers of St. Francis were, fear is inevitable. One naturally would have the fear of starting something new, the fear of leaving the security of the life they were leading, the fear of the unknown of what lay ahead.

I recently had the opportunity to share my vocational journey with some students at Spellman. I was placed at the "vocation station" and was asked (in part) to share my vocational journey to priesthood. I have shared this story many times, and I always point out the fear I felt in saying "yes" to God's call for me to priesthood. I got over that fear when I was reminded by my first spiritual director that the scriptures mention the phrase "be not afraid" (or some form of that phrase) 365 times...one for each day of the year! It was then that I felt truly sure of my calling.

May we not be afraid to "cast into the deep", as the disciples did before their miraculous catch. May we trust, as St. Francis did, in the Lord's call to vocation given to each of us. May we know that it is the Lord who is calling us, and who will lead us into all truth about our vocations and our lives.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

### IMPORTANT: CORI Forms

All collaborative volunteers and staff are required to submit at FY2025 CORI form per Archdiocesan policy.

Copies of the form can be found in the sacristies of both churches. If you have any questions, please call the office or see a staff member at Mass.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS THE

## VICTIMS OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRES

### THE CATCH

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What does it mean to lower your net? It means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

I\* love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust. If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us. ©LPi



## 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.



### Saint John

*The, hosts, wine &  
Sanctuary Lamp  
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*Kim Russo*



A Very Special Thank You to the women of our Parishes who have taken special care of the Poinsettias this year.

There have been so many compliments. Bravo Ladies!

St Ann — Lisa Ames and Maureen Masefield

St John — Janet DiFalco and Alice Hooper

Thank you!!!!

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

Please help St. Ann's, St. Vincent de Paul Committee help our homeless neighbors.

We are looking for donations of:

Hats, Gloves/mittens, handwarmers, hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, \$5.00 Dunkin donuts gift cards, etc.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

**Next meeting: February 11, 2025**

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.**

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**

**February 3 & February 17**

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

On the 27th of every month, the Seminary community offers Mass for everyone participating in Pray27.

Hello,  
Thank you for joining with us in prayer for the continued success of Saint John's Seminary.

Today, we offer prayers of gratitude for the incredible team of **spiritual directors at Saint John's Seminary**. These dedicated priests, serving as full-time faculty and adjunct spiritual directors, play a critical role in guiding our seminarians through their discernment.

Spiritual direction is at the heart of seminary formation. Seminarians meet twice a month with their spiritual directors, sharing their lives—their prayer, relationships, challenges, and joys. This sacred relationship allows seminarians to freely and trustingly explore how the Lord is working in their lives and where He is leading them.

Through these conversations, spiritual directors help seminarians deepen their prayer life, overcome obstacles to holiness, and gain clarity about their vocations. As one spiritual director shared, "It is a real privilege to be welcomed into the interior life of a seminarian and to see the ways in which the Lord is

This transformative work is not only a gift to our seminarians but also a service of love for the entire Church.

## PRAYER FOR SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

**O** GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life: watch over Saint John's Seminary and the community gathered in the study of your holy teaching, that they will be rightly formed for so great a service. Father of all holiness, we pray that those whom you have entrusted to this seminary to be formed as messengers of the Gospel and ministers of the altar, will learn through prayer the truths they must someday teach, and will grasp with the conviction of faith the mysteries their lives must exemplify. Grant, we pray, that through this seminary your disciples might be holy, know your truth, and reflect your glory on earth. All this we ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH, join Catholics across the region in reciting this prayer for the continued success of Saint John's Seminary.*

[www.sjs.edu/27](http://www.sjs.edu/27)

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