



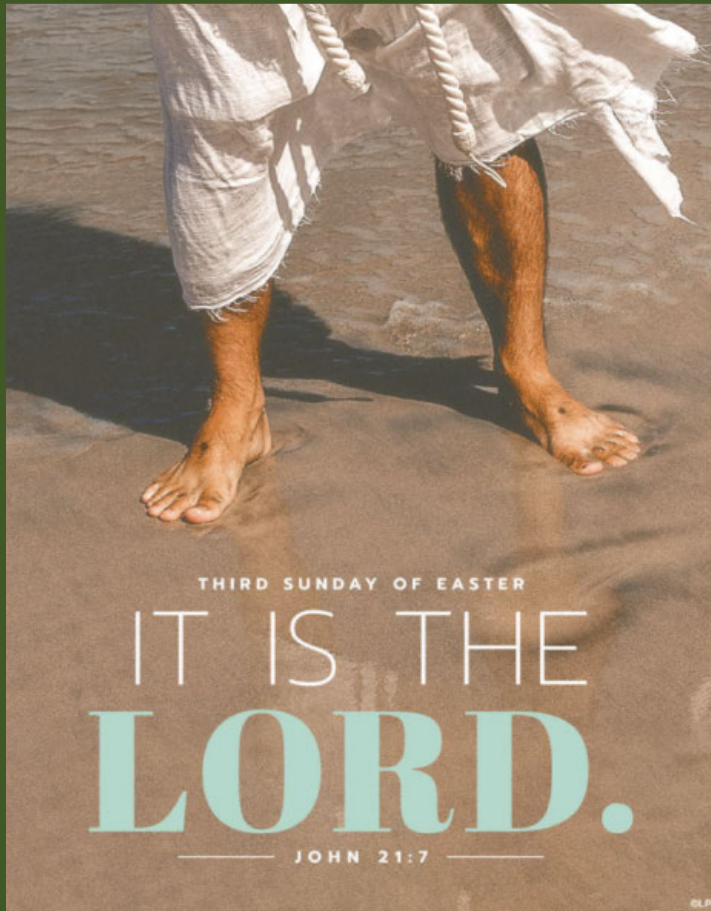
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*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 May 4, 2025  
 Third Sunday of Easter*



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

*2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope*



### **Church of Saint Ann**

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.

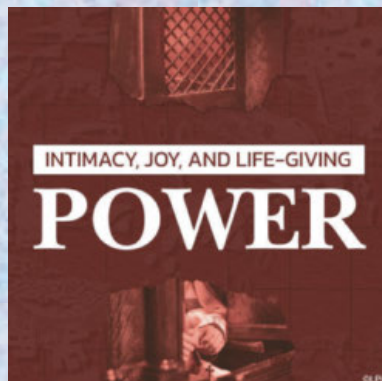
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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative  
11:30 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial  
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

**Sunday, May 11, 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, May 3, 2025**

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

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

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

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday, May 11, 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.

**REMEMBER THE MASS SCHEDULE  
WILL BE CHANGING ON THE WEEK-  
END OF MEMORIAL DAY!  
SATURDAY, MAY 24 & SUNDAY MAY 25**

**NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move through our Easter Season, we have yet another post-Resurrection encounter between Jesus and the disciples. The gospels are full of these moments when Jesus reveals Himself to His “inner circle”. These are the ones who will carry on His message. These are the ones who will continue the work which Jesus established in His time on earth. They come to know Jesus in a new way in these post-Resurrection encounters, for Jesus reveals Himself slowly (partly through the disciples’ lack of recognition).

In this gospel passage, Jesus comes to them as a half-dozen are out fishing. It is a seemingly innocuous event, something which the disciples would be doing anyway. What makes it unique is the presence of the risen Christ. It is Christ who calls them to trust in Him once again, by casting their nets even after working all night and catching nothing. It is then that the disciples (first John, the beloved disciple, then Peter) recognize Jesus. This revelation continues on the seashore, as Jesus feeds them (once again) with bread and fish (perhaps an allusion to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes?). The revelation is made complete with the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter.

Perhaps this encounter (between Peter and Jesus) is the most telling. One can only guess what is going through Peter’s mind, but it must have been an uneasy moment for him. When Jesus asks Peter three times “do you love me?”, the unease (bordering on upset) continues for Peter. What Peter perhaps doesn’t realize is that by asking this three-fold question, Jesus is forgiving Peter for his three-fold denial of Jesus (taking place sometime between the Last Supper and Jesus’ Crucifixion). Each time Jesus asks Peter to profess his love for Him, He is preparing him to take hold of the ministry which Jesus has established. It is only when Peter has this sin (of denying Jesus) “washed away” that he can continue the ministry which Jesus has set forth.

Where is it that we need forgiveness? Where do we need to hear from Jesus “do you love me”? We tend to think of forgiveness and reconciliation as “Lenten practices”. Forgiveness, however, isn’t limited to a “season” – or even a time or place. Forgiveness happens when we go to God, pour our heart out, and are freed from those things which are not of God. May we have the courage to approach the Lord, confident of His forgiving love. May we experience the healing which Peter (and the other disciples) encounters in this moment. May we know the healing, forgiving love of God, and share that gift with all whom we meet!

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

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)

#### **The Mass schedule changes on May 24!**

New weekend Mass schedule as of 5/24:

Sat. 4 pm at St. Ann  
Sun. 8 am at St. John  
9:30 am at St. Ann  
11:30 am at St. John  
6:15 pm at St. Ann

The daily Mass schedule will not change

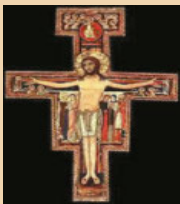
Congratulations to the 15 children that will receive their First Communion at St. John this weekend and the 19 who will receive at St. Ann's on the 18th and 31st. All of us in the collaborative are very proud of you!

Special thank you to Tina Anthony and Claire Yocum for purchasing the banners you see on each family's pew.

#### **Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

May 19 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!

We do this every month on the 3rd Monday so please join us any time. We do switch off churches, so check the bulletin for the location.



### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

After His Resurrection, one of the first gifts Jesus offers His disciples is the gift of peace. It is a peace that only He can give as it comes not from the world (whose peace is temporary and transitory) but from God's Eternal Kingdom (whose peace is eternal and everlasting). In light of that, I offer you St. Francis' Peace Prayer. It is a "blueprint" on how we (all, not just Franciscans!) are to conduct ourselves in the world. And so, I offer you this:

#### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace:*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled as  
to console,*

*To be understood as to under-  
stand,*

*To be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,*

*It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned,*

*And it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.*

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**THANK YOU TO DAVE RUSSELL AND  
THE RUSSELL PICA FUNERAL HOME  
FOR PROVIDING THE MASS CARDS  
FOR POPE FRANCIS.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS  
WEEK IS TO PAY FOR THE BULKHEAD AT ST.  
JOHN'S & THE SIDING AT THE RECTORY OF ST.  
ANN'S. (The cost of these jobs is about \$5,000.)**



### **Famous Quotes by Pope Francis**

#### **On Mercy and Forgiveness:**

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

"There is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the father."

"The confessional must not be a torture chamber, but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy."

#### **On hope and Change:**

"Life is a journey."

"Hope is the virtue of those who, facing difficulties, know how to set out with trust in the Lord."

"To be faithful, to be creative, we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel."

#### **In caring for the Poor and Vulnerable:**

"We need to let ourselves be evangelized by the poor. They have much to teach us."

"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important."

"How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!"

#### **On the importance of Unity and Peace:**

"Peace is not a product that is bought; it is built day by day with justice, forgiveness, and love."

Hostility, extremism, and violence are not born of a religious heart; they are betrayals of religion."

"Let us not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!"

Words to live by.

May the angels and saints embrace you upon your arrival!



## 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, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, 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, Kathy McLaughlin & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



### SAINT JOHN'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE HAVING A BOOK AND CLOTHING DRIVE ON:

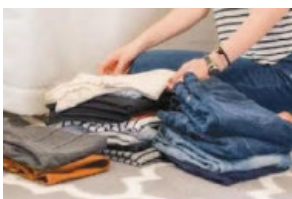
**June 7th & 8th from 10 am to 2 pm both days.**  
A truck will be there to collect the books and Clothes.

**The money earned is based on the poundage we donate. Please bring as much as you can!**

### SAINT ANN'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE HAVING THE SAME BOOK AND CLOTHING DRIVE:

**June 21 & 22**  
**Times TBA**

**Please remember that the bin that is always at Saint Ann's is not part of this drive. Things must be dropped off at the truck.**



**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, and \$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: May 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

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**

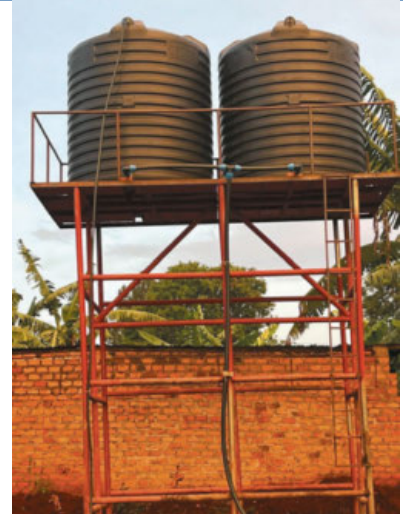
**May 5th, & May 19th**

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

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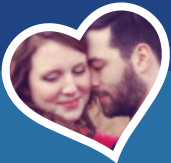
The Water Project for Fr. John Fisher is coming along nicely.

He sends his love and thanks

And is looking forward to giving us all an update

When he returns this summer!

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