



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
August 13, 2023*



*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*Lord,*  
let us see  
your kindness,  
and grant  
us salvation.

**PSALM 85**

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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**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**

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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**

**Administrative Assistant:** Deborah Conrad  
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**Music Minister:** Erica Vinton

**THE OFFICE WILL  
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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**Director of Ministries:** Matthew Brady  
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774-533-2002



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, August 12, 2023 -

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

#### Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

#### Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:00 - Diane Ribiero — Birthday Remembrance  
& Frances Riel — Memorial

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday August 13, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative  
11:30 - Thomas Sweeney — 1st Anniversary  
6:15 - Bill Estes — 2nd Anniversary

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 - The sick and homeless  
11:30 - Patricia & Michael Robichaud  
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

**FR. PAUL IS AWAY THE WEEK OF AUG 12—18.  
THEREFORE, THERE WILL BE NO DAILY  
MASSES WEDNESDAY 8/16 THROUGH SATURDAY  
8/19.**



**ALSO ON THE HOLY DAY, THE ASSUMPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — AUGUST 15  
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES AS THERE IS NO  
ONE TO CELEBRATE MASS.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Oftentimes when we think of God, we think of the grandeur of the Almighty, the One who created everything out of nothing, the One who is before all time but who is with us in time. We think of a God who took human form, who was both human and divine (never losing a bit of either “nature” at any point in time). It is these thoughts which we bring forth when hearing of encounters such as the one in today’s gospel. Jesus, in today’s gospel, walks on the water, invites Peter to do the same, rescues Peter when he doubts and calms the sea. In all of this, we see the divinity of Christ, we see the immensity of God.

The challenge with all of this, however, is that we often fail to see the humanity of Christ, the fact that God is “one with us”. We miss, perhaps, the beginning of the gospel when Jesus goes off by Himself to pray. Jesus often felt the need to go off to deserted places to pray, rest and “recharge”. In these moments, the humanity of Jesus is there for us to see. More often than not, the “larger” moments of Jesus’ public ministry were preceded by private moments of prayer and refreshment. Isn’t this the case with us, that we take a little time of reflection before undertaking a large task? We evaluate, assess and calculate before taking on something which will change our lives (hopefully for the better).

This is the case with Elijah in the first reading. Elijah, a prophet, was about to have an encounter with God and took shelter in a cave. If one was to speculate, I think it could be safely said that Elijah did so to reflect on what was about to happen. What *did* happen, however, was most interesting. First came a might wind – but God was not there. Next came an earthquake – but God was not to be found there, either. Next, Elijah encountered a fire – but God was absent from this phenomenon as well. Finally, there was a tiny whispering sound - which is where God was.

How often in our lives do we go searching for God in great and grand events, only to be mystified that He isn’t apparent in these times (n.b. God is there, but He may not want us to find Him there)? We forget that God is in all things, even the small, seemingly insignificant, ones. Let us never waste an opportunity, even a small one, to seek out God. Let us, further, not be surprised when God is found in these small events. It happened for/to Elijah – it can happen for/to us!

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul



Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton, Ma is currently hiring a new Chef/Kitchen Manager. We are looking for someone to serve as the cook for all meals during retreats and to set the tone for a culture of Christian community amongst kitchen volunteers and retreat

participants. For a complete job description visit our website at: <https://www.retreathouse.org> or call Nancy Smith at 508-238-2051 or email [nsmith@holycrossusa.org](mailto:nsmith@holycrossusa.org).

## 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, 8/19: Inside Out — 7 pm INSIDE at St. John**

**Wednesday, 8/23: Shrek 2 — 7 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center**

### **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.



Fun was had by all at the showing of Encanto on August 5th



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As you read this, I find myself in the midst of God's creation. I am currently spending my 25<sup>th</sup> summer on the shores of Upper Suncook Lake in the small New Hampshire hamlet of Gilmanton Iron Works. Camp Fatima (and its "sister Camp", Camp Bernadette), offers young people an opportunity for a traditional camp experience. On this third week of August, after "regular season" has ended, Camp Fatima welcomes approximately 150 special needs young people, or "Exceptional Citizens" as we call them here in this Sacred space.

St. Francis no doubt would be pleased that not only are young people are afforded an opportunity to bask in the glow of God's love in nature, but also that this week is set aside for "God's special children" who are mentally and physically challenged. St. Francis strove to see God in all people, but especially the poor, the disenfranchised, the marginalized. St. Francis had a particular affinity for those who society might see as "less than". This was not always the case, as we know that Francis would do all he could to avoid the "discomfort" of encountering such folks. It was when he was on the road and encountered the leper (one of those "less than" as seen by society) that this all changed.

I have been coming up to camp for 25 summers, and at first I didn't know what to expect. I hadn't really had a full-on experience with those with special needs, save for the occasional encounter in the parish that I might have had, and while I didn't avoid them (as Francis might have before his encounter with the leper) I didn't go out of my way to work with them. Camp Fatima EC (Exceptional Citizens) Week changed all that, for the better! It has been my experience that Camp has been one of the most profound experiences of my priestly ministry. It has aided me in see God in creation, as well as seeing God in the created beings that we are, that our "exceptional citizens" are at Camp.

I pray that as I experience this week (once again, and anew), God may help you to see Him in the small and quiet moments of your day. Like Elijah in our first reading, often times God can be seen not in the grand moments but in the quiet "whispers" of the day. May our Good God give you such experiences today and every day, and may God bless you richly in your life as you seek Him.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



**God needs priests. Is He calling you?  
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

**First Friday Visits, 5:00 PM**

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary  
558 South Ave., Weston, MA

**September 1, 2023**

**October 6, 2023**

**November 3, 2023**

**December 1, 2023**

Join the Seminary community either *virtually* or **in person**  
for prayer & fellowship

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

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RSVP or receive more information  
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## **Offertory Donations**

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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

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

**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM**

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and cookies.

### St Ann's ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Is looking for new members**

**PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY**

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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

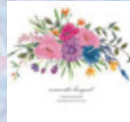
**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's  
Bingo**

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 cover the remaining costs of the missals for the up-coming Liturgical year.**

### 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**

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

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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