



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

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 July 14, 2024*

*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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



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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
 9:00-3:00  
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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**

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano  
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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

## **SAINT JOHN'S STAFF**

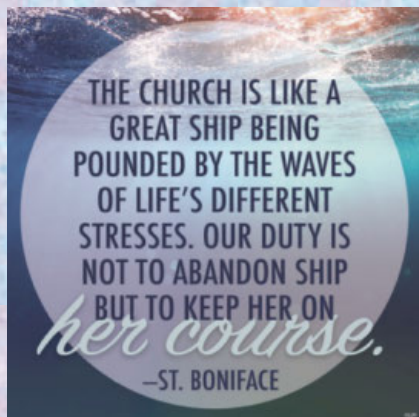
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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Sunday, July 14, 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

**Sunday, July 21, 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

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

- 4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

- 9:30 - Jonathan Murray — 4th Anniversary

**Saturday, July 20, 2024**

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

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

- 9:30 - John McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Remem.

**WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES**

**MEMORIAL MASSES**  
Suggested donation \$25+

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK + the Mass = \$55**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK**  
\$85+ the mass = \$110

**For host, wine & sanctuary lamps, flower and the mass, it is a cost of \$165**



The bookkeeping on payment for these memorial masses has become an issue. Therefore, we are asking that you distinguish your payment from your offertory. Please mark your payments for the memorials and send in the payment AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the memorials. That will give us enough time to order the flowers and pay for them BEFORE the actual mass. Thanks you.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was younger, I used to go to week-long camp during the summer. It was your traditional camp experience, with swimming and boating, arts and crafts, campfires, and the like. One of the more unusual activities in which we were engaged was a “trust walk”, when we would be blindfolded and led on a path by a guide (who was NOT blindfolded (can’t have the “blind leading the blind”!) who you trusted would bring you safely through the experience.

Trust is a key element of faith, something which Jesus exhibits in our gospel reading. As He sends the disciples forth into the world of ministry, Jesus calls them to trust that God would provide for all their needs. They are to bring nothing “extra”, “nothing for the journey but a walking stick— no food, no sack, no money in their belts” (Mark 6:8); they are to trust in the goodness of people along the way. This is a great act of faith – faith in the goodness of people, faith in the goodness of God. Our first reading also features the gift of faith in the person of Amos, the prophet. By his accounting, he is no prophet; he is a shepherd and a horticulturist (a dresser of sycamores). By being asked to take on a prophetic role in God’s plan, Amos is asked to trust God in the plan He has for Amos and the people.

We are called on this day to ask ourselves if we are like the disciples of Jesus, who trust in God’s plan and His ability to care for them “on the road”, or like Amos, who (as a dresser of sycamores) wonders what God might be thinking in calling him to this prophetic role. We come to see that it is perfectly acceptable to have questions about God’s plan for us and to wonder where we are being led, Ultimately, however, we are called to trust that God has our back, our best interest at heart. May we come to believe that God will not let us stumble, not let us fall, and that when we do (by virtue of our distrust) He will pick us up, dust us off, and redirect us on the right path, the path that leads to salvation and eternal life.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul

15TH 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.

### **Music at the 6:15 Mass**

As faith formation ends for the summer, we will no longer have our monthly Teen Mass, but we will continue to have music monthly at the 6:15 Mass on the following dates:

July 14<sup>th</sup>

### **July Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

July 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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.

Tickets will be sold the weekends of July 20/21 and July 27/28 and at the door.

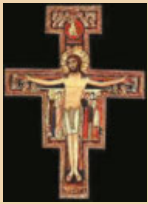
**We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.**

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

As most folks know, members of the Franciscan Order (like most religious orders) take a vow of poverty. This sacred promise is both constraining and freeing. It is a challenge because the maker of this promise must rely on the goodness of the Order, the goodness of the people who contribute to the well-being of those in the Order, and (ultimately) the goodness of God. In this regard, they aren't much different from the disciples of Jesus as we read in this week's gospel. As they are sent forth to expand the scope of Jesus' mission, they are called to rely on the people to whom they minister for their needs. They are not to bring "extras", but only those things that will help them survive and continue the mission of Jesus.

St. Francis, in his writings regarding the Franciscan Order, instructed his followers to be like the early disciples. They were to not only live this view of poverty, but to embrace it as they would one they love. St. Francis would go so far as to refer to this love as "Lady Poverty". In anthropomorphizing this trait, St. Francis looks upon poverty as something to not only be striven for, but embraced and encouraged. Indeed, poverty was so important to Francis that in his last writing, the *Testament*, composed shortly before his death in 1226, he declared unambiguously that absolute personal and corporate poverty was the essential lifestyle for the members of his order.

Most in our society not only eschew this vision but run completely from it. Poverty is something to be avoided at all costs (pun intended) and is seen as a negative viewpoint. Any positive aspect of poverty is overshadowed by the negative connotation that it is best left to those who have nothing, need nothing, or want nothing. Poverty, by its nature, is seen not as a virtue but a vice, one which leads to anxiety, depression, and sadness. St. Francis, however, saw poverty as a vehicle which can lead one to a deeper relationship to Christ. It was Christ who came not be served but to serve, and as such lived a life of poverty of sorts, relying on the goodness of others. This vision was carried forth by His disciples, as they were to rely on others for their needs.

May we come to embrace "Lady Poverty" as St. Francis did, coming to see this way of living as something freeing, not constraining, which leads one to a deeper relationship to Christ.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR  
MISC. EXPENSES**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR  
MISC. EXPENSES**

## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

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| 1 You shall have no other gods before Me.                   | 6 You shall not murder.                                   |
| 2 You shall not make idols.                                 | 7 You shall not commit adultery.                          |
| 3 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. | 8 You shall not steal.                                    |
| 4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.                | 9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. |
| 5 Honor your father and your mother.                        | 10 You shall not covet.                                   |

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Here are some prayers that can be based on the Ten Commandments:

### Worship

"I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. We pray that God would be worshipped above all else in our land".

### Honoring the Lord's name

"You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. We pray that the Lord's name will be honored and we ask God to bring a fresh conviction against profanity and depravity".

### Sabbath rest

"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. We pray that God's people will set an example for this nation by honoring the Lord through a Sabbath rest".

### False gods

"Heavenly Father, you are God, and there is no other; you are God, and there is none like you. But we confess that sometimes we follow false gods. We cling to superstitions; we trust in wealth or work or one another to provide for us instead of you; we love ourselves and the things of this world more than you. Forgive us. Help us worship, serve, and honor you with all our hearts".

### Gratitude

"Dear God, thank you for the many blessings that we receive each day from your hands. Help us to be grateful and content with the wondrous gifts we have. Keep our eyes fixed upon you, not upon the possessions of other people. Help us not to compare ourselves to other people, but to work to be who you have said we are"

## 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 Rob Levesque & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



### Everyday Stewardship

I recently got into an Uber car for a ride to the airport. I like talking with drivers if I sense they are open to it. On this particular day, the driver was very talkative and told me about how he was an inventor. He had several patents and was about to sell one of his inventions for a ton of money. We had a wonderful conversation, and he was such a warm and interesting person. I asked him why, with his good fortune with inventions and all the work he was doing aside from Uber, he was still driving. He smiled and said, "There are still some people I haven't met yet. I never know who is going to get into my car next."

What an amazing answer! Too often we live our lives in semi-solitude, walking around with blinders on so we don't make eye contact. We have our family and friends, but we don't get up each day wondering with excitement who we will meet that day.

God puts people into our path all the time. Maybe we need them or they need us. But we do not walk through this world alone. If we choose to not be mindful of who is in our midst, we miss the chance to receive whatever gifts they may have to give. In the same vein, they miss out on what we have to share with them if we stay closed and quiet. Pay attention to those around you. God may come to you in the words of a friend, the request of a homeless man, or in the wisdom of an Uber driver.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**  
**We need jelly & rice pilaf**  
**Cash donations also accepted**

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
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 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

## NEWS



COLLECTING WATER FROM THE SWAMPS



THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE SANITIZED WATER PUMPED BY AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO THE PARISH AND VILLAGE.

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.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FOUND IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO BE GENEROUS IN GIVING TO THIS PROJECT. THE AMOUNT RAISED FROM THE SECOND COLLECTION ON THE 30

**\$3906 + (money has come in this week but has not yet been counted.)**

ANYONE STILL WANTING TO GIVE TO THE PROJECT (any time during the year) MAY DO SO BY PUTTING AN ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION MARKED:

**WATER PROJECT.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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