



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 July 28, 2024*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



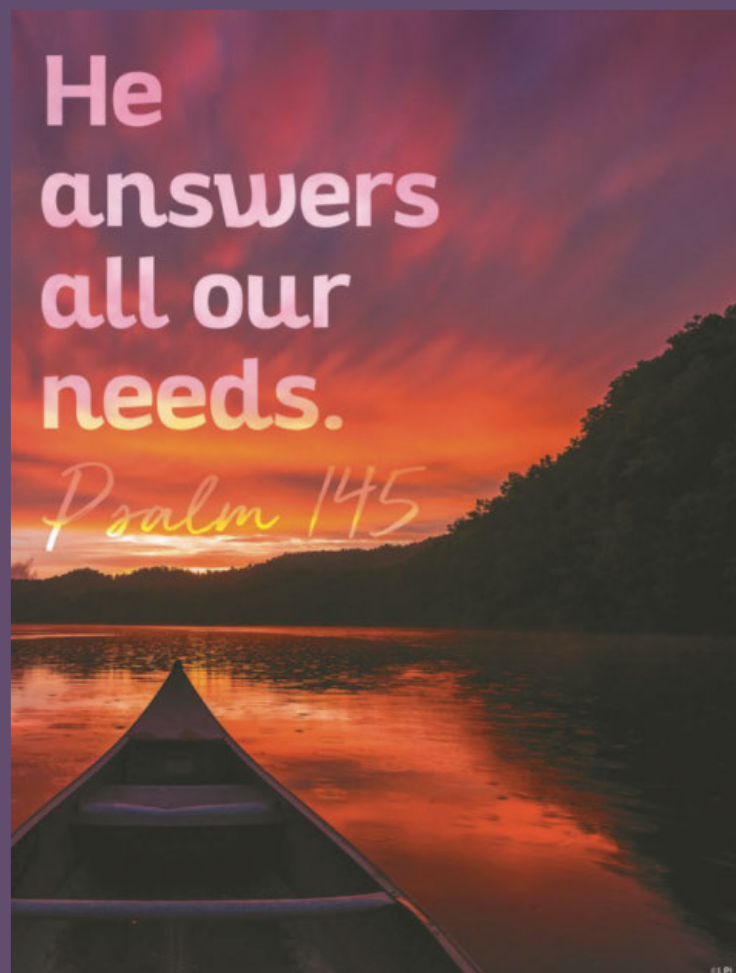
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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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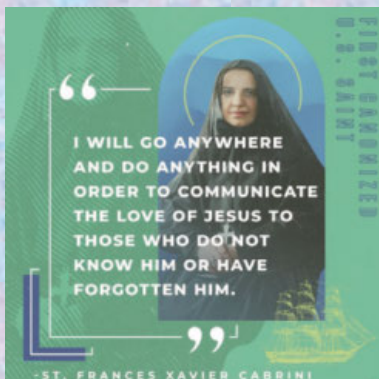
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, July 28, 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, August 4, 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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 27, 2024

4:00 - Maria C. Bragga & Family — 31st Anniv.

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:30 - Hutchins & McLaughlin Families—Mem.

Saturday, August 3, 2024

4:00 - Patrick & Ann Sullivan —
Birthday Remembrances

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:30 - Marie Jackson — 6 month Anniversary

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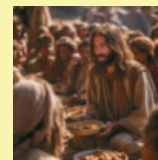
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$85+ the mass = \$110

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 mass. That will give us enough time to order the flowers and pay for them BEFORE the actual mass. Thank you.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

C.S. Lewis, one of my favorite authors, was once quoted as saying that “miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see”. What Lewis meant, I believe, that when something miraculous occurs it points us to a larger truth. The “miracle event”, in essence, isn’t the “be all to end all”, but a “means to an end”. We can look at a miracle and try and “unpack” it, explain it (or explain it away) or try and figure it out; that would be a mistake. Miracles aren’t to be explained, but something into which we must enter. In doing this, we come to see the larger reality at work. This is important because miracles, at face value, are hard to decipher. We need to ponder them, pray about them and let God reveal Himself in them.

Today’s readings deal with miracles on different levels. The first reading has us encounter Elisha, feeding the one hundred gathered with but twenty loaves of bread (which I don’t consider a lot since I’ve been known to eat an entire basket of rolls at one sitting at Bertucci’s!). In our gospel today, Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish. In both cases, the feeding isn’t just physical, it’s spiritual. The crowd’s souls are “fed” by the generosity of God through the actions of Elisha and Jesus. The difference between the two readings is that in Jesus’ case, he is “foreshadowing” the Eucharist; notice how He takes the bread, gives thanks (i.e. blesses) and distributes it. In doing this, Jesus is showing to the crowd and His disciples what He will do at the Last Supper. We know this because of our knowledge of the Holy Thursday/Passover event.

In our second reading, a miracle of sorts happens as well. In the ministry of St. Paul, the idea of the crowd at Ephesus living and acting with “humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit” (Eph 4:2-4). To do this, to maintain this and to sustain this is nothing less than a miracle! This was a pagan territory, challenging to Paul and his companions in so many ways. He perseveres through his faith in God; it is not through his own doing that this is being accomplished, but it is God working in and through him.

Where are we with miracles? Do we see them? Do we acknowledge them and call them what they are? Do we “brush them off”, explaining them away? Let us trust that God is working miracles in our lives. Let us see the miraculous for what it truly is: an opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

This 4 pm Mass will be in lieu of the 6:15 Mass Sunday Night

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family

Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

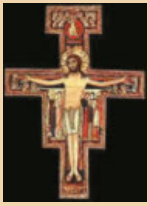
*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

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

August Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

August 19 at 6:30 pm, St. Ann Parish Center

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!



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

“Oasis: A pleasant, peaceful place in the midst of a hectic area.” Why do I bring this definition up? Because I’d like to highlight a place that is an “oasis”, a haven of peace in a busy world...the

Chapel of Our Savior, located on the property of Westgate Mall in Brockton. This chapel, commissioned to be built in 1960 by Richard Cardinal Cushing (then Archbishop of Boston), was built after the Society of the Atonement (a Franciscan religious community) was invited to establish a presence in the Archdiocese of Boston and make the name and mission of Jesus a presence in the greater Brockton area. It was determined that the newly built Westgate Shopping Center would serve well as the place for this Chapel.

By the time I moved to Brockton in 1973, the Chapel of Our Savior was up and running and well established at the Mall. I can remember, as young boy, being intrigued by the presence of a religious community in the midst of the shops, traffic, and flow of people that populated the Mall. I found it amazing, this confluence of faith and commerce, and at first blush thought it contradictory. But then I gave it a second thought, and realized that Jesus, who associated with people of every class and caste, would probably look to buy a robe, or sandals, or even bread, at the Mall if He found himself in the area. I can remember stopping in at the Chapel with my mother after a day of shopping. She would go into the chapel, light a candle, kneel down, and say a prayer. Truth be told, she was probably asking Saint Francis to be an “instrument of God’s peace” so as not to lose her temper with the five of us whom she had in tow!

In my teenage years, I can remember going to confession there, desiring to have my sins heard and forgiven, but not wanting to do so with my local parish priest. Yes, there was a time when even I was calculating about my sacraments, hoping for the best outcome! In truth, I found the peace of the Franciscan space comforting, the tone of the friar who heard my confession reassuring, and the overall “vibe” of the Chapel to be peaceful beyond measure. In hindsight, I think this may very well be the place where the “seed” of my current Franciscan journey was planted.

As I move through my Franciscan journey of profession and a life-long commitment to the Franciscan charism and way of life (of which the Chapel played a key role), I continue see the Chapel of Our Savior to be a key “oasis” for me to strengthen my “vocation within a vocation” and is a place of comfort and peace to people, as it has been for over 60 years. If you’d like to learn more about the Chapel of Our Savior, you can go to their website at www.chapelofoursaviorbrockton.org If you’d like to learn more about the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, you can go to their website at www.atonementfriars.org

I pray that whether it is at the Chapel of Our Savior, or somewhere like St. Anthony Shrine in Boston (www.stanthonyshrine.org), the spirit of St. Francis be yours and that he lead you to a deeper love of Our Lord, a love which lead St. Francis to follow the Lord with his whole heart, his whole life. May the Peace of Christ, through the intercession of St. Francis and St. Claire, be yours, now and always.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**MONEY AT THE PARISHES IS DIRE.
PEOPLE ON VACATION, THE ECONOMY,
AND ON AND ON....
BOTTOM LINE IS OFERTORY IS DOWN;
EXPENSES ARE UP.
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Saint John

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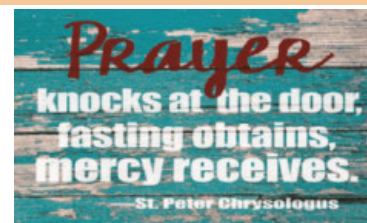
Everyday Stewardship

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.



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
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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!!!!

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE B

 **COLOR**
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
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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, August 5, 2024
Monday, August 19, 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

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Rekindling Family Life Through Hosting: One Family’s Experience with Hosting an Exchange Student

Hosting an exchange student is not just about providing a home for a young person from another country, it’s about inviting a new family member into your life. It’s an opportunity to learn about different cultures firsthand and to share your own traditions and values. The experience fosters mutual understanding and respect, broadening horizons for everyone involved.

Families who host often find themselves more engaged with their local community, participating in school events, sports, and cultural activities they might not have otherwise. This increased involvement can strengthen community ties and create a more inclusive environment for everyone.

Moreover, hosting an exchange student can teach valuable life lessons. Children in the host family learn about hospitality, empathy, and the importance of global citizenship. They gain a sibling-like figure who introduces them to new ideas and ways of thinking. Parents often discover new aspects of their parenting style and family dynamics, as they navigate the challenges and rewards of integrating an exchange student into their home.

If you’re considering opening up your home to an exchange student, know that the experience offers immeasurable rewards and the chance to create lasting memories says Mirella Romualdi. The impact of welcoming an exchange student goes beyond the immediate family, rippling through the community and contributing to a more connected, understanding world. To learn more about how **YOUR** family can host an ASSE Exchange Student visit www.host.asse.com, call 1-800-677-2773 or email host@asse.com.

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