



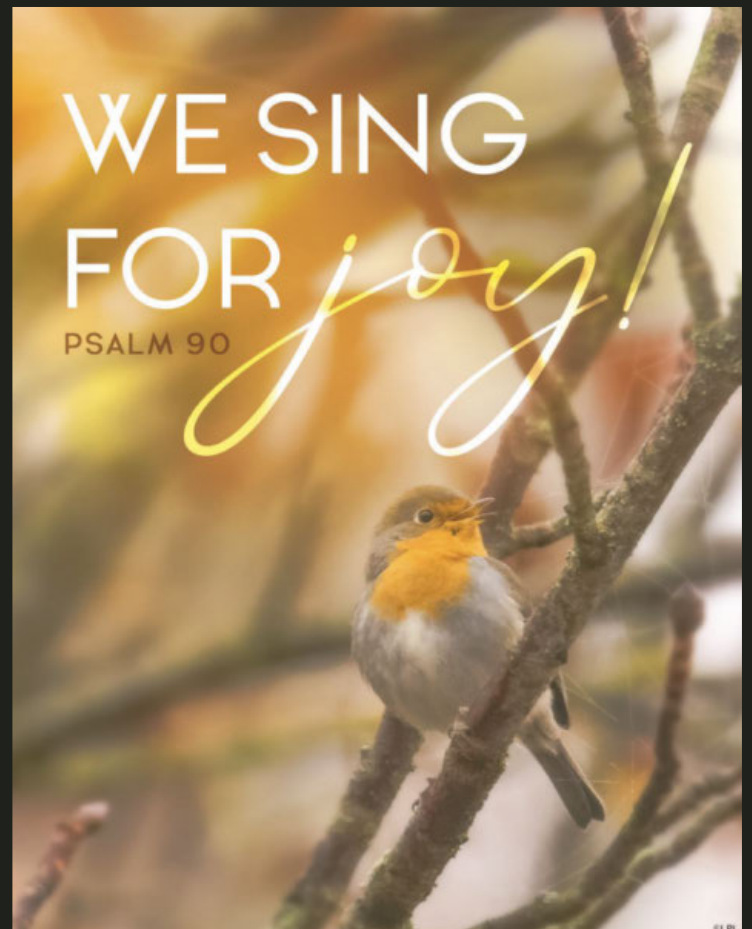
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 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 13, 2024*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

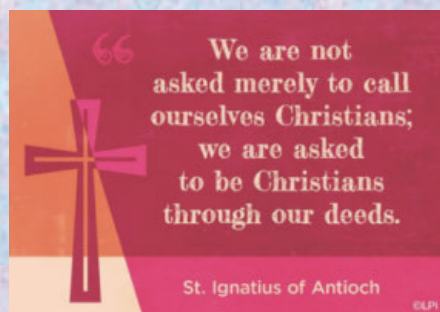
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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 13, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Yvonne Blass — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial
- 6:15 - Frances Sousa — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 12, 2024

- 4:00 - Robert & Rita Farrell, Stephen Mason, & Mary Kenn — Memorial

Sunday, October 13, 2024

- 9:30 - Joseph Cloutier — Memorial

Friday, October 18, 2024

- 9:00 - Paula Cannon — Month's Mind

Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 4:00 - Jerry Penney — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 9:30 - Linda Fontaine — 21st Anniversary

Saint Ann

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Remembrance*



Prayer of Reliance on God

Oh Lord,

I entrust today's challenges, fears, and uncertainties to You. I don't know how I will do them. I don't know that I can. But I know that You fill the gaps in my ability at every turn. And so, today, I turn to You again.

Amen.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was in seminary, I wrote a paper for an ethics class (which I was taking over at Boston College) entitled, "Is Being Good, Good Enough?" In the paper I hypothesized that while there was an element of "goodness" in one's life of faith, it was not enough if one was to call themselves a Christian. To be a Christian, I ultimately concluded, meant that one not only must be *good*, but *holy* as well. Holiness was essential to the Christian life because Jesus stated, in scripture, that one was to "be perfect, as my Father in heaven is perfect" (Mt 5:48). This "perfection" comes, I believe, when one is not only good (which anyone can be) but holy (as the Christian is called to be). The holiness for which we are called to strive takes out any ulterior motive, and need for repayment or any desire for glory. Holiness for the Christian comes when one puts their needs, wants and desires second to that of their brothers and sisters.

Jesus establishes this holiness in today's gospel by first eschewing any notion of being good as a virtue in and of itself, shunning any attempt for anyone to call Him "good". Only God is good, Jesus surmises, and the key to Eternal Life is not only following the Commandments but also not relying on the world and its goods. In this way, one can achieve holiness and perfection. This is a challenging edict, especially in our consumerist society. The goal of acquiring as many "goods" (i.e. physical items, that is, not virtues) as possible is key in our society. The old adage, "the one with the most toys at the end, wins", comes to mind here.

Jesus helps the listener to understand how this can be achieved. If one relies on God, for "all things are possible for God" (Mk 10:27), then one can reach this state of holiness, of perfection. This reliance on God, of course, requires a trust on the listener's part. It doesn't just "happen" that one trusts God; it comes over time, over a period of "trial and error" (often times God's "trial" and our "error"!). It was once said (by American humorist Will Rogers) that "good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that (experience) comes from bad judgment" – how true!

May we have the courage to trust in God so that His light may shine through us. May we come to share that courage by what we do and say in the world. May we always believe that the experiences we have in life – both the good and the bad – can be of benefit for us to achieve not only goodness, but holiness. May this holiness, one day, see us into the Kingdom, sharing Everlasting Life.

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

Introducing the Collaborative Children's Choir!

All kids in grades 3 and up are welcome to join. No singing experience needed! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5:30 at St. John starting October 10. For more information, contact our music director Rich Cesarini at richcesarini@gmail.com



October Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

October 14 at 6:30 pm, St. Ann

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!

October Teen Mass

Our first Teen Mass is October 20 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann.

Similar to Family Mass, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass.

If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading please email Matt Brady.

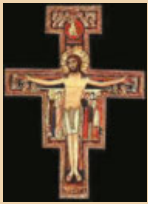
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MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, the subject of "evangelical poverty" comes up. When the rich young man in the Gospel of Mark (Mk. 10:17-30) approaches Jesus inquiring about inheriting eternal life, he is told to follow the Commandments - which he is doing. He is then told to "sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come follow me" (Mk. 10:21). He went away crestfallen because he had many possessions and couldn't bear to part with them.

St. Francis was a young man of means, coming from a well off family. His father was a cloth and silk merchant and did well for himself. Because of this wealth, Francis wanted for nothing. As a result, he became somewhat complacent when it came to the needs of others, whether those needs were physical, emotional, or spiritual. He no doubt saw himself as not being reliant on others, even God. One could easily say that Francis was like that young man in the gospel. When he came to his "moment of conversion", he realized that all of this wealth meant nothing when put up against the benefits of evangelical poverty. The idea of not being beholden to the world, of relying on God's grace, was a freeing moment for Francis. It can be a freeing moment for us, as well, when we realize that earthly wealth is nothing as compared to treasures stored up in heaven.

Francis took this idea of "evangelical poverty" and raised it to the level of a spiritual exercise. For Francis, "Lady Poverty", as he came to see this idea of impoverishment, was a concept in which Francis saw himself as a suitor pursuing this personification of perfect poverty for the rest of his life. He would never attain complete fulfillment in this ideal because of earthly constraints, but it did not keep him from wooing and pursuing Lady Poverty. Francis did this by exercising what the Church would come to call a "preferential option for the poor". Francis saw Lady Poverty as symbolic of the poor Christ. She was symbolic of the paradoxes found in the Gospel, especially "richness in poverty". For Francis, Lady Poverty was also a means to the indwelling of God and a way of life that makes present the Kingdom of God here and now.

For the Secular Franciscan, "evangelical poverty" is something for which to be striven and seen in the fact that when we desire Lady Poverty, when we seek to follow in the footsteps of Francis, we see who we truly are as Franciscans. The rich young man would be hard-pressed to be a Secular Franciscan, as would much of the world. For those of us involved in the Secular Franciscans, Lady Poverty is someone with whom we should be intimately acquainted, and someone we should be willing to share with all whom we meet.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR:

CATCHING UP ON ALL THE BILLS

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION SUPPORTS CATHOLIC WORLD MISSIONS. BY BAPTISM, ALL CATHOLICS ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH AND SHARE THEIR FAITH AS MISSIONARIES. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY GATHERS SUPPORT FOR THE PASTORAL AND EVANGELIZATION PROGRAMS AND NEEDS OF MORE THAN 1,150 MISSION DIOCESES IN AFRICA, ASIA, THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND REMOTE REGIONS OF LATIN AMERICA. THE FUNDS GATHERED ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ARE DISTRIBUTED IN THE POPE'S NAME BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.



THE INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP RICHARD HENNING TO ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS ON OCTOBER 31, 2024 AT 2:00 PM. UNFORTUNATELY LIVE ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO THE CLERGY.

HOWEVER A WATCH PARTY WILL BE HELD AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN BRAINTREE IN THEIR PARISH CENTER.

OR YOU CAN WATCH THE INSTALLATION ON CATHOLIC TV. COVERAGE BEGINS AT 1:30 PM ENCORE PRESENTATION AT 8 PM.

WELCOME TO BOSTON AND GOD BLESS!!

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:

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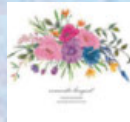
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Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated **TWO weeks in advance**, separate from your offertory.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
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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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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

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To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: November 12, 2024

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, October 7, 2024
Monday, October 21, 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

Fraud is on the rise. Don't take the bait.



How Precious Metal Scams Work

Scammers who perpetrate precious metal scams:

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