

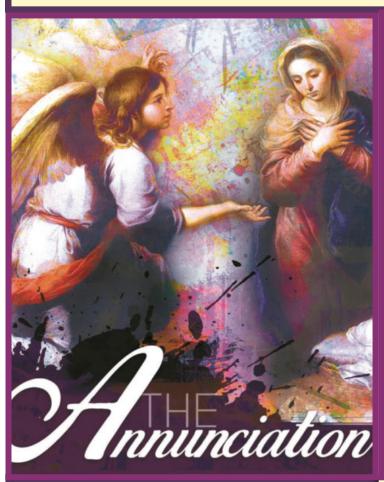
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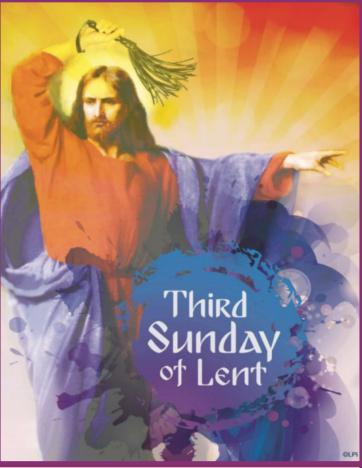
Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 23, 2025
The Third Sunday of
Lent



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

2025 Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope





## **Church of Saint Ann**

103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater 02379 508-586-4880 ( 24 hour service)

E-Mail: stanns@comcast.net Website: stannswb.com Facebook: St. Ann-WB (Account suspended)

Collaborative Office Hours are 9:00-3:00 M-TH

## **Saint John the Evangelist**

210 Central St., East Bridgewater 02333

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

## Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring fr\_plrstjohn@comcast.net

Brendan Fitzgerald (Sr. Deacon) deaconbrendan@comcast.net

## **Priests In Residence**

Fr. Peter Francis Fr. Michael Diochi

**Permanent Deacons:** 

Christopher Connelly cconnelly@rcab.org

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. 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

#### **SAINT ANN'S STAFF**

# Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano

stanns@comcast.net 508-586-4880

### 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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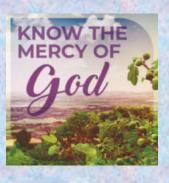
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richcesarini@gmail.com

## **Director of Ministries: Matthew Brady**

directorofministries.tic@gmail.com 774-533-2002





Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

11:30 - Joseph Giovanoni — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Yvonne Blauss — Memorial

**Sunday, March 30, 2025** 

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

11:30 - Leo Giovanoni — Month's Mind

6:15 - Frances Sousa — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 - Jerry Penney — 3rd Anniversary

**Sunday, March 23, 2025** 

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

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00 - James Coffee — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, March 30, 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,

When I was a boy, I can remember spending every Easter Sunday evening glued to the television, watching "The Ten Commandments". It was one of the few times my mother let me stay up past my bedtime on a school night...quite a treat! I can remember the "Technicolor" that was employed (an amazing cinematic feature, long before CGI!), and how it brought the story of the Bible to life! One of the stunning moments was the scene of the "burning bush", the moment in salvation history when Moses was on Mount Horeb and he came upon the bush that was burning, but not consumed. Today's first reading recalls the account of Moses and the Burning Bush.

In our first reading, Moses is tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law. The "burning bush" (which, as I say, was burning but not consumed by the flames) catches the attention of Moses. Little wonder it does, between the sight of the bush and the presence of the angel of the Lord; it is a sight which would catch the attention of anyone looking on the scene! In the encounter, Moses hears the voice of God, telling him who He is and what He wants Moses to do. Moses is to lead the Israelites to freedom, freedom from the oppression of Pharaoh. When Moses asks who it is he should say has sent him, God replies "I am who am" (Exodus 3:14). This is a key moment, for it reveals God as one of the "present moment" (signified by the fact that God uses the present tense). It is the same God who created the world. It is the same God who created us. It is the same God who is with us. here and now.

When we hear of this "God of the present moment", we should take courage and have hope. Our God is one who is with us here and now. We do not have a God who set the world in motion and left us abandoned. We have a God who walks with us in this day and age, in this moment in time, in this Lenten Season (and in ALL Seasons).

May we take comfort in the fact that our God is one who is with us in all time, and for all time, until such time as He calls us home to Himself. May we know that when we call upon God, He does not need to be summoned for He is with us now. May we walk through this Lenten Season knowing that God walks with us now and into the Paschal Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a (Continued) Blessed Lent, Fr. Paul



THE DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS IS 3/24.

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## **MINISTRY NEWS**

## **Ministry News**

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



#### **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!

## **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.

## **April Family Mass**

April 6 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John Our final Family Mass of the school year is April 6 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.

## **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 <u>all</u> 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.



# FORWAR in FAITH



## Dear Friends,

I have been called to love, to trust, and to serve you, the Archdiocese of Boston. I am humbled to walk with you and am inspired by your generosity of spirit. Already, I have discovered that our Church here is alive with very faith-filled, welcoming people.

I look forward to so many things as I begin this new chapter in my priestly life and ministry with you. Among them is witnessing the collective good work being done by the Catholic Appeal. As I have traveled through different regions, I have been inspired by so many people who do God's work through parishes, ministries, Catholic schools, and programs.

Your concern and engagement for the common good and for the mission of the Church is visible through your support of the Catholic Appeal. Your yearly generosity allows us to assist those in need of food and shelter, educate our children, support our future priests, care for the sick, and support the many vibrant ministries of the Church. With your support, those in need will be assisted and feel the power of Christ's love.

I invite you to join me in prayer and reflection as to how you can support this year's Catholic Appeal. I also hope you will see this as an opportunity to make a difference and to honor Christ's charitable gift to us in the Eucharist.

God Bless you.

Yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Richard Henning

# EXTRAORDINARY PARTICIPATION = EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT

The Catholic Appeal funds hundreds of services, programs, and ministries that provide real and tangible evidence that our faith is alive, vibrant, and strong. Here are just a few ways in which your support affirms the lives of others:

## **VIBRANT PARISHES**

Parishes are home for our Christian hearts. Our Archdiocese celebrates 250 parishes each with their own unique culture and character, but all rooted in the same mission: to continue the saving ministry of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Appeal provides support and expertise for pastors so that they can develop their parishes into vibrant centers of community.



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples. The Catholic Appeal supports the Catholic Schools Office with professional staff and resources that help schools develop students' academic foundations, spiritual fortitude, strong moral convictions, and the desire to be civically engaged.





"Deacons experience a unique dimension of service. We're called to go out to serve the people in the community who might be marginalized for whatever reason. Maybe they're in a nursing home, maybe they're unhoused, maybe they just don't come to church. We're more in the world. We work, we all have jobs. We're evangelizing, even if we're not intentionally evangelizing."

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- Deacon Tom O'Shea

## PERMANENT DIACONATE

Living in the world, deacons serve communities with a unique authority to minister and bring the presence of Christ to those in need. They are anchors to the communities in which they serve. The Catholic Appeal supports the Office of Vocations through which candidates for the diaconate receive academic instruction, faith formation, and classes on spiritual and human development.



## MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Marriage provides the foundation of families from which our communities are strengthened and nourished. Gifts to the Catholic Appeal help ensure that programs that strengthen marriages continue to thrive and resources for the lifelong journey of marriage are available and accessible.





"Marriage is a discovery process where both people learn how to adapt to one another's needs. The faith is so important in keeping a marriage strong, because we believe in a higher power that we should worship and looking at marriage as a vocation towards that end." — Raymond



# Let's move Forward in Faith together with a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. Help to share Christ's hope and love with all those who seek it.

If you have received Archbishop Henning's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, thank you! If not, there are several ways you can participate in the 2025 Catholic Appeal:

- Use an **in-pew envelope** and return it to your parish. Most parishes will conduct an in-pew presentation next week during Masses.
- Make an online donation by scanning the QR code below or by visiting our website:
   Bostoncatholicappeal.org



For greater sustained impact, select the recurring gift option. Your monthly donation will continue until you ask us to stop.

- Make a gift through your Donor-Advised Fund using TAX ID #04-2106175 (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston) and include Catholic Appeal and your home parish in the donation details.
- Make a planned gift in the form of a bequest, stock, or property transfer, IRA distribution, or charitable gift of annuity.

To learn more, visit **bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give**. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law: Tax ID #04-2106175.



#### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

I was having a conversation about my life in the context of the Secular Franciscans, and

this person asked me "Does this mean that you are no longer a diocesan priest?" It is one of the more common questions I get asked, and it is born out of both a desire to know more about the Secular Franciscans and an unknowing about what Third Orders are about in the world of the Church. Most religious orders (Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans, etc.) have some sort of "Third Order", with the first two "orders" dealing with the ordained or vowed members of that particular religious order. The "Third Order" traditionally deals with the laity or diocesan clergy. In fact, the link between the Third Order and Diocesan clergy has a lot to do with that word... Secular.

Along with being referred to as "diocesan clergy", another way of addressing the work that I do is by referring to us as "secular clergy". Simply put, this means that we make "promises" rather than take vows, and we are linked with a particular diocese, rather than a larger religious order (which spans many dioceses throughout the country and world). This does NOT mean that we are not affiliated more with the world than the church! In joining the Secular Franciscan Order, I am within the ranks of men and women who have decided that our focus and attention in our prayer and our living out our Baptismal Call has been, and is, influenced by the person, writings, and charism of St. Francis of Assisi.

Years ago, I was standing outside of church after Mass one Sunday, and someone noticed my "monastic alb" (the white garment worn under the chasuble (the outer robe worn at Mass), which has a hood on it); they also noticed my sandals (which I would wear year-round if weather permitted it!). In spying my garb, they inquired of me "Father, are you Dominican (because of my alb) or Franciscan (because of my sandals)?" At the time I joked that "I'm not smart enough to be a Dominican, and not nice enough to be a Franciscan!" Little did I know what God had in store for me! In all seriousness, I believe I've always had Franciscan "leanings". I used to say that while my choice of diocesan priesthood was largely influenced by the diocesan clergy in the parishes in which I grew up, if I ever chose to join a religious order that it would be the Franciscans. So, perhaps God knew that I was going to take this path all along.

As I continue to live my Secular Franciscan journey within the context of my priesthood, I invite you to pray over where God might be calling you to serve His Church. Look at the things that attract you about the Faith, and move in that direction, trusting that it is God's Holy Spirit leading the way, helping you to walk the path that He is calling you to walk.

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'Guiseppe, 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.

This week the Wine, Hosts and Sanctuary Lamp are offered
At St. Ann's in
Loving memory of:
Joseph Giovanoni







## **Prayer of Lent**

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply. Amen.

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## 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: April 8, 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

## April 7 & April 21

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

## NEWS

## Please remember in your prayers:

Elson Moriera
Carol Therault
Ralph Grillone
Sydney Schmitchel
Camella A. Sullivan
June Snow
Richard DiBlasio
M. Doris Thompson

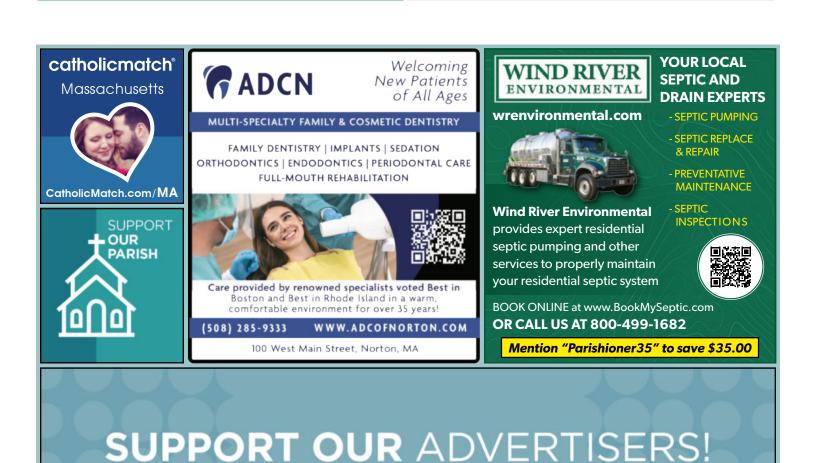
May they rest in peace, and may their Families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

Please welcome the following children Into our Collaborative.



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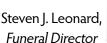
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