



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
October 9, 2022*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18

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HAPPY COLMBUS DAY



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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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

St Ann's
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &
6:15 p.m. Live streamed 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 1:30 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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 9, 2022

7:30 - Cecilia Valdivia-DeMinaya — 3rd Anniv
11:30 - Richard Robillard — 2nd Anniversary
6:15 - Yvonne Blauss — Birthday Remem

Sunday, October 16, 2022

7:30 - Ann Flannery — 1st Anniversary
11:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 8, 2022

4:00 - Maria Fugueiredo — 24th Anniversary

Sunday October 9, 2022

9:30 — McLaughlin, & Hutchins Families —
Memorial

Saturday, October 15, 2022

4:00 — Thomas Garrity — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:30 - Linda Fontaine — 19th Anniversry

HOSTS, WINE AND SACRATARY LAMPS FOR THIS WEEK — ARE IN MEMORY OF



McLaughlin & Hutchins
Families



Choir Is Back!

One who sings prays twice. If you would like to pray twice by singing in the Together in Christ Collaborative Choir please plan to attend choir rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Saint John's.



Please email Rich, our music director at richcesarini@gmail.com in advance so that he will have enough copies of music for everyone.

HELP

NOW THAT COVID SEEMS TO BE OVER, WE ARE IN NEED OF EXTRA ORDINARY EUCHARIST MINISTERS TO DELIVER THE EUCHARIST TO PARISIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN ASSIST.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



A few years ago, I went to a day-long seminar entitled "Developing an 'Attitude of Gratitude'". The presenter challenged the listener to cultivate a viewpoint that everything is a "gift", things for which we should be grateful. He pointed out that even the challenging events and moments of our lives are times when we should not necessarily rejoice, but see them as "teachable moments" (as we used to call them in seminary). They are (or can be) life-changing, and should be seen in that light. The speaker went on further to say that if we missed out on these "teachable moments", then we miss out on opportunities of growth and enrichment.

In today's gospel, Jesus encounters ten lepers. They all cry out to Him to have pity on them. They are not asking for a handout, but a miracle. In addressing Him as "master", they recognize Jesus' power over this leprosy which has separated them from the community not only physically, but spiritually as well, for disease (in Jesus' time) had a spiritual component to it. Their outcry comes from a desire for restoration, for "wholeness". Jesus directs them to the priest (as was the custom in Mosaic Law); as they do so, they are healed. This links Jesus to the Law, something which He had been accused of "skirting" by the Pharisees. In realizing that they were cured, only one (a "foreigner", probably a Samaritan) comes back to pay Jesus homage. Why is this? Were the others ungrateful? Were they unaware of what this meant? Was the "foreigner" the only one to realize that Jesus' power knew no bounds, as He healed this "outsider"? The gospel leaves this question for our imagining.

This is where we come in. In "placing ourselves in the story", we might do well to ask the question, "for what am I grateful?" I think that one of the things for which we can all be grateful is our very existence, which is the ultimate gift from God – the gift of life. Each year, we as a Church celebrates "Respect Life Sunday". At this time, the Church asks us to take a reflective moment to see the value of life, from "conception to natural death". It calls on us to challenge the "culture of death" which has continued to devalued life of the pre-born, the mentally and physically challenged and the elderly, as well as the marginalized and outcasts of society (such as the homeless or the immigrant seeking entrance (through proper channels) to our country). This attitude (which is most certainly not an "attitude of gratitude") must end.

Another thing for which we should be grateful is our life of faith here in the Together In Christ Collaborative. In my time here, I have come to know both St. Ann's and St. John's as vibrant, caring communities. In times we have been called to help to our neighbor (such as the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives), we have responded with generosity and love. We are called, each day, to reach out to one another in a spirit of charity, humility and love. Let us do just that, so as to foster a community where one can live out one's baptismal call to serve all those who come to us.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

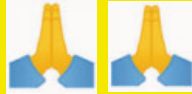
NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS TO PAY THE PAST-DUE BILL TO OCP FOR **LAST YEAR'S MISSALS (BREAKING BREAD) FOR BOTH PARISHES WHICH IS \$1483.**

WE CANNOT ORDER NEW MISSALS FOR THE UPCOMING NEW LITURGICAL YEAR UNTIL AND UNLESS WE PAY THIS BILL. THEY WILL NOT SHIP ANYTHING ELSE TO US UNTIL OUR ACCOUNT IS CAUGHT UP.

WE THEN WILL ALSO HAVE TO PAY FOR THE NEW MISSALS WHICH WILL COST ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

SO WE NEED APPROXIMATELY \$3000. TO BE ABLE TO ORDER NEW MISSALS FOR BOTH PARISHES.



Protecting God's Children Training

Saturday 10/15 at 11 am in St. Ann's hall
All collaborative volunteers who work with children, provide pastoral care to the sick or homebound, are part of St. Vincent de Paul, or involved in liturgical ministry, or want to be part of any of these ministries must complete this training at least once. If you have not completed this training, please contact Matt Brady for info on how to register.

Thanks!!
Matt Brady
Director of Ministries

CORI FORMS

All collaborative volunteers who work with children, provide pastoral care to the sick or homebound, are part of St. Vincent de Paul, or involved in liturgical ministry, or want to be part of any of these ministries must also complete a Cori Form. These forms will be available on October 15th at the same time as the Protecting God's Children Training .

The Cori forms can be passed in and verified by Matt Brady or Debbie Conrad at the Rectory Office Monday—Friday between the hours of 9:00—3:00 PM.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries



As many of you know, Fr. Paul regularly volunteers on Tuesdays with Capuchin Mobile Ministries to deliver sandwiches to the homeless in Boston. He is asking for our help on **Monday, October 17 at 6:30 in St. Ann's**

Parish Center to make sandwiches that he will deliver the next day. If you are interested in helping, please email Matt Brady or see the sign up form on the websites.

This counts as a service project for Confirmation!



On Sunday, October 2nd, I had the privilege of attending the Cheverus Awards at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. At this ceremony, our own Karla Berlo and Margaret Mary Williams received this prestigious award. They are beautiful “beacons of hope” (as the Cardinal stated in his homily) for St. John’s and St. Ann’s, respectively (and the Together in Christ Collaborative).

Please join me in congratulating them in receiving this wonderful award. Prayers and blessing to these fine ladies, and all the recipients of this award.”

Migrants and Refugees: Who are they? Where are they?” Please join us to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move.

Learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches the lives of over 150 million people a year. Hear from Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities about what the Church is doing in Boston and how parishes can help. Join Cardinal Seán O’Malley as he celebrates Mass and helps us discern our personal call from Jesus to serve. You may register for free and can find more information about the Convocation, Speakers, Resources and Actions to take at our website: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry>



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

The Apostle's' and the Nicene-Constantinople Creed

To prepare ourselves for the reflections that are to come, I invite you to read, review, and pray over the words of the two common creeds we profess: The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

The Apostle's' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

The Nicene-Constantinople Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Do wyou believe in what wyou profess? Do wyou understand the truths that are contained in the words of the Creed? What are wyou lacking in your understanding that prevents us from believing the words the Church believes to be true concerning our common faith professes? What instruction or catechesis would be helpful to you to understand more deeply what you profess on Sundays?

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MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



As summer fades, and fall takes center stage both on the calendar and the weather map, it seems appropriate to look at St. Francis as the patron saint of the environment and ecology. Associating a saint with a particular cause is usually the work of the people in the pews. They hear the story of a saint and see something in his or her life that applies to their own life or situation. It's usually very straightforward: Sts. Cosmas and Damian were doctors, so they are the patron of doctors; during her martyrdom, all of St. Apollonia's teeth were knocked out, so she is invoked against toothache; St. Joseph labored as a carpenter, so he is the patron of all workers. But once in a great while the pope steps forward and formally declares a particular saint to be patron of a particular cause. That is what happened in 1979, when Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of the environment.

It's not unusual to find statues of St. Francis standing amid a flowerbed or perched on the edge of a birdbath. Some of them are handsome works of art, and some are fairly sentimental, with cute bunnies and fawns at Francis' feet and birds sitting in the palm of his hand. Sentimental yard art can be a little hard to take, but there are worse things that have happened to poor St. Francis. Francis — one of the most popular saints among Catholics and non-Catholics — has sometimes been recast as a sun-and-moon worshipping pantheist. This characterization of St. Francis is deeply flawed. The man was profoundly, unshakably committed to the Catholic faith. When he contemplated the natural world he did not see a collection of "spirits," but a gloriously complex, interrelated system that reflected the splendor, the goodness and the generosity of God. His famous "Canticle of the Sun" is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator for the all the wonders of creation. It is because St. Francis loved and cherished the universe God made and all the creatures in it that Pope Saint John Paul II named the patron of the environmental movement.

Francis began composing the "Canticle of the Sun" in 1225. He wrote in the style of the troubadours, the romantic poets he had tried to imitate when he was a teenager running the streets of Assisi. In order for his hymn to reach the widest possible audience, he wrote it in Italian rather than Latin. From time to time he added new verses. It's likely that some of these were lost because Francis appears to have added verses spontaneously to fit a particular moment. He composed some lines on the virtue of forgiveness (this verse has come down to us) after he had arbitrated a dispute between the bishop of Assisi and the governor of the town. He made his final addition to the "Canticle" as he lay on his deathbed. "Praised be my Lord for our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape," Francis sang. May we recognize St. Francis as more than just "an earthy-crunchy tree-hugger" (as I heard one person derisively call him), but a man (a Saint) in love with God and God's Creation. As we enter into these fall months, let us look upon St. Francis with the admiration due someone who saw God in all things living and valued this gift of life in and through all.

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 Nicolar, 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, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Joe Pigeon, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Gerry Penney. Dottie & Leo Slack & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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

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.



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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.

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGH- OUT 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.

THE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, October 3, 2022
Monday, October 17, 2022

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., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES



MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

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



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$75+



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WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
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BINGO IS IN FULL SWING

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

A holiday weekend in New England is, of itself, a good reason to give thanks. In spite of summer's drought, causing a less than vibrant array of color, the fall season seems to invite us to acknowledge the variety of ways God has been present and blessing us. It is also good for to recall with gratitude when God carried you through a difficulty -a sickness, the death of a loved one, employment concerns, or concerns about children. Our gospel today recounts the familiar story of the ten lepers. All were made clean, but only one expressed gratitude. Take a moment today to say thank you to God for the ways God was present with you when times were rough and those times when you were surprised by God's presence and peace. Let's be like the leper who went back to say thank you, not be like the nine who didn't!

The Apostle's Creed is the first creed we learn in religious education, and it is statement of faith that parents parents and godparents make public when the present their children for baptism. The Nicene-Constantinople Creed is the Creed we profess together every time we gather as a people of faith, and it is the statement of faith bishops, priests, and deacons profess before their ordination to sacred ministry.

During the next several weeks, I am going to be reflecting on the Creed. to deepen our faith by increasing our understanding. Creeds are professions of faith that not only define what we believe as Catholic Christians but bind us to each other as a community of faith. By reciting the Creed, we profess our faith in truths that are not measurable by the scientific method but are nonetheless true. The faith we profess together not only unites us as a Christian family, but it also governs how we view, interact, and act in and with the world.

Ultreya Invitation

Come to Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Ultreya

on Oct 16th at St Kateri Church,
126 So. Meadow Road ~ W Plymouth at 5:00 p.m.

Cursillistas & ALL interested in learning about Cursillo are welcomed!

Mass celebrant: Fr Joe Raeke
Witness: Ann Louise Sullivan.
Music provided by our amazing Cursillistas Kerry & Tim Campbell, Laura Grant, Tim Grant & Mark Carey
Small group sharing & refreshments/fellowship to follow.

Please bring a snack to share if the Spirit moves you!
Any questions: call Patti & John DeAngelo
(617) 678-4306

Our Ultreya schedule at St Kateri Church is:
2022: Oct. 16, Nov. 13,
2023: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 16, May 21
(Sundays at 5:00 p.m.)
2022/2023

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