



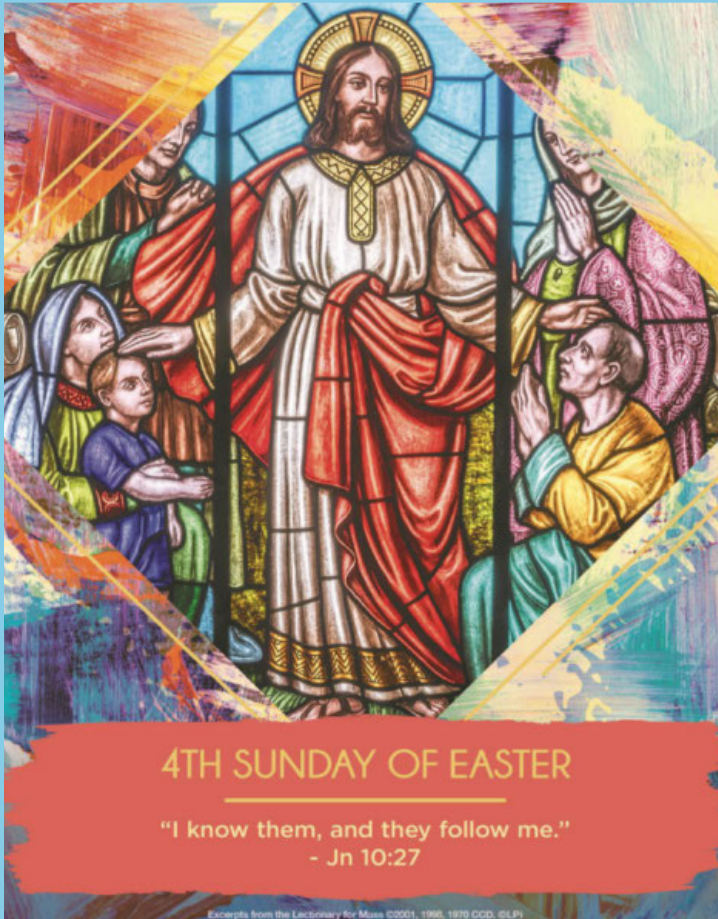
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*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 May 11, 2025  
 Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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

*2025 Jubilee — Pilgrims of Hope*



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I know them, and they follow me."  
 - Jn 10:27

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 MOTHER'S  
 DAY!

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 THE MOTHER  
 WHO WATCHES  
 OVER US,  
 HER CHILDREN,  
 ON OUR  
 JOURNEY  
 THROUGH LIFE,  
 OFTEN WEARY  
 AND IN NEED,  
 ANXIOUS THAT  
 THE LIGHT OF  
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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**

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#### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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

#### **Sunday, May 18, 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 10, 2025**

4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

#### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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

#### **Saturday, May 17, 2025**

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — Anniversary

#### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

9:30 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

## **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,**

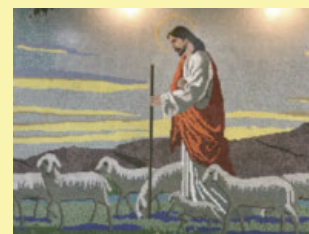
**FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a**

**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,

In writing this column, I recall a conversation I had with a seminary classmate of mine who is from Greece and has relatives who are shepherds. One of the interesting things he told me about the sheep is that when they have been with the shepherd for a long enough period of time, they become “attuned” to the voice of the shepherd. After a while they will not respond to another voice, not even another shepherd’s.

This is why Jesus uses the image of the sheep and the shepherd in conveying the relationship that we are to have with Him. Jesus knows us, and He knows us intimately. We, for our part, are called to know Him, to know His voice. The only way that we can do this is by “tuning out” other voices, voices which are contrary to the Lord’s. This can be a difficult, seemingly impossible thing. There are so many voices which run contrary to His that it can be hard to tell to which ones we are to listen. These “other” voices can lead us in directions which may seem, for a time, to be good places. Ultimately, however, the decisions we make and the roads we choose to walk are meant to lead us to deeper and complete relationship with and in God.

So how do we “tune out” these other voices? The first way, I believe, is to invite God into our everyday life. To make God a part of every decision, every conversation and every encounter we have with/in the world is vitally important. The next way is prayer. When we open up our mind and heart to God, God can show us amazing things! When we communicate with God, both speaking and listening, we can realize the good things God has in store for us. Finally, we need to act on that communication, practicing what we preach. In this way, we can establish, maintain and grow our relationship with God.

May we have the courage to “tune out” those voices which are not God. May we, in our decision-making and in our conversations, never be afraid to make God a part of them. May we know God, serve His people and love all who come into our midst. May we, when we hear the voice of the good shepherd (who is Christ) respond with full and open hearts. May we respond in love, willing to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in the same way that Jesus has laid down His life.

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

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

## 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

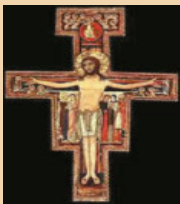
Congratulations to the 15 children that will receive their First Communion at St. John this weekend and the 19 who will receive at St. Ann's on the 18th and 31st. All of us in the collaborative are very proud of you!

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

Speaking to his newly formed community of followers, St. Francis of Assisi used a particular image to express how he wanted the friars to imitate Jesus Christ. In his “Admonitions”, under the title of “Of the Imitation of the Lord”, St. Francis pointed to the Good Shepherd as the model to be followed:

**“Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save His sheep bore the suffering of the Cross. The sheep of the Lord followed Him in tribulation and persecution and shame, in hunger and thirst, in infirmity and temptations and in all other ways; and for these things they have received everlasting life from the Lord. Wherefore it is a great shame for us, the servants of God, that, whereas the Saints have practiced works, we should expect to receive honor and glory for reading and preaching the same.”**

In this passage, St. Francis is referring to Jesus’ own words in the Gospel of John. **“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. (John 10:11-16)”**

St. Francis was pointing out the love Jesus has for his flock and how he was willing to bear any suffering for our sake. He wanted his followers to do the same for the people they encountered, not boasting in their good works, but bearing every burden for the people they serve. Similarly, in referencing this passage, St. Francis may have also been warning his community not to become **“hired men, who leave and run away from their sheep.”** They were to be **“servants of all,”** shepherds who would imitate Jesus’ own example. He did not want his brothers to become prideful and consider themselves the source of their good works. Instead, he would repeatedly say that the only thing they could **“glory”** in was **“in our infirmities, and in bearing daily the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** The Good Shepherd is a beautiful image of Jesus Christ, one that still inspires many sons and daughters of St. Francis.

Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. Paul, OFS

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

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS  
WEEK CONTINUES 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.)**

**May 11, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 10:27-30**

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn’t hear God’s voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn’t hear God’s voice? It went on for months.

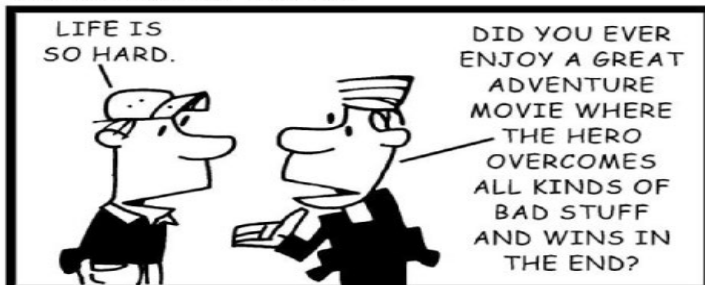
Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God’s closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **“My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27).** Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God’s voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— *Father John Muir*

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





## 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 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, Kathy McLaughlin, John Zenus & 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:

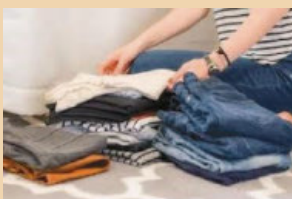
**June 7th & 8th from 10 am to 2 pm both days.**  
A truck will be there to collect the books and Clothes.

**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 9:00 am—1 pm**

**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:  
Hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift cards, etc.

**Thank you for your monetary donations. Your generosity has helped several families this winter.**  
**Thank you for all your help collecting donations for our homeless neighbors.**

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**

**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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**Anam Cara**  
**Friday, May 2, 4:00 PM**

**Commonweal Conversations**  
**Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.**  
**"Women's Ordination"**

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