



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 May 25, 2025
 Sixth Sunday of Easter*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



POPE LEO XIV

First American Pope

Fun Facts

- Pope Leo likes to play Wordle! ...
- He is also the first Peruvian pope. ...
- Pope Leo watched "Conclave" right before his very own Conclave!

Saint John the Evangelist

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 9:00-3:00 M-TH**

MEMORIAL DAY

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 THESE
 HEROES.



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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 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

Saturday, May 24, 2025

4:00 - Geraldine & Frank Sullivan & Family — 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

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:30 - John & Suzanne Lovell — Memorial

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

11:30 - Marie Keys — 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00- Tony & Lu Cruz, Tony Cruz, Jr. — Mem

11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

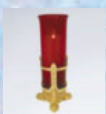
MEMORIAL MASSES
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HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK
Suggested donation \$55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

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,



A few weeks ago, a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In entering into a deeper relationship with God through this sacrament, these young men and women had bestowed upon them a fresh outpouring of grace which will, please God, give them the strength to take on roles of service in the Church as well as live their lives rooted more deeply in the power of God. The beauty of this Sacrament comes when the bishop, in the laying on of hands and the imposition of Sacred Chrism, asks the Holy Spirit to be with them and give gifts which will help these young people to grow in faith, hope and love,

The Holy Spirit, promised to the apostles in this gospel passage, is couple with another gift: peace. This gift of God's peace, a peace which only God can give, is meant to calm the fears of the disciples as they are given charge of the new entity which will be seen by many as a manifestation of God's love. They are fearful because they feel that they are being abandoned. I know this fear of abandonment and what it looks/feels like each time I leave my dog, Nellie, behind (even for a brief period of time). Her following me to the door is a sign to me that she has a sense of my leaving without the security of knowing that I will return. When I do return, her joy is measurable, palpable! Just as I reassure Nellie that I will return, so does Jesus assure that He will return. Better still, Jesus reassures His disciples that He will not leave them abandoned. This is where the Holy Spirit comes into play.

The advocacy of the Holy Spirit is something upon which we can rely as well. In receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (seven, traditionally, in number but truly as infinite as God Himself), is the power of God at work in our lives which gives us the courage to love as God loves. This love, again like that gift of peace, is a type of love which the world does not/cannot give. The love which the world gives is conditional and finite; the love which God gives is unconditional and infinite. The difference is rooted in God Himself. As the infinite Creator of all that was, is and is to come, God knows what we need before we do. God anticipates those needs and gives us remedies (such as the gifts of the Holy Spirit) to meet those needs.

May God, the giver of all good gifts, allow us to feel the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. May the love of God, which surpasses all known love, take root in our hearts and bear great fruit. May the Holy Spirit given at Baptism, Pentecost, and Confirmation, enflame our hearts with a love of God and God's people. May we have no fear of what the world can do to us, secure in the knowledge that God will not leave us abandoned.

Have a Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul

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

Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026

Registration for faith formation 2025-2026 is now open. The schedule and registration form can be found on the parish websites.

As we work towards shifting Confirmation to grade 8 in response to last year's change from the Archdiocese, all students in grades 9 and 10 will receive Confirmation next spring.

Catechists are also needed for all grades. No experience required, just a love of God and our young people! Please contact Matt Brady if interested.

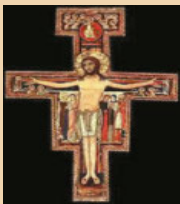
Vacation Bible School

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 we move through the Easter Season, with Pentecost fast approaching, Jesus speaks to his Apostles (and to us) about the gift of the Holy Spirit that they are about to receive – whether they realize it or not! St. Francis spoke of the Holy Spirit in very practical terms on how to receive and use the Spirit. So-called spiritual gurus of every age promote techniques by which a person becomes “spiritual.” Contrast this to the perennial wisdom of Saint Francis. One acquires the Holy Spirit, says holy Francis, not by techniques but by simple consistency in penance, prayer, alms, purity, and charity. Such persons will gain the Holy Spirit “permanently.” Is this not that for which we long? Here are Saint Francis’ words on the subject:

“Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God’s sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father’s children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (“Letter to the Faithful of St. Francis of Assisi”)

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque once asked which saint besides the Immaculate Mary in Heaven was the closest and most devoted to the Sacred Heart of Christ our Lord. God revealed that it was Saint Francis. St. Maximilian Kolbe concluded from this that Francis is the closest to the Sacred Heart because he is the saint most like the Blessed Virgin Mary. My suspicion is that this is so because Mary is the humblest creature ever created and Saint Francis also sought this special gift of humility. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be ours in abundance, and may we use them by incorporating them into our daily lives. May we be devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, shown in St. Francis’ love for all creation, and may we (as is said in the Franciscan tradition) “live simply so that others may simply live”. Let us live in simplicity, humility, peace, and love.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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.)



POPE LEO XIV

Otherwise known as Robert Prevost, born in Chicago in 1955 to parents of Spanish and Franco-Italian descent. Leo served as an altar boy and was ordained in 1982.

He is the first American to fill the role of pope, although he is considered as much a cardinal from Latin America because of the many years he spent as a missionary in Peru. Pope Leo XIV greets the faithful and the world invoking peace and pledging to work for a united Church faithful to Jesus and to the gospel.

Pope Leo XIV: “Peace be with all of you all!”

Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for God’s flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! ...

In his first public remarks as Pope, Leo introduced himself as an Augustinian—an order within the Catholic Church that follows the teachings of St. Augustine of Hippo, which emphasizes love, harmony, humility and dedication to the spiritual community of the church.

What did the Pope say in his first speech? Leo suggested that he would follow in Francis’ footsteps. The late Pope was largely seen as a transformational figure who took the church in a progressive direction and focused on promoting the rights of the poor and marginalized.

In his final Easter message, days before he died, Francis called for peace and disarmament.

When it comes to Popes, names matter. New pontiffs often choose new names as a tribute to a saint or predecessor.

The last Leo to lead the church, Pope Leo XIII, championed the rights of workers.

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, Stephen D'Guiseppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, Sandy, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald & 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:

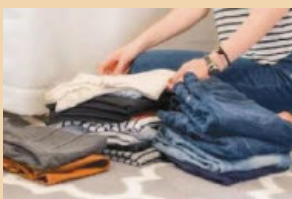
June 7th & 8th from 10 am to 2 pm both days.
A truck will be there to collect the books and Clothes.

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

June 2 & June 16

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

*This week the Flowers are
offered
At St. John's
by Linda Buckley
in
Loving memory of:
Marie Keys*

Prayer of Seasons

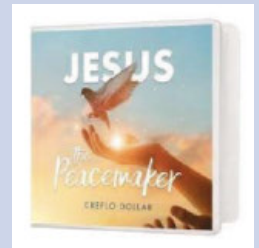
As the seasons change, be with me.
As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.
As I face what the future holds, be with me.
As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to
find you there.
Amen.

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Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come. Amen.

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AS A REMINDER, THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION IS THURSDAY, MAY 29TH.

MASSES WILL BE AT 9:00 AM AT SAINT ANN'S AND AT 7:00 PM AT SAINT JOHN'S



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