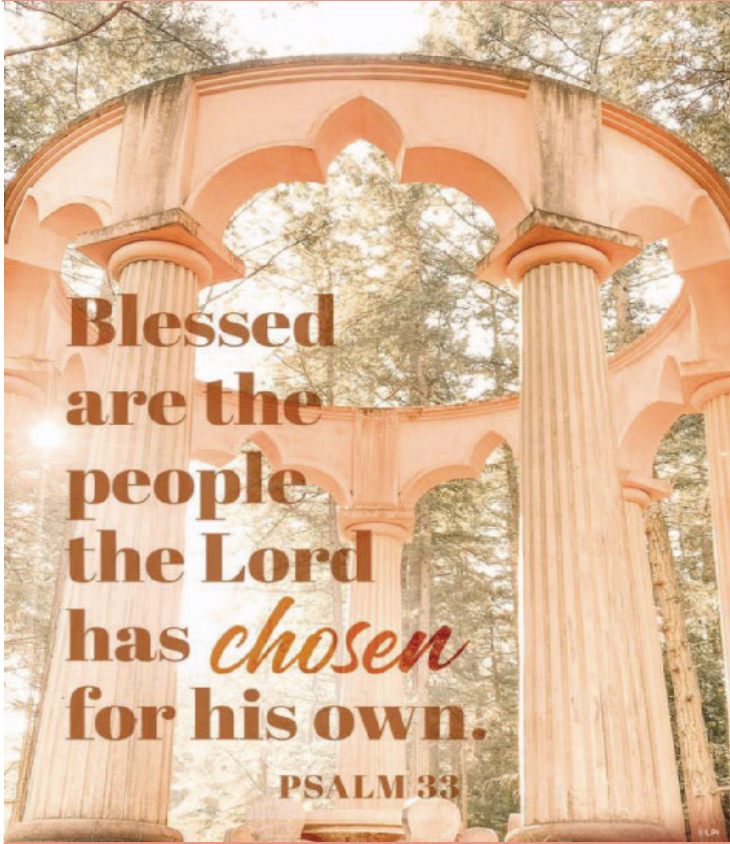




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
August 7, 2022*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Blessed
are the
people
the Lord
has *chosen*
for his own.**

PSALM 33

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

**IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.**



PSALM 95

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Church

St Ann's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. &
6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.
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 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 Saint Ann's Church 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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 6, 2022

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday August 7, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For safety from random acts of violence

Saturday, August 13, 2022

4:00 –Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, August 14 2022

8:30 - Raimundo Gomes — Memorial

6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 6, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 7, 2022

10:30 - Anna Biagi — 27th Anniversary

Saturday, August 13, 2022

5:30 — Pam Adornato — 6th Anniversary

Sunday August 14, 2022

10:30—Jessica Thurston — 9th Anniversary

Saint Ann and Saint John will be implementing three different ways to member your loved ones at Mass.

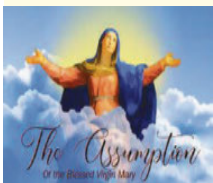


The gift of The Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Light for the week's liturgies at Saint John's is in memory of:

Bill Monahan



The Altar Flower Memorials -- at Saint Ann is being given by Margaret Mary Williams the weekend of August 13th and 14th in honor of the Blessed Mother and the Feast of the Assumption



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th. It is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Monday.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



My brother, a former Marine, used to tell me to “always remember the ‘Five P’s’: prior preparation prevents poor performance”. It was a good way to remember that the groundwork laid before a task is just as important as the task itself, and that when one has foresight, patience, and perseverance, one can accomplish most anything.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, reminds His disciples that one’s focus should always be on the Kingdom. It doesn’t do anyone any good to store up for themselves treasures in this life, treasure that could be stolen or become moth-eaten. The true and lasting treasures are the ones which we store for ourselves which are rooted in heaven. We are the servants of whom Jesus is speaking. We have been placed in charge of a great treasure, the “deposit of faith” passed down from generation to generation. In being caretakers of this treasure, which is always growing and evolving, we would do well to be mindful of the master’s return. This return, which will happen at the end of the earthly age, is not known. This is why we must be vigilant, for we know neither the day nor the hour. Perhaps it is a good thing that we don’t know this; I think if we knew, we might become complacent. This “unknowing” gives us the benefit of having to be mindful that every day is a gift. This gift, freely given by God, is meant to be returned in the service which we offer to God as disciples.

We have been made known of this gift. In the two-thousand year history of the Church, countless teachings have been handed down to us. More importantly, this faith has been “imprinted” on our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is this divine inspiration which has led the Church forward for two millennia. You might remember when I first came to the parish, I mentioned that “I wasn’t in charge”. I’m sure this frightened many (if not most) of you! What I came to explain, however, is that “the Holy Spirit is in charge”. This was not to let me “off the hook” as your shepherd; it was to help us all understand that we are all called by God to assume some level of leadership in our Church. This doesn’t have to be done in a grand way. Often times, it is leadership by example that is the most powerful. In this way, it is more who we are and how we live, rather than what we say, that provides the Spirit a vehicle to be seen and felt in the world.

May we be vigilant in our watching. May we come to know the Lord intimately so that when He comes, we may be ready. May we seek out opportunities to live and share fully this “deposit of faith” which has been entrusted to us. May the Spirit find in us a welcome home, a secure dwelling and a loving reception so that it may grow and flourish in our hearts, our homes and our world.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

"You were made to be loved. Loved for who you are, not for what you do. Loved in the core of your being, the good and the bad together—unconditional love."

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
8 AM — NOONISH**

**We need as many able-bodied
Volunteers as possible
To clean and organize**

**Please call the Rectory
If you can help!!!
Or just show up!!!!**



LET'S FINISH THE JOB.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR PARISH?

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR :

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THANK YOU — THANK YOU —
THANK YOU

THE BUILDING & MAINTENANCE
COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS A BIG
SUCCESS.

7-17-22
SAINT JOHN — \$1,255
SAINT ANN — \$ 711

**This weekend the second collection will
address our needs with Utilities**

WE CURRENTLY OWE APPROXIMATELY \$4,959 IN UTILITY BILLS. THAT IS A HUGE DROP FROM \$14,000. IF WE CONTINUE IN THIS MANNER, THE UTILITY BILLS WILL BE ALL CAUGHT UP SOON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT TO YOUR PARISH. IF WE KEEP THIS UP, WE WILL BE BACK ON TRACK.



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





THE DEACON'S COLUMN

Go in Peace

In Mark's Gospel, we encounter an exchange between a hemorrhaging woman and Jesus. The woman had been suffering from an affliction that brought embarrassment and shame to her for 12 years. In a desperate act of faith and hope, she approached Jesus certain that if she just touched his cloak, she would be healed, and the flow of blood would stop. Indeed, it does, but there is more healing to be done beyond the physical. Sensing that a person touched him and was healed, Jesus turns and seeks out the person. Finding her, the woman "tells Jesus everything" and her soul is healed. After this profound healing and saving encounter, Jesus says, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction (5:34)."

In an analogous way, we too have demonstrated a profound act of faith and hope when we come to Church and celebrate Mass every Saturday evening or Sunday. We too know that Jesus is the divine healer of souls and that being nourished by his body and blood at Communion, our souls are healed. And just as Jesus told the woman to *Go in peace*, we too are sent back into the world with the same words.

Jesus uses similar words to the disciples after his resurrection. Before ascending to heaven, Jesus commissions the disciples and sends them into the world. Their mission in the world is "Go, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you (28:19-20)." Their mission is our mission; we too are sent back into the world sharing with others the good things we have received.

The dismissal at Mass sends us, the Church, out to share in the mission of Jesus Christ. With the revision of the Roman Missal, we have four options for this dismissal: *Go forth, the Mass is ended; Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord; Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life;* and finally, *Go in peace*. In dismissing the people at the end of Mass, I rarely used the first and fourth option because they seem to lack the imperative to live the mystery we just celebrated. Instead, I prefer the second and third options because they remind us that the Mass never ends because, as Vatican II reminds us, the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian Life (*Lumen Gentium*, #11)." The Eucharist grounds us in our identity as Christians. Through Baptism, we are joined in a profound way to Jesus Christ. By grace we become, "another Christ" in the world. As such, we are given a share in his mission. What we celebrate and participate in at Mass is to be lived out in our lives and shared with others. **Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!**

MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



This coming Thursday (August 11th), the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi. Often referred to as a "disciple" of St. Francis, St. Clare's status as a Saint in the Universal Church shows that, in and of herself, she deserves recognition and attention - although that would be the last thing that she would seek, to be quite honest. While perhaps

lesser known than her mentor, St. Clare nonetheless can show to us how to live one's life in true Franciscan fashion.

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi. As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At eighteen years old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Portiuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown. Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare. While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty." In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. "O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi. St. Clare of Assisi, patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and television...PRAY FOR US!

Pax et Bonum, Fr. Paul, OFS

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Karen McSweeney, Joe Pigeon, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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THE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, August 1, — 3:00 — 5:30

Monday, August 15, — 3:00—4:30

*Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc
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Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
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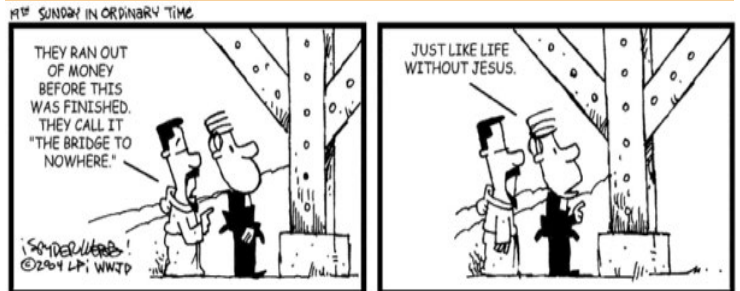
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Saint Ann's Church is continuing to collect food items for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Items can be left in church on the shelves to the right as you come in the front door.



Father Edward McDonagh will be in the West Bridgewater area and is going to be celebrating **Mass at Saint Ann's Church on Sunday, August 14th at 12:00 noon.**

This is an open invitation to all who wish to attend.

Following Mass, there will be refreshments, coffee, and water. At this time, Father McDonagh will be available to meet and greet everyone.

If you are not able to attend Mass, please drop by to say hello to Father McDonagh from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If anyone wishes to bring a baked good, please drop it off at the parish center before Mass.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY——9:00 am—2:00 PM —
AUGUST 20TH—ST JOHN**

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