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Collaborative**

**November 8, 2020**

**32nd Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**



*St. John*

*St Ann*

# VETERANS DAY

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**Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th**

**For both Churches**

**Currently we are working from home.**



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## PREPARE

**"But the wise ones replied, 'No,  
for there may not be enough  
for us and you. Go instead to  
the merchants and buy some  
for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:9**



# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring  
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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday**

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday: 10:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday  
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice  
In the Chapel  
Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass.**

### St Ann's

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA**

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is by appointment during the pandemic. 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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, November 7, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Sunday, November 8, 2020

10:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial

#### Saturday, November 14, 2020

5:30 - Bob Solakoff — 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:30 -- Parishioners of Saint John

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, November 7, 2020

4:00 - Evelyn Callanan — Birthday Remem.

#### Sunday, November 8, 2020

Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Saturday, November 14, 2020

4:00 - Lisa Kearney Elias — 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:30 - Joanne Hansen — 2nd Aniversary

### THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

#### NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

**Our financial situation is getting to a crisis level.  
The pandemic has taken a very real toll in so many  
ways.**

#### Offertory comparisions:

##### St. John

On-line Giving—Oct 21– 27 — \$679

Oct 21 –27 — Mailed offertory — \$2,735

Oct 21– 27 —Offertory from Mass— \$894

Total \$4308

##### St. Ann's

On-line Giving —Oct 21—27—NA

Oct 10--20 —Mailed Offertory — \$830

Oct 21--27 — Offertory from Mass — \$1,069

Total \$1899

#### Suggested Sacramental Offerings:

Memorials Masses — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600

My Dear Friends in Christ,



It has been said that the difference between “wisdom” and “knowledge” is this”:

knowledge is understanding that a tomato is (botanically) a fruit and that wisdom is knowing not to put a tomato in a fruit salad. There is a difference between knowing about something and being wise about it. One (knowledge) comes from a learned experience and one (wisdom) comes from a lived experience. There is a vast difference between knowing about something and truly having lived it out. I have found that in my life, to truly know something, the best way to come to the fullest understanding of an event or experience is to have that first-hand encounter.

In today’s gospel, Jesus recounts the “Parable of the Ten Virgins”. In this parable, which is a story that points to a greater experience, there are ten virgins – five who are wise, five who are foolish. They are all awaiting the bridegroom, and have taken their lamps out into the darkness to meet him. The wise ones bring extra oil, “just in case” (the bridegroom is delayed), and the foolish ones have no oil with them (save for what is in their lamps, which will eventually run out). The bridegroom is inevitably delayed and the virgins fall asleep. Upon waking, and as the bridegroom approaches, the foolish ones ask for oil from the wise ones. Since there may not be enough, they refuse the request. Upon returning (after going out to buy more oil), the foolish virgins are refused entrance into the wedding feast which has begun.

The “moral” of the story, Jesus tells the listener, is “stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour” (Matthew 25:13). The point of the story for us is that we are those awaiting the “bridegroom” (Jesus) and that we need to be ready when He comes, whenever that may be. Since we do not know the day nor the hour, it is imperative that we always be vigilant. Does this mean that we just sit around? Hardly. We have daily tasks that need accomplishing, we have work to do in this life which cannot be ignored. Our primary “job”, however, is to be ready for the coming of the Kingdom. This is why we pray (in The Our Father) “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”. The Kingdom isn’t just something for which we wait, it is something in our midst already and we are called to build it here. When we work as “Kingdom Builders”, we bring to fruition our baptismal call. When we work to bring Jesus’ vision to life, we fulfill our role as disciples of Jesus.

Let us always be vigilant in awaiting the Master’s return. Let us always be ready to welcome the “Bridegroom” when He comes. Let us trim our lamps and keep them lit, for one day – a day which we do not know but which will happen. Let us build up the Kingdom here on earth, so that we may live in the fullness of the Kingdom in Heaven.

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, George Lepine, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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**East Bridgewater MA 02333**

Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
Hotline—508-378-3760

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. —  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-5:30 pm and the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above.

**Gift cards are also a great help.**

**\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100**

**The next Food Pantry will be  
Monday, November 16th.**

**At this Pantry people who signed up for  
Turkey Dinners will be able to pick them up.**

Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, etc. are  
always great additions to the shelves.

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At this time people who signed up for  
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**Thank you for your generosity, as always.**

### UPDATES FROM THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekend Masses are being held at both churches, please check the schedule ON PAGE 7.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed.

Baptisms are being held on Saturday at 10 AM and 2 PM and on Sundays at 1 PM.

Please call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Funerals are now allowed within the guidelines of the Archdiocese. Call the Rectory Office for information.

Memorial Masses can be rescheduled or scheduled within the limitations of the four masses between both churches. Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Daily masses are continuing to be celebrated on line until further notice.

### Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. This year we will be giving gift cards to children age 16 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](mailto: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 if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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### 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.



## Cardinal O'Malley Statement Regarding Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory being Named to the College of Cardinals.

### [BostonCatholic.org](http://BostonCatholic.org)

Pope Francis's elevation of Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Washington, D.C. to the College of Cardinals is an historic event, a personal tribute and a blessing for the Church in the United States.

The historic character of the Pope's decision is the appointment of the first African American to the College of Cardinals. For several decades there have been African American bishops in the Church in the United States, but this appointment is a singular event recognizing the contribution of the African American community to the work of the Church in this country.

The Holy Father's choice, of course, is not simply about history. It is a recognition of the personal qualities and fruitful pastoral ministry of Cardinal-elect Gregory. Ordained as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago, then Bishop of Belleville, Illinois, Cardinal-elect Gregory later led the Archdiocese of Atlanta for more than fourteen years, before being appointed to the See of Washington, D.C. in 2019. He also served as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2001-2004.

The long and valiant struggle for racial justice in this country from the 17th century to the inspiring events of 2020 has been given a powerful acknowledgment by the Holy Father whose voice for social justice, human dignity and equality has been a hallmark of his papacy.

Throughout his ministry Cardinal-elect Gregory has been a consistent advocate of these same themes, addressing them through faith, reason and his own personal experience as an African American priest and bishop. Based on this personal and pastoral experience, Cardinal-elect Gregory will bring wisdom, insight and a passion for justice to the College of Cardinals, the Holy Father's uniquely important collaborators. We offer prayerful best wishes to Cardinal-elect Gregory and gratitude to Pope Francis for this appointment.





## *FAREWELL & BEST WISHES*

*To*

### *JOE AND LORRAINE HOPGOOD*

Joe and Lorraine have decided it is time to leave Saint John's and begin a new phase of their lives by moving to Florida for the winter months and returning to Bourne for the summer months. They are retiring!!!!

Joe has been a Deacon for our Parish for the last ten years. He has baptized many and conducted funeral services for just as many. He is a constant on the altar during masses and serves in any capacity needed. He recently was part of the Pastoral Planning Team. During his tenure, he has served on many such teams. His patience, kind heart and example of serving God and our Parish will be deeply missed.

Lorraine has been the Director of the Religious Education Program for the past sixteen years. She is the guiding light to all the children of the parish in their quest to know God and his love for them. She has been a mentor to all those who gave of their time to teach the Religious Education Classes, as well as being a support for those in need. Lorraine and Joe initiated and led the Teen Leadership Program for years and are responsible for so many of our teens finding a relationship with God.

Lorraine has also served as the "behind the scenes girl" taking care of the Giving Tree at Christmas, knowing where things are stored, how to set the heat, who to call in an emergency, how many flowers are needed to decorate the altar at Christmas, etc.. She has been the backbone of the functionality of Saint John's Parish.

To say she will be missed is such an understatement.



*May the road rise to  
meet you.  
May the wind be  
always at your back.  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face.  
The rains fall soft  
upon your fields.  
And until we meet  
again, may God hold  
you in the palm of  
his hand.*

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## *We wish them well.*

A prayer for All Veterans



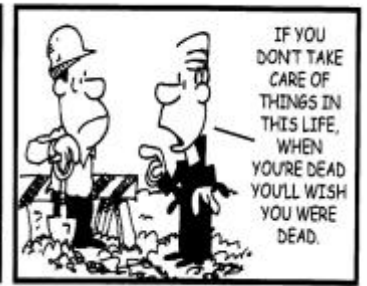
O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen

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As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

The guidelines for the Archdiocese can be found on line at RCAB Office of Risk Management.

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