



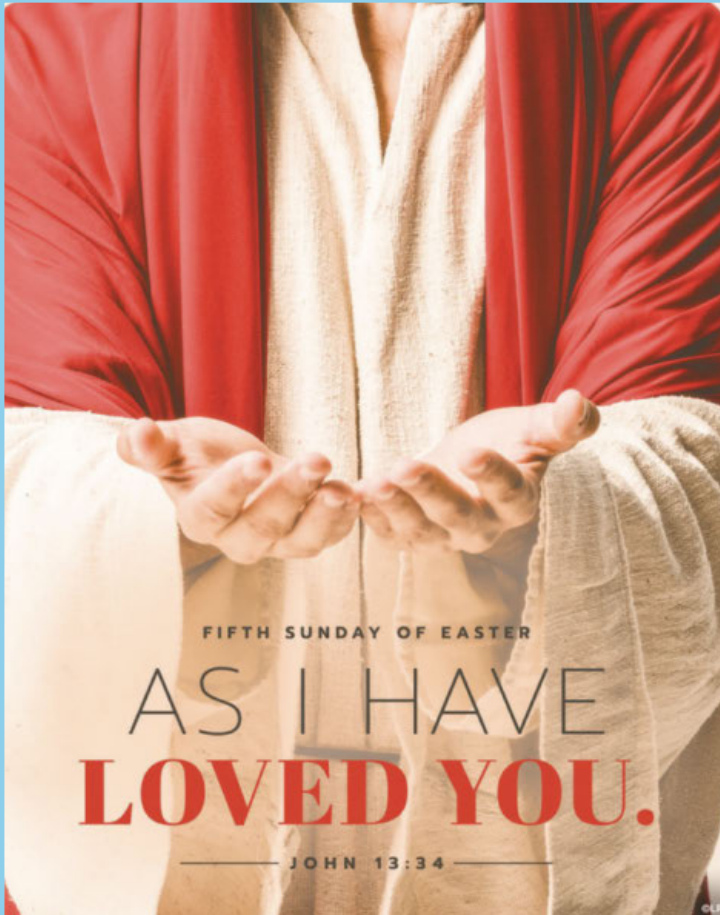
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*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 May 17, 2025
 Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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

2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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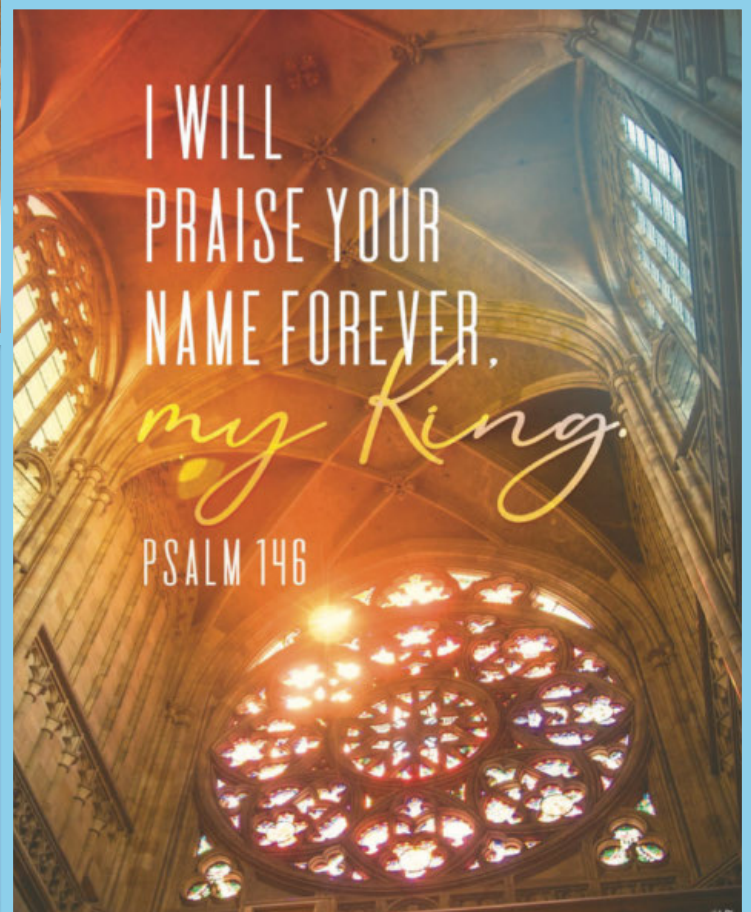
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

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, 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

Saturday, May 24, 2025

4:00 - Geraldine & Frank Sullivan — Memorial

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
6:15 Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, May 29, 2025

9:00 - Carolyn Ritucci — Memorial

Saturday, May 31, 2025

9:00 - Erminia Victoria — 20th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 17, 2025

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — Anniversary

Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:30 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

Sunday, May 25, 2025

11:30 - Marie Keys — 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

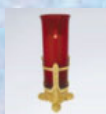
MEMORIAL MASSES
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Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

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 think that many of us wonder what heaven will be like. Some have a “traditional” view, one with which we’ve grown up – complete with angels strumming on harps while perched on puffy clouds. Some have come to believe heaven as not so much a “place” as it is a “state of being”/“way of living”. No matter what our view, those who have a view of heaven see it as a completely different thing as compared to the reality of our life on earth.

John, the ascribed writer of the Book of Revelation, would share that view. In seeing it as something new, John recognizes not only the end of our earthly days as bringing about a radically different way of living, but also as the fulfillment of everything which God has promised His people. This “new order” of things is a reimagining of how we are to live our lives in relationship with God. God will take away all of the “stumbling blocks” that keep us from seeing God and living life to the fullest with God – tears, mourning, pain. God will replace these challenges with a fulfillment of this “new order”.

There is a challenge to this way of thinking, however, namely what we do between now and then? How do we live our lives knowing that while here on earth there will be these difficulties, these challenges? It’s not like we can avoid pain, tears or death. They are part of our “makeup”, of who we are as human beings. We must, therefore, strive for a vision like John’s. We must see beyond the limitations of this world and keep our eyes on the Kingdom. Again, this can be challenging but it is how we must live our lives. If we contain our “vision”, our thinking and living to this world then we will be caught unexpectedly when the time comes for us to enter into the Kingdom, either at the end earthly days or at the end of time.

God is with us now, leading us in His way of living. God will be with us at the end of the age to call us home to Himself. God will usher us (we pray) into the Kingdom, where we will spend all eternity in everlasting peace, joy and life. May we use our time here on earth wisely, spending time growing in relationship with God. May we prepare ourselves here and now to be ready for that day when we are called home. May we enter into the Kingdom when God calls us home to spend everlasting life with Him.

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

As this bulletin goes to press, we have gotten word that our new Pope has been selected by the Cardinals and the Holy Spirit. He is Robert Cardinal Prevost, an American from Chicago. He will take the name Leo XIV. Pray for him and our Church.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at 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

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.

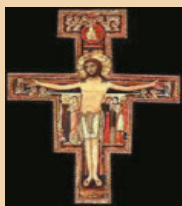
Vacation Bible School

July 21-25 9-noon at St. Ann
Students entering grades preK-5

One of the most important things we can do is trust in Jesus. Join us for a fun week of games, activities and Bible stories as we learn to grow our faith in Jesus.

For more info and to sign up, please contact Matt Brady.





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As I write this column, I reflect on my profession of three years ago to the Secular Franciscan Order.

While Profession signifies a formal step in the process of becoming a Secular Franciscan, it is (much like my Ordination) just the first step of a lifelong journey of discovery of who St. Francis is for me and my fellow Franciscans. There are “ongoing formation”, monthly meetings at which we discover who Francis is for us, as well as who we are in light of our relationship with God and the Secular Franciscan Order. While we can, after Profession, lay claim to the title “Secular Franciscan”, I feel as if this is formalizing something which God has been doing with, for, and in me my whole life. My calling to the Secular Franciscan Order is not unlike my calling to Priesthood. It is something which God has been doing long before I ever started this journey.

I’ve always believed that God has a plan for each one of us. Sometimes those plans take many twists and turns, and are far more circuitous than we can ever imagine (or perhaps ever (think we) want). Again, reflecting on this journey in light of my priesthood, I believe that God chose me to be a priest long before I even knew what priesthood entailed. In that same way, I believe that God chose me to be a Secular Franciscan long before I ever heard of St. Francis, or knew where Assisi was on a map (of Italy). In light of God’s calling me to this life as a Secular Franciscan, I would invite all of you to pray over your own vocation, even if you feel that your life is already “mapped out”.

I heard recently that a calling to the Secular Franciscan Order as a diocesan priest is a “vocation within a vocation”. Perhaps, in whatever vocation you are living, if you feel like you have found your life’s calling God is still calling you to a “vocation within a vocation”, and is calling you to pursue something further, something additional, something deeper, along with the vocation you are currently living. I’m not suggesting that everyone is called to the Secular Franciscan Order (although some of you very well might be!), but I am suggesting that (perhaps) God IS calling you to deepen your relationship with Him by looking into some sort of way of life such as the Secular Franciscans. A “third order”, a ministry in the Church, or a renewal of the life you are already living might be just what God is calling for within you. You might just be surprised as to what you find!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

PLEASE EXTEND A WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER PAUL ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION.

MAY 20TH.

MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED WHAT WE WILL BE DOING FOR THIS CELEBRATION. FATHER PAUL, BEING FATHER PAUL, DOES NOT WANT ANYTHING DONE, JUST PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES.

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.)

BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother’s dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: “You resemble her.”

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer’s disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

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MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR MOTHER, MARY.

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY THIS MONTH IN HER HONOR.

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, 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:

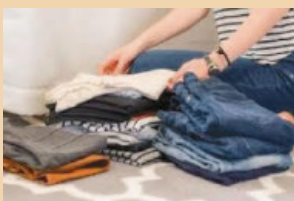
June 7th & 8th from 10 am to 2 pm both days.
A truck will be there to collect the books and Clothes.

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: June 10, 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 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

Good and Evil

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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