



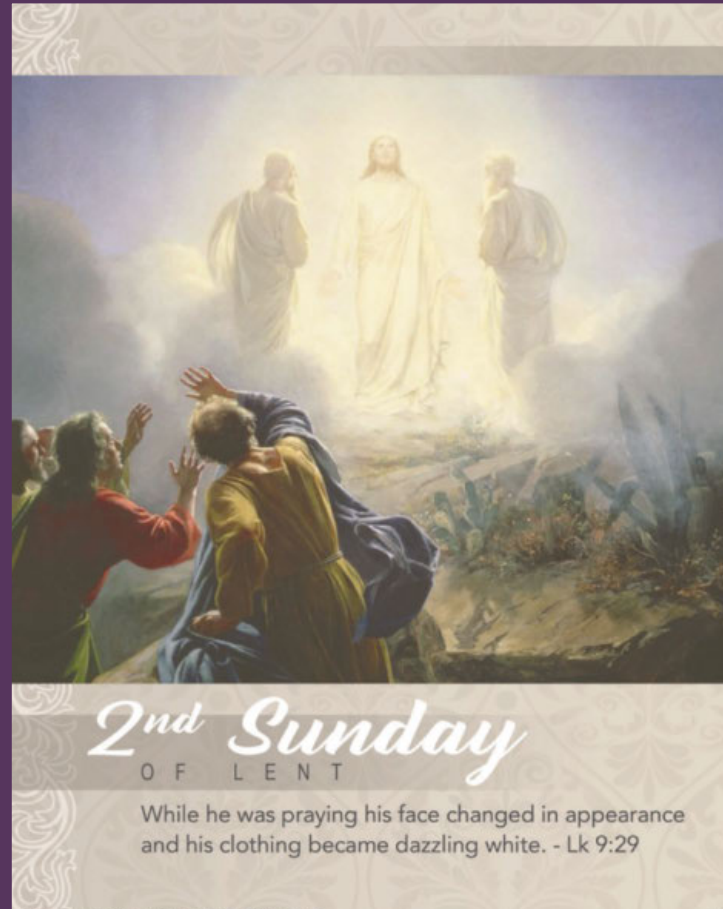
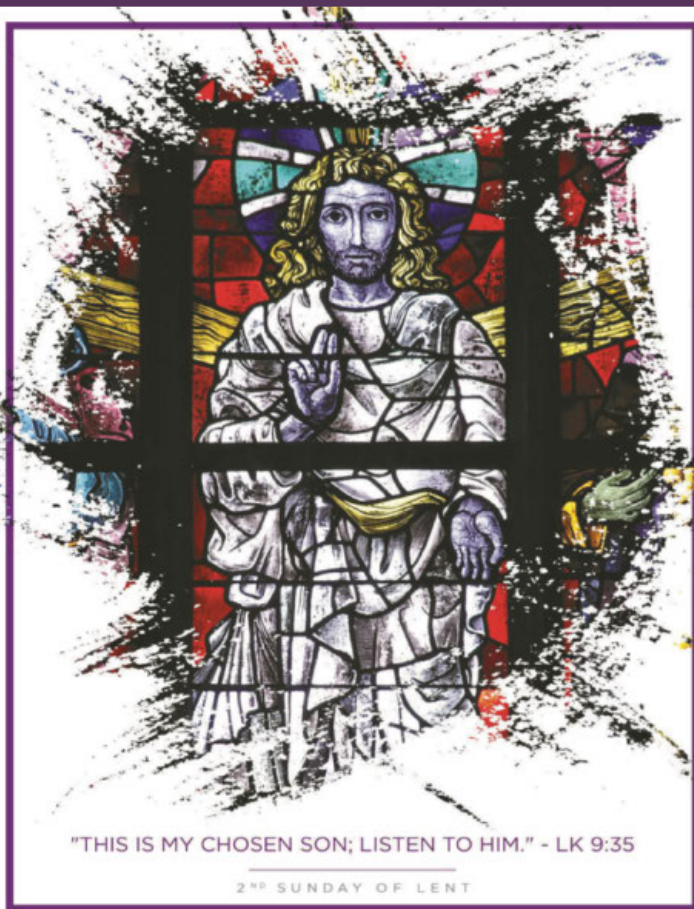
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*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 March 16, 2025
 The Second Sunday of
 Lent*



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

2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
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.

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 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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Oliver Sansoucie — 1st Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- 9:00 - Kenneth MacKinaw — Memorial

Sunday, March 23, 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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 15, 2025

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

- 9:30 - William J. Buckley — 6th Anniversary

Saturday, March 22, 2025

- 4:00 - Jerry Penney — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, March 23, 2025

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
 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,

I love going to the movies; it's one of my great "passions". I especially enjoy getting there in time for the "coming attractions", the previews of movies that will be released. It is there that I begin to "pick and choose" what movies I'm going to see and what ones I'm going to avoid. It is in today's gospel that we have a "preview" of something to come, something to which we can look forward.

In today's gospel, the Transfiguration is "front and center". This moment in salvation history is seen by Peter, James and John, and is "seen" by those of us who have "eyes" (in the spiritual sense) to see. When this moment happens, the three disciples who are with Jesus are not seeing things clearly. This is understandable due to the fact that they (nor anyone else) had never seen anything like this, nor had anyone else. They were fearful and confused, but in some sense they trusted that the Lord had their best interest at heart; He had never led them astray, and wasn't about to here. They fell silent because no words could convey the power of that moment.

Lent is for us a time of reflection. Lent for us is a time of conversion. Today's gospel is, for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear, a moment of reflection and conversion as well. We reflect on the fact that in this moment of the Transfiguration, Jesus shows to us not only who it is He will become, but also who it is that we will become. When we believe in the power and presence of Jesus, we ourselves are "transfigured" – made anew as new creations of God's love and power; this must be for us a moment of reflection and conversion. We reflect on the love which Jesus has for us in showing us the way to the Kingdom. We are converted in the sense that it is a moment of renewal for us in being shown who it is that we will become.

May we use this moment of reflection and conversion to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church. May we come to see Jesus for who He is for us. May we come to believe that in the transfigured Christ, we have our hope and salvation. May this Lenten Season be a time of reflection and conversion, so that when Easter comes, Jesus may find us watching, waiting and ready to welcome Him anew.

A Blessed Lent to All,

Fr. Paul



IN EARLY PREPARATION FOR EASTER, WE ARE ENCOURAGING YOU TO SEND IN YOUR EAST FLOWER DONATIONS.

YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

March Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is March 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.

March Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

March 17 at 6:30 pm at St. John
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!

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.

Lenten Simple Suppers are back!

Last year we did two Soup and Stations nights before the Stations of the Cross. This year we are doing Simple Suppers at 6 pm before **all** the Stations. They are potluck style, so please bring a simple meatless dish (it doesn't have to be soup) to share if you are so inclined. But all are welcome, so bringing something is not a requirement! Hope to see you there— see the last page and the flyers in the church for the schedule.

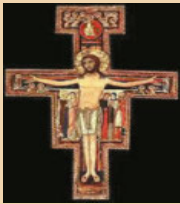
Lenten Mission: Pilgrims of Hope

For the theme of the Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis has chosen the virtue of hope. Why is hope so essential for being a Catholic today? What is hope? How can we grow in hope? Join us for this year's Lenten Mission to find out!

Sunday 3/23: 6:15 pm Mass, 7 pm talk at St. Ann
Monday 3/24: 7 pm Mass followed by talk at St. John

Pope Francis: Hope does not disappoint!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel passage focuses on the Transfiguration of Christ. This was the moment when Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples (Peter, James, and John), showing Himself in His "glorified" form (that is, what He would look like after His Resurrection and Ascension. It was a powerful moment for the disciples, as well as the "literary onlookers" (that is, you and I), because even though they were terrified they still thought it good that they were there (see Luke 9:33). In being there "in spirit", we also get a sense of hope that as Jesus goes, so do we. Therefore, as Jesus resurrects and is glorified, so too do we have the potential for this same final glory; all we need to do is be "transfigured".

What do I mean by "transfigured"? Well, when one looks at the word, it can have many meanings but the way that it is used in this particular passage is a movement of divine love from Jesus' human/ ordinary form to His divine/extraordinary form. This should give us hope, for Jesus did say that where He was going we would follow. We will move from earthly life to heavenly life, from ordinary and everyday living to a life of eternal joy. This is something which St. Francis experienced at His Transitus, The Transitus, from the Latin word for passage or crossing, commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life. At first glance, it may seem odd to reflect on death, particularly in our present world. Yet, for Franciscans, St. Francis' teachings – those he spoke and those he embodied through his actions – are more than just a set of inspirational ideas. They are an example of how to live life well, pouring oneself out in service to others for the glory of God, and even how to suffer with joy. However, as a vowed religious, St. Francis' life was also a testament to the Christian belief that the life we enjoy on this earth is not all there is.

The interesting thing about Francis is, of course, that this transformation was no "deathbed conversion". No, Francis' conversion came at a time in his life when he had everything that he needed and didn't feel the need for God. As he was going through the Italian countryside, seeking adventure and good times, little did he know what God had in store for him. When Francis came to the realization that God was calling him to something deeper in life, the furthest thing from his mind was the radical transformation from itinerant soldier to itinerant preacher that he would undergo in his life. This movement truly was a "transfiguring" moment of faith. Just as Jesus' appearance changed at the Transfiguration, so did Francis' at the time of his Transitus. Gone was the Stigmata with which he was afflicted (although Francis might say "blessed"), and his visage truly was "beatific". I think this was, in large part, due to the fact that Francis did not fear death...far from it, in fact, embracing it as a welcome member of God's family and referring to it as "Sister Death".

Let us pray that we can embrace our new life in Christ, at the time of our death, as radically and vibrantly as St. Francis did, welcoming it as we would a friend or relative. Let us be "transfigured" here in this life, so that we may have the courage to embrace death as willingly as we do life. May St. Francis inspire us to welcome all aspects of life, especially the time of Eternal Life when it comes to us.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS

WEEK IS TO BUILD UP THE SNOW FUND.

EASTER IS COMING

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU —Confessions
Wednesdays 6:30—8:00 PM

3/12 @ St. John's 3/19 @ St. Ann's
3/26 @ St. John's 4/2 @ St. Ann's
4/9 @ St. John's 4/16 @ St. Ann's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — Fridays at 7:00 PM
Each week Simple Suppers will be held at 6:00 PM
before Stations - Pot Luck - Please bring a meatless dish.

3/7 — St. John's
3/14 — St. Ann's 3/21 — St. John's
3/28 — St. Ann's 4/4 — St. John's
4/11 — 6:00 Simple Supper with First Church &
Stations at 7:00 at St. Ann's

HOLY WEEK

4/15 - 7PM — TUESDAY — TENEBRAE — ST. ANN'S

4/17 - 7 PM — MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
(WITH WASHING OF THE FEET)
ST. JOHN'S.

4/18 - GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 MORNING PRAYERS AT ST. JOHN'S

3:00 PM — SEVEN LAST WORDS WITH EB
CLERGY ASSOC. AT ST. JOHN'S
7:00 PM — GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — ST.
ANN'S

4/19 - 9:00— MORNING PRAYERS AT ST. ANN'S
8:00 PM — EASTER VIGIL MASS

4/20 EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 — ST. ANN'S
9:30 — ST. JOHN'S
11:30 — ST. ANN'S



Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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:



Pope Francis, 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'Guisepppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, Sandy, Tina DeCost & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith You have gifted us in Your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindle in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of evil overcome, Your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubille reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To You, God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever.

*Amen
Francis*



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: March 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

March 17, 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

The Archdiocese of Boston's guidelines for Lent include fasting, abstinence, and generosity.

Fasting:

Catholics between the ages of 15 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids like milk and fruit juice are permitted.

Abstinence:

Catholics over the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence means not eating meat from chickens, cows, sheep, ham, pigs, or birds.

Generosity:

Donating to local, national, and world programs.
Participating in traditional Lenten devotions.
Practicing self-denial, or "mortification".

Other practices:

Attending daily Mass
Reflecting, serving, and praying

The traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The goal is to develop a closer relationship with God.

The custom of giving up something for Lent is not mandatory, but it can be a salutary custom.

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