



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
August 6, 2023*



*The Transfiguration of the Lord*



**THE TRANSFIGURATION  
OF THE LORD**

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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We, The Together in Christ Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John the Evangelist, welcome and engage all ages to become the disciples that Jesus is calling all of us to be. United by faith and in the Celebration of the Mass, we embrace the call of Jesus to live our mission to “Go forth and make disciples.” Through evangelization, education, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we will grow together as One Body of Christ.

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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**MASS TIMES**

**St Ann  
Saturday, 4:00 PM  
Sunday, 9:30 AM**

**St John  
Sunday, 8:00 AM  
Sunday, 11:30 AM  
Sunday, 6:15 PM**

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

**Rev. Paul L. Ring**  
fr\_plrstjohn@comcast.net

### Priests In Residence

**Fr. Peter Francis**  
**Fr. Michael Diochi**

### Permanent Deacons:

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

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### **St Ann's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass**  
**Thurs & Sat.**  
**9:00 a.m.**

### **St John's**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**  
**&**  
**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass**  
**w/ Drive up option**

**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 private and 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 ANN'S STAFF**

**Administrative Assistant:** Arlene Stefano  
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## **SAINT JOHN'S STAFF**

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**Music Minister:** Erica Vinton

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BE CLOSED  
ON FRIDAYS**

**DURING THE  
MONTHS OF  
JUNE  
JULY  
AUGUST**

**DUE TO FISCAL  
CONSTRAINTS**

## **COLLABORATIVE STAFF**

**Finance & Operations Manager:** Kevin Mercier  
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**Assistant Music Director:** Matt Cunningham

**Director of Ministries:** Matthew Brady  
directorofministries.tic@gmail.com  
774-533-2002



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK



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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, August 5, 2023

4:00 - Tina Marie Hunnewell — 1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

#### Saturday, August 12, 2023 -

4:00 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family—  
Birthday Remembrance

#### Sunday, August 13, 2023

9:30 - Edward Joseph Twoomey — 4th Anniver.

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

11:30 - Bridget A. Sullivan — Birthday Remem.

6:15 - World Leaders

#### Sunday August 13, 2023

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

11:30 - Thomas Sweeney — 1st Anniversary

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

**THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES WEDNESDAY  
8/16 THROUGH SATURDAY 8/19**



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



On a trip to Rome in 2017, I had the opportunity to view Raphael's (original) painting of "The Transfiguration", which hangs in the Pinocoteca (meaning "picture gallery") of the Vatican Museums. I had seen it a few years ago, on my first trip to Rome, but each time it is seen the viewer comes away with some new insight (as is the case with most pieces of art). In this viewing, what struck me was that amidst all the chaos, shock, and confusion of the moment, there are figures in ecstasy looking at the rising Christ. The ones in ecstasy are pointing towards Jesus, and there is one figure in particular that was striking to me. It is the figure of a woman, kneeling in prayer. This woman represents the Church and her serenity amidst the uproar of the scene reminds one that in the upheaval of the world, the Church stands as a manifestation of the transformative nature of faith, especially faith in Christ.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is one of those rare feasts which supersedes the Sunday celebration, "interrupting" our journey through Ordinary Time. It does so because it points to an important truth of our faith, one which does not take the place of the Eucharist and its central importance in our life of faith but enhances the necessity of the Eucharist and its place in our lives. The Transfiguration is an important moment in salvation history because it gives us a glimpse of our future. In Raphael's depiction of the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John have fallen to the ground, overwhelmed by this moment of faith; it is no wonder, and wouldn't any of us done the same if we were in their place? Here is Jesus, rising in the air, a precursor of His journey back to the Eternal Kingdom, which will happen at the Ascension. It is a hopeful scene, one that gives us a "roadmap" as to our own lives of faith. As Jesus is "transfigured", He gives all who look upon Him the opportunity to unite themselves with the Savior, to put their trust in Him as He shows us what He will look like when He ascends to the Father.

This depiction of the Transfiguration highlights another important truth of our faith. Raphael's painting shows many different figures, some in rapture, some in torment. There is even a "demonic" figure (a possessed young boy, actually, in the lower right hand corner), showing to us that even when Christ is present, evil is present as well. The Transfiguration painting reminds us, however, that "where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more" (Romans 5:20). The demonic can never overtake the Heavenly, and evil can never overtake good. There may be, for a time, a seeming triumph of evil in the world, but Raphael reminds us that at the heart of one's life of faith is Christ, transformed in nature, transforming us in love.

May we have the courage to look beyond the chaos and evil in the world. May we know that Christ is in all things and above all things. May we trust that where Jesus has gone, we shall follow and that when there is disorder in our lives, Christ brings order. May we, one day, live in the presence of the risen, transformed, Christ in the Eternal Kingdom of God's Eternal Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## 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 2023-2024 is now open!**

I am happy to announce that registration for faith formation for the fall is now open! Classes will begin on Sunday 9/24 and run through the first week of May. The schedule remains roughly the same, but there are some adjustments based on your feedback and the current Mass schedule. The 2023-2024 schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9 and 10
Sundays 8:20-9:20 @ St. Ann	Sundays 5:00-6:00 @ St. Ann <u>Grades 4, 6-8</u>	Sundays 7:15-8:15 @ St. Ann
Mondays 4:30-5:30 @ St. Ann	Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John	(Grades 9 and 10 meet on alternate weeks)
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John		

### **Catechists Wanted!**

As we prepare for the new faith formation year in the fall, catechists are needed for all grades.

The only requirements are love of Christ and a willingness to work with our children.

**No experience needed** - we will train you and give you all the materials you need.

If interested, please contact Matt Brady.

[Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### **August Movie Nights**

We will be hosting 4 movie nights over the course of the summer, 2 at each parish. There will be free popcorn and other snacks available for purchase.

#### **Schedule:**

**Saturday, 8/5: Encanto — St. John's**

**Wednesday, 8/9: Zootopia — St. Ann's**

**Saturday, 8/19: Inside Out — St. John's**

**Wednesday, 8/23: Shrek 2 — St. Ann's**

**7 pm outside at St. John (inside if it's bad weather)**

**7 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center**

Thank you to everyone who came to our St. Ann's Day celebration on the 26th! We had a great time and a successful event. Enjoy the pictures as memories of that great evening! Many more on page 7.

### **August Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

Every month we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul to take with him when he volunteers in Boston with Capuchin Mobile Ministries to serve the homeless. This month's date and time is Monday the 28th at 6:30 pm at St. Ann.

Please sign up here if you plan on helping: <https://forms.gle/GVyBxJg2uqHysShM8>. This link will also be posted on the parish websites.







## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

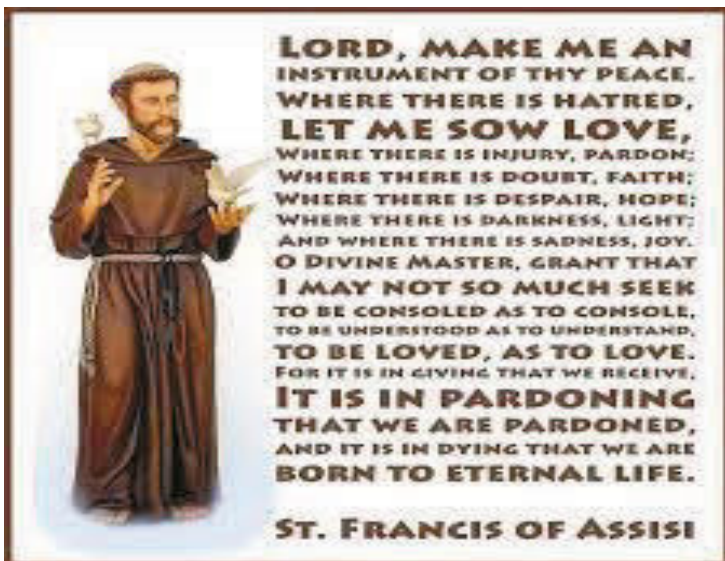
Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration. In the gospel, Jesus brings Peter, James, and John up a high mountain and shows them His glorified form, how He will look in the Kingdom. This is a pivotal moment in the ministry of Jesus, as well as in the lives of the three disciples who were chosen to accompany Jesus in this moment of profound faith.

In the dictionary, a “transfiguration” is described as “a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state”. Simply put, it is how God sees us, how we are meant to be and how to live. One could say that St. Francis not only had a moment of “transfiguration” as he knelt before the Cross at San Damiano, but also from what happened when he encountered the leper on the road, and in the town square that day in Assisi when he stripped himself of his garments, handed them to his father, and professed his new life to the Bishop. These changes were the catalyst for a “more beautiful or spiritual state”, one in which St. Francis saw himself as God saw him. These changes then affected not only St. Francis, but the (soon-to-be-formed) Franciscan Order, and the Church Universal.

When we look at the changes which St. Francis had happen to him/undertook, this could/should cause us to take a look at our own life and see who it is God is calling us to be, how it is God is calling us to live. May we have the courage of St. Francis to allow ourselves to be “transfigured” into the people who God is calling us to be.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



**LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE. WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE, WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON; WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH; WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE; WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT; AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY. O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE, TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND, TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE. FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE. IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED, AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: “Lord, it is good we are here.”

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

“His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.” — Daniel 7:14

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**Cash donations are not recorded in the computer.**

**Loose checks (not in Waltz Envelopes) are very much appreciated but are not able to be tallied in the computer for tax statements.**

**If you like to set up an On-Line Giving Account, directions are on our websites.**

**Any questions, please call the Rectory Offices  
St. John — 508-378-4207  
St Ann — 508-586-4880**

**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:**

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Kayla Perry, Fr. Pater Francis's Mother, Barbara, Arthur Pelton & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. *If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.*



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

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**PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY**

**508-245-5481**

**P O Box 474  
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PO Box 544**

**East Bridgewater MA 02333**  
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
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**Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo**  
**Doors open at 4 PM**  
**Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP**

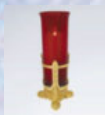
**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's  
Bingo**

**Doors open at 4 PM**  
**Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP**

**WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES**

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

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK — \$30+**



**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK**  
Increasing to \$85+

Today's Second Collection is to build up a snow removal and heat fund for the winter. Kevin Mercier would like to build this fund on the last weekend of each month so that we will be prepared for whatever winter brings. Next week will be for the \$800 each parish needs for missalettes.

**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY** from **3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

*Monday, August 7, 2023*  
*Monday, August 21, 2023*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

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