



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 27, 2024*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



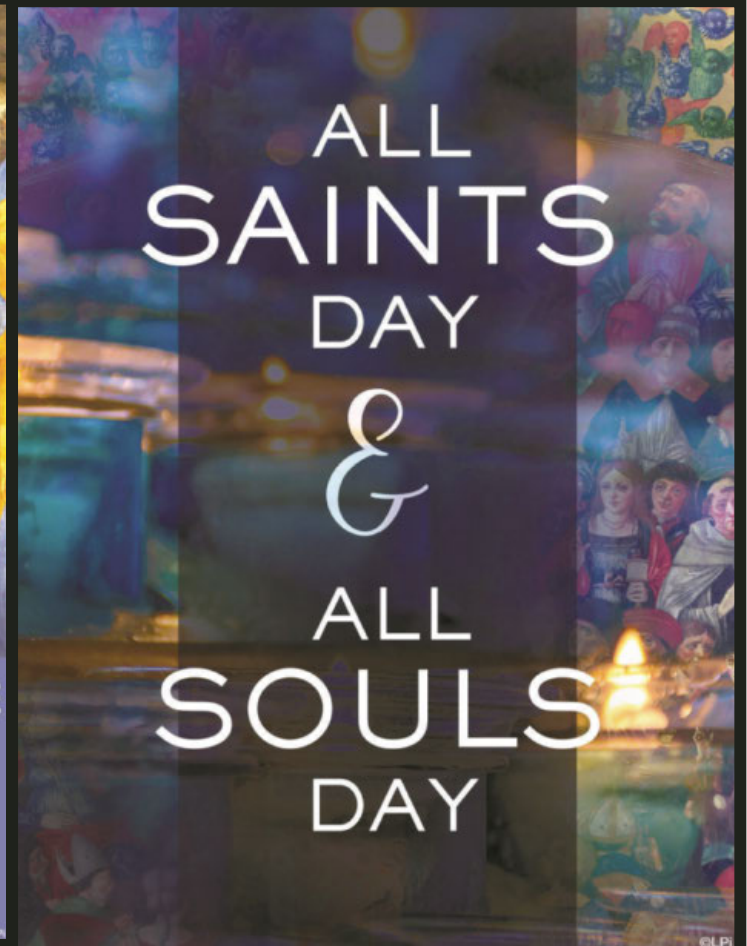
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
 The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told
 him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he
 received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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 DAY
 &
 ALL
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 DAY

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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 Monday through Thursday**

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Paul Sheedy — 8th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, November 3, 2024

- 8:00 - All My Deceased Loved Ones
- 11:30 - Karen Paré - 1st Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 26, 2024

- 4:00 - Claudette Rochefort — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 9:30 - Helen Cabral, Rose Camelo, Martha & Antonio Lopes — Memorial

Saturday, November 2, 2024

- 4:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Sunday, November 3, 2024

- 9:30 - Patricia McCarthy — Memorial

Friday, November 8, 2024

- 9:00 - Vince Adornato — Memorial

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a friend of mine who I've known since college who is blind from birth. He would tell you, if asked, "I'm not sight-impaired, visually-challenged or optically-absent (a term which brought him no shortage of amusement, actually!)... I'm blind". Blindness, he would tell you is not something which he has had to deal with since he knows no other way. He would also tell you that it hasn't stopped him from achieving his life goals, such as getting a degree, getting married or raising children – he's done all three, and quite well.

The "man born blind" in today's gospel, Bartimaeus, would probably tell a different story. Bartimaeus has had to resort to begging, no doubt because he has been ostracized by the community. Blindness (any illness, for that matter) was associated with sin, and so Bartimaeus is seen as a sinner. He is probably pitied by some, but most likely reviled by most (as a sinner). When Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is coming his way, and he knows that this is his opportunity for healing. You know that he knows who Jesus is by the way he calls out to him, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me" (Mk 10:47). In acknowledging Jesus as "son of David", Bartimaeus is recognizing the "kingship" of Jesus. He is also recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, for the Messiah was to come from the Davidic line. It all comes together for Bartimaeus in that moment. Bartimaeus springs into action, and throws himself at the feet of Jesus with the simple, yet profound, request that he wants to see.

In making the request for sight, Bartimaeus is not only looking for physical healing, but spiritual and social healing as well. Bartimaeus knows that if his sight is restored, he can rejoin the community. Bartimaeus knows that Jesus can do this, as he refers to Jesus as "Master" (Mk 10:51); in doing this, Bartimaeus knows that Jesus is the "key" to healing. Jesus is the key to healing for us, as well. Where is it, in our lives, that we need healing? Where are the "blind spots" in our lives, those things which keep us from being all that we are called to be?

May we have the courage to know that Jesus can heal us. May we trust that this healing is what we need to be restored to fullness in the community. May we, like Bartimaeus, acknowledge Jesus as "Master" for us, our Church and the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

Saint Ann

Saint John

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All Saints Day is Friday, November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Masses : Saint John's at 9:00 am
Saint Ann's at 7:00 pm.**

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

November Family Mass

Our November Family Mass is 11/3 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily. There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass.

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

St. John Grounds Clean Up

Saturday Nov. 16 9-11:30 am

We need people who would be willing to help rake leaves at St. John. Everyone is welcome to help, but we do need some tarps to haul the leaves and someone with a truck and dump sticker who can take them there for us.

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. Father Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass.

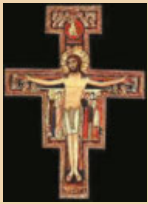
If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

November Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

November 18 at 6:30 pm, St. John

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!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's Gospel deals with Jesus' encounter with Bartimaeus, a blind man who wishes to see (Mark 10:46-52). In ancient times, blindness was among those conditions which were linked with sin. If one was blind, crippled, or leprous, there was a presumption of sin involved with the person. We believe, with our contemporary understanding, that God does not cause disease/illness because of sin. God does allow for such conditions for reasons which are, by and large, beyond human understanding. This is especially true with someone who is seen by most as a good person, begging the question "why do bad things happen to good people".

I mention this gospel passage in light of St. Francis' encounter with the Leper. Francis grew up in a time when there was a large gap between the rich and the poor. At the top were the nobles and rich merchants; at the bottom, the poor and the lepers. During his youth, Francis was taught to be charitable to the poor, but everyone feared lepers. Leprosy was a disease that rotted the extremities of the body, leaving the victim with ugly, oozing sores that smelled and looked terrible. Those with the disease were forbidden to enter the town and were banished to colonies outside the walls. They wore bells around their necks to warn travelers to get off the road when they were coming. Needless to say, they were not treated well by the townspeople.

As a teenager, Francis longed to become a knight. In this way he would win fame and fortune while protecting his town from other, more aggressive neighbors. While traveling to battle, he had a vision from God, which caused him to rethink everything that he was doing. In the vision, he was told to return to Assisi and listen for what God wanted him to do. One day, while Francis was riding a horse through the local countryside, he encountered a leper. The legend tells us that Francis, realizing that the leper was a child of God just like himself, and therefore his brother, got off his horse and embraced him.

In order for Francis to do this, to embrace the leper who was so different from himself, he had to put aside many things that he had been taught and stereotypes he had held about different groups. He had to undergo a conversion from who he was to who God wanted him to be. This begs an answer to some questions for us, today: Who are the "lepers" in society that we can embrace, yet make us feel uncomfortable? How can we overcome this discomfort, this "spiritual blindness", so as to "see Christ in them" and "be Christ for them"? How do we bring about that conversion in our lives so as to make true and lasting change in ourselves, in others, and in the world?

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2ND AND 3RD
THE SECOND COLLECTION
WILL BE FOR
HURRICANE RELIEF.**



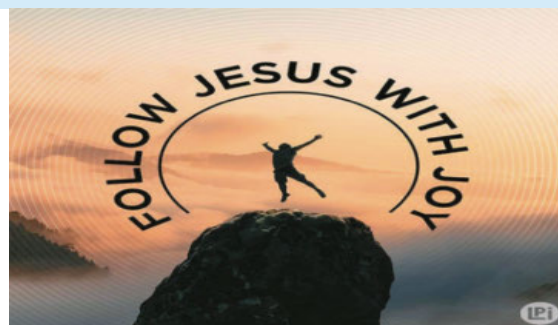
**THE INSTALLATION OF
ARCHBISHOP RICHARD HENNING
TO ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
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ON OCTOBER 31, 2024 AT 2:00 PM.**

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ENCORE PRESENTATION
AT 8 PM.**

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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:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Families have been surveyed, and the decision is to again give gift cards to children age 17 and younger in needy families. The families must be in need and meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater Schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at **508-586-6535**, or email her, linda@santry.org. All information is kept in strict confidence.

We also are updating our list of senior citizens for a Christmas remembrance. This year we will provide gift cards and a small goodie basket to senior citizens who are needy or have no family to remember them at Christmas. If you know of someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.

I am also looking for someone to assist me with this year's program, with the possibility of taking over down the road. After 41 years, it is time. Please contact me if you are willing to help out.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater
02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
We need jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans
Cash donations also accepted.

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's Church.

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

St Vincent dePaul (St. Ann's Church) is holding a Scratch ticket raffle to help raise money to help others. \$250.00 worth of tickets. Tickets are 1-\$20 or 3 - \$50

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333
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**

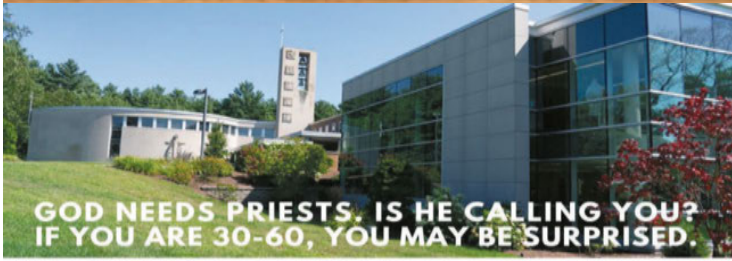
Monday, November 4, 2024
Monday, November 18, 2024

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

NEWS



**GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?
IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.**

FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

November 1, 2024

5:00 PM EST
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit (Zoom link provided at registration)

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March 20-23, 2025 Men's
April 24-27, 2025 Women's

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November 17, 2024-Saint Kateri
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