



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
November 5, 2023*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

VETERANS DAY

REMEMBER.
HONOR.
RESPECT.



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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
9:00-3:00 M-TH
Friday the Office is closed**

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MASS TIMES

**St Ann
Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Sunday, 6:15 PM**

**St John
Sunday, 8:00 AM
Sunday, 11:30 AM**

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:00 - Benedict "Benny" Francis — Memorial

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:30 - Richard Caputo — 5th Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 - David LaCouture — Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:30 - Vincent Hallisey — 9th Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - Grace Kelly — 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

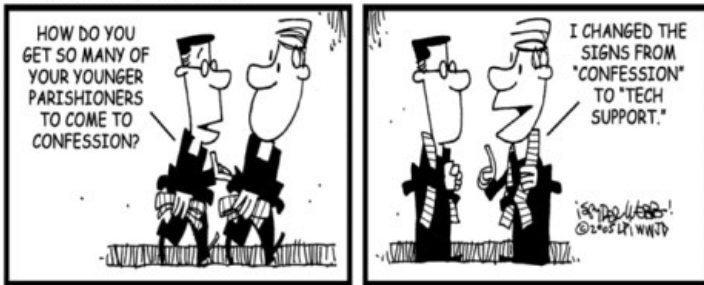
9:00 - Vince Adornato — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - Patricia McCarthy — 2nd Anniversary

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Let us pray for the victims in Israel and Ukraine and the end to such evil around the world.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I work with parents with regards to the children’s religious education, I always caution them not be the type who falls under the axiom, “do as I say, not as I do”. I encourage them to lead by example, and to model a pattern of faith that is both active and engaging. If they attend Mass, pray regularly, and follow Christian principles through the Church’s teaching, they not only “practice what they preach” but they also enrich their own lives. Finally, in saying all of this, I caution them not to be too hard on themselves. If they have been out of practice when it comes to these things, it may take a while to “get up to speed”. I encourage them to take “baby steps” and not do too much, too soon. In all of this, I offer my own word of encouragement and support, letting them know that I am here for them in whatever way they need.

The scribes and Pharisees, the leaders and law givers of Jesus’ day, are being called out in no uncertain terms here by Jesus. He is telling His disciples to “do as they say, not as they do”. He is cautioning His disciples because the scribes and Pharisees are “talking the talk” but aren’t “walking the walk”; their words and their actions are out of sync with one another. It is for this reason that Jesus tells them to “do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example” (Mt 23:3). Jesus often called them out for their hypocrisy, and He proceeds to tell His disciples the ways that they are not acting, speaking, and living in a way that is in accordance to the teachings of the Law.

The primary way that Jesus led His disciples is by way of “servant leadership”. Jesus came, He tells us, to serve and not be served. In this way, the “other” (the one being served) can then “pay it forward” by serving another. It is this type of leadership that is present in the ministry of Jesus, and it is the type that should be present in any ministry we perform in the Church. If we are called to engage ourselves in a ministry (that was either placed upon our hearts by God or called forth by one in the Church), then we should do so with an eye towards what we can do for others, not what others can do for us or what we can get out of it.

There is “but one teacher...one Father...one master” (Mt 23:8-10); we, for our part, are students, children, and servants of that One. It is God who calls us to relationship and to service. May we have the courage to enter into that relationship with full and open hearts. May we have the courage to enter into service with an eye towards the other, especially the poor, marginalized, and downtrodden. May we know God’s love, and share it with all whom we meet.

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

November Family Mass/Teaching Mass

Sunday, November 5th at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann is our next Family Mass. Fr. Paul will invite the kids to join him around the altar for the homily, and the kids are invited to do one of the readings or bring up the gifts. This is also going to be a special Teaching Mass where Fr. Paul will be explaining each of the parts of the Mass as he celebrates.

If your child would like to do a reading or bring up the gifts, please email Matt Brady.

November Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team at Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless of Boston.

The November date is 11/20 at 6:30 pm at St. John. All are welcome to join us! This can count for part of the parish service requirement for Confirmation as service hours

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Never Been Confirmed but Want to be? We have a program for you!

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which adults who are not members of Church can receive the sacraments and become a Catholic.

We also will be holding a 6 week class for anyone who has never been Confirmed but has already been Baptized and received First Communion. If you would like to participate in either class, please email or call Matt Brady.

Our Adult Bible Study will be starting again on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm at St. John.

We will be discussing the gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are invited to join us!

November Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is November 19 at the 6:15 Mass. there will be contemporary music, a teen-centered homily, and the kids are invited to do one of the readings or bring up the gifts. If your teen would like to do a reading or bring up the gifts, please email Matt Brady. This counts for part of the parish service requirement for Confirmation.

Christmas Brunch December 3rd after the 11:30 Mass at St. John

**Tickets are \$5/person, \$20/
family**

**Available by calling the of-
fice or after Masses starting
11/5 and must be purchased
by 11/27**



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel is rife with hypocrisy from the Pharisees. They would impose burdensome restrictions on others, but fail to live up to those same expectations for themselves. It was a classic case of "do as I say, not as I do". Jesus calls them out on this calling for His disciples to follow their words but not their example. St. Francis never had any such problem. In establishing the Franciscan Order, St. Francis never asked the brothers to do anything or go anywhere that he, himself was not willing to do or go. He had no hypocrisy in his leadership, and he was truly a "servant leader". If we were to look at the "leadership style" of St. Francis, one could say it was carried out in the following ways:

Leaders take the path

of *most* resistance — No one who has ever achieved anything significant has ever flown under the radar - or taken the easy way. If Saint Francis's stripping himself nude in the town square teaches us anything at all, it's that he nakedly followed the naked Christ — he put into practice what God was telling him to do.

Leaders are prepared to turn their backs

on the old way — To achieve what others think is impossible often means putting yourself in situations that make you grow. The downside? These situations are new, uncomfortable, and emotionally traumatizing to go through.

Leaders embrace humility — Making a lasting change and doing what hasn't been done will require you to check your ego before you begin. Why? Because you will experience much humiliation in the pursuit of your mission. You will have to tolerate much social pressure. You will not fit in. And without your ego driving you forward — you will be okay with it.

St. Francis certainly lived out these principles, and encouraged his followers to do the same. He was not afraid to take chances, follow a new way of living, and live a life of simplicity and humility. In asking his followers to do this, he set the path before them as Christ did for him. May we be so bold.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

The Together in Christ Collaborative Choir wants you!

You do not have to read music.
You do not have to have experience.
You do not have to audition.

If you sing along from the congregation on Sundays then you are qualified!

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday nights
at St. John's at 7 PM

For more info contact our music director, Rich at richcesarini@gmail.com.



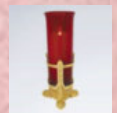
**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
The remaining balance on the Rectory
Repairs.**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR
REMAINDER OF OUTSTANDING BILLS**

*The Hosts, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp
this week at
St. John's are in memory of:*



Grace Kelly



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 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.

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, 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, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, & 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 or added, Please call the Rectory .**



St Ann's St. Vincent de Paul

Winner of the Raffle tickets was Nancy Maloney

Because of your generous donations to the summer lunch program, we were able to help 19 families to include 46 Children.

Please pick a slip from the baskets located at each door as we are putting together toiletry bags for the homeless of West Bridgewater.

The next meeting will be on November 14th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK + the Mass = \$55

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
Increasing to \$85+



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

Is in need of:

Spaghetti Sauce — Small jars only please.
Cookies and crackers, brownie & cake mix, frosting.
Gift cards for purchase for Thanksgiving Dinners
Cash donations also accepted

St Ann's
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PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY

508-245-5481

P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

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, October 2, 2023
Monday, October 16, 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., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Who is most at risk for human trafficking?

Human trafficking can happen to anyone but some people are more vulnerable than others. Significant risk factors include **recent migration or relocation, substance use, mental health concerns, involvement with the children welfare system and being a runaway or homeless youth.**

Who are the Traffickers?

Perpetrators of human trafficking span all racial, ethnic, and gender demographics and are as diverse as survivors. Some use their privilege, wealth, and power as a means of control while others experience the same socio-economic oppression as their victims. They include individuals, business owners, members of a gang or network, parents or family members of victims, intimate partners, owners of farms or restaurants, and powerful corporate executives and government representatives.

Have you considered living a Cursillo?

Cursillo is an active three-day learning experience in basic Christianity featuring practical insights into an everyday life of faith and service. It is a unique experience and offers us an opportunity to develop, nurture, and deepen our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Cursillo is enjoyed by Christians on all different points of their faith journey through a sponsor. (A friend who has lived Cursillo. We can help find you a sponsor.)

Cursillo weekends are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House located in Easton. Our next Men's Weekend is October 26-29 and our next Women's Weekend is November 16-19.



It may be the best gift you give yourself! For more information please email, cursillo@retreathouse.org, visit our website www.retreathouse.org or call the Holy Cross Retreat House @ 508-238-2051

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