



Sunday, 8:00 AM  
 Sunday, 11:30 AM  
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 June 23, 2024*

*12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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



**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
 The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
 "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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MYSTIC AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**START BEING  
 BRAVE ABOUT  
 EVERYTHING.**

— ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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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. Live streamed Mass  
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass  
Thurs & Sat.  
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.

## **SAINT ANN'S STAFF**

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## 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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

My Dear Friends in Christ,



After a trio of “special” holy days (Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi) which transition us out of the Easter Season, we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time. As I’ve said on occasion, Ordinary Time isn’t so named because there’s nothing “special” about it. It is given this designation because these are the weeks that are marked by number (from the Latin, *ordinalis* (numbered)). Truth be told, there is nothing ordinary about what we do here; it is an extraordinary thing to gather as a people of faith each Sunday to worship the Lord. It is a remarkable act of faith to come to believe, profess and live the truth that Jesus has come into the world to give us salvation and that by this act we are redeemed. This past Easter Season was an opportunity to renew our faith and trust in the plan God has for humanity. Hopefully the upcoming spring and summer months will provide an opportunity to further reflect on this goodness of God. We may take a break from studies, from work or from other such day to day activities, but we must never take a vacation from our faith life! Each and every day we have a chance to reflect on and act upon the plan God has for us.

We can, in this reflection, get lost in our own “issues”; we can, as the saying goes, “lose the forest for the trees”. This is the problem of the disciples in today’s gospel passage. They get so caught up in the storm that they forget that Jesus is in their midst. As He rebukes the sea to be quiet (much in the way that He would silence a demon), Jesus shows His mastery and power over even the elements. There is nothing outside the power and purview of Jesus, nothing that He can’t handle. The disciples don’t get it though; they see, believing to some degree, but don’t fully comprehend what is happening. This is, for the disciples in the boat (as well as the hearer/reader of the gospel passage) a test of faith. If they cannot see how Jesus has control over the elements, then how can they (we) see His power over all things? This gospel passage gives an opportunity for all involved (in the passage as well as you and I) to “cement” their belief in the power of God in Christ Jesus.

There comes a point in all of our lives when our faith is tested. At those times, we look within ourselves to see where God is in those moments. It could be like the “Footprints” story that, at our weakest, God was carrying us. It could be that we, like Job (in our first reading), are “tested” by God in spite of our doubt, to help us to realize how truly faithful we are to God’s plan. God does have a plan, despite the shape of our world - which, truth be told, is as much our own doing as anything else (i.e. wars, famine, “man’s inhumanity to man”)! We must be careful not to “lose the forest for the trees”, forgetting that God’s plan is for eternity, not just the here and now. As challenging as this is (to live in eternity), it can be done. We must attune our hearts and minds to live in the surety of God’s love, for it is with this love that all can be accomplished. May we have **faith** in God’s plan, **hope** in the coming of the Kingdom and **love** for all that God has in store for us. May we trust that, despite the challenges inherent in Christian living, we have a future in God’s Kingdom (both here on Earth, as well as the one to come). In this way, we can share this plan of Eternal Life with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**  
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### Sunday, June 23, 2024

- 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

### Thursday, June 27, 2024

- 9:00 - Joseph Ritucci — Memorial

### Sunday, June 30, 2024

- 8:00 - Katherine G. & Frank J. Toland & Family — Memorial
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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### Saturday, June 22, 2024

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

### Sunday, June 23, 2024

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

### Wednesday, June 26, 2024

- 9:00 - Bill Estes — 3rd Anniversary

### Saturday, June 29, 2024

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

### Sunday, June 30, 2024

- 9:30 - Manuel Luz Tavares & Family — 29th Anniv

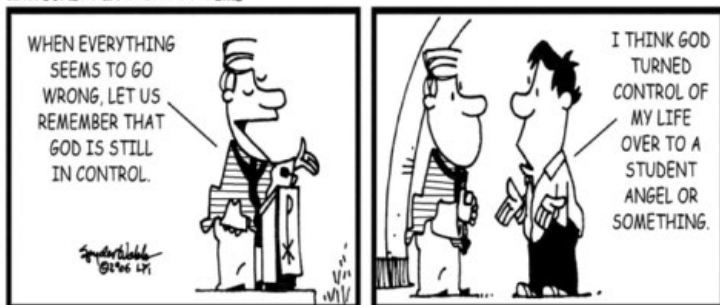
### Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus,

Speak your command of “Quiet! Be still!” into the dark recesses of my mind — my fears, concerns, and anxieties. Be with me, at every moment, no matter the storm. Fix my eyes upon you. Amen.

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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)

#### **Registration for Faith Formation**

Registration for faith formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

### **Outdoor Mass and Barbecue**

Sunday, August 18th  
St. John's Back Lawn  
4 pm Mass\* 5 pm Barbecue

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family  
Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

\*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

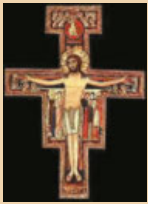
#### **We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.**

Fr. Peter Francis's niece who is a Neurologist is coming to the states to  
Work in Cincinnati.

She will be arriving two weeks early to spend time with her uncle.

Does anyone have a spare room to rent to her?

Father Francis would be very grateful.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In our first reading on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear a conversation that Job is having with God. Job has always stood as a figure in scripture who is constantly being tested but who remains faithful, despite the seemingly impossible situations through which Job has to navigate. I can always remember my mother saying that some people “have the patience of Job”, referring to that aforementioned fidelity marked by his patience.

Throughout his life, St. Francis of Assisi faced many challenges, both on personal and professional “fronts”, which he had to overcome. Like Job, St. Francis did it by trusting in God as these obstacles came into play in his life. What were some of these challenges?

Firstly, there was his time as a soldier, when he was seen as a leader among the men of Assisi. During the campaign against Perugia in 1202, in which he was held prisoner for almost a year, St. Francis’ mettle was tested. After this campaign, and after his release, he fell seriously ill. Secondly, He engaged in two pilgrimages to the Holy Land, both of which failed miserably which caused him to question his movement into religious life. Finally, at the end of his days, he faced the loss of his sight which might have devastated many others, but which St. Francis saw as a way to grow closer to the Lord.

You are no doubt familiar with the expression “God never gives you more than you can handle”. Since speaking with one of my “mentors” years ago, I have come to “adjust” that saying to read “God never gives you more than HE (that is, God) can handle”. Both Job and St. Francis, when faced with adversity and seemingly insurmountable odds never gave up, but rather gave themselves over to the will of God. And this made all the difference.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Perhaps you have noticed the improved appearance of the gardens surrounding St. John’s Church. This has been accomplished by a few dedicated parishioners whose mission is to beautify our church. Every plant donated at Easter has been planted in the church yard with the hope of their return next spring. With the help of a few more people, we can accomplish so much more.

This is your church. Let us work together to make improvements that will beautify our place of worship.

If you are willing to help, please contact the collaborative office 508-378-4207 or Janet DiFalco at 508-596-7471.

**THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR Expenses/Repairs**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR UTILITY BILLS**

### Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you’re not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn’t ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn’t give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It’s the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn’t He? “I’m feeling scared of this.” “I’m really worried about that.” “God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please.”

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. “Why were you sleeping?” they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn’t woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn’t even know it.

God doesn’t desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He’s not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that’s what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## 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:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & 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 Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



### Coming Back to Church

#### Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

#### Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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West Bridgewater Food Pantry  
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1  
West Bridgewater

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month**

**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM**  
**peanut butter, Progresso soups, pasta sauce & brownie mix are needed.**

**Cash donations also accepted**

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**P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**

**To join please call — TINA ANTHONY**  
**508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

**Next meeting: All meetings are suspended for the Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul**  
**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**

**Monday, July 1, 2024**  
**Monday, July 15, 2024**

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.**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100



COLLECTING WATER FROM THE SWAMPS



CARRYING THE WATER BACK TO THE PARISH

THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE SANITIZED WATER AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH AND VILLAGE.

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2.	EXCAVATION/TRENCH WORK	3,431,000	953 USD
3.	SOLAR PANELS	5,450,000	1,513 USD
4.	GRUNDFOS SUBMERSIBLE SOLAR PUMP AND FITTINGS	19,500,000	5,277 USD
5.	PIPE WORKS AND ASSOCIATED FITTINGS 19000M	14,330,000	3,980 USD
6.	WATER TANKS	9,000,000	2,500 USD
7.	CASTING REINFORCED TANK STAND	18,000,000	5,000 USD
8.	TRANSPORT COSTS FOR MATERIALS	2,000,000	555 USD
9.	LABOUR	6,000,000	1,666 USD
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100,711,000</b>	<b>27,975 USD</b>

**THE ULTIMATE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$27,975 BASED ON THE FIGURES PROVIDED. THE SURVEYING PROCESS HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW THE NEXT STEP IS TO DRILL FOR WATER. Step #1 in the above chart.**

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