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Collaborative***

November 15, 2020

***33rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time***



St. John

St Ann

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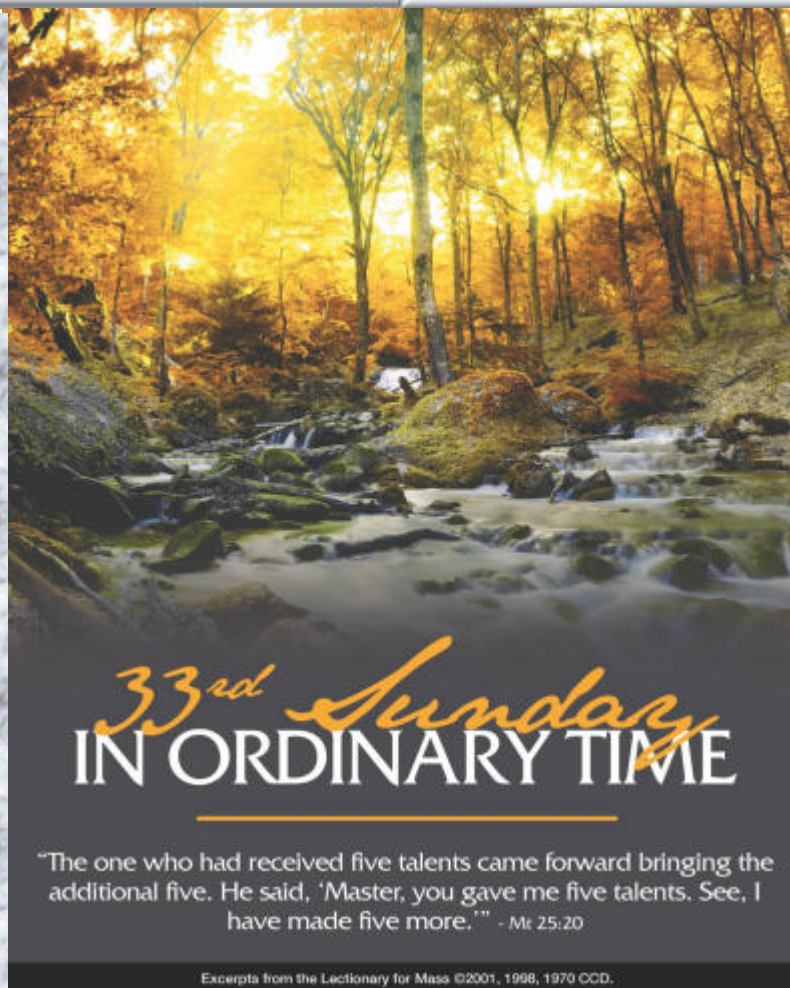
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Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th

For both Churches

Currently we are working from home.



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"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt. 25:20

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 14, 2020

5:30 - Bob Solakoff — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:30 -- Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, November 21, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 14, 2020

4:00 - Lisa Kearney Elias — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:30 - Joanne Hansen — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 - Ernest Butler — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Parishioners of Saint Ann

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 comparisons:

St. John — Oct 28 – Nov 3, 2020

On-line Giving — \$1,282

Mailed Offertory — \$1,100

Offertory from Mass — \$1,993

Total \$4375

St. Ann's — Oct — Nov 3, 2020

On-line Giving — NA

Mailed Offertory — \$2,190

Offertory from Mass — \$2,079

Total \$4,269

Suggested Sacramental Offerings:

Memorials Masses — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I have a friend who is a gifted artist, another who is a talented singer, yet another who is a fantastic baker. I have experienced all of these talents first-hand, and can attest to their gifts. We all have something to offer the world, some sort of ability or talent, something which makes the world a better place in which to live.

Today's gospel offers us the "Parable of the Talents". In this case, a "talent" was a unit of currency, something which had actual monetary value. In the scripture today, the servants are given talents – one is given five, another is given two, a third is given one. Each is expected to do something with those talents, to invest them in something and put them to good use. The first servant takes the five and makes another five, the second servant takes the two and makes another two. The third servant, however, takes the one and buries it – literally – presumably to keep it safe to give it back upon the master's return. While the servants' master is pleased at the first two servants' investment, he is none too pleased that the third servant did nothing with the talent given and it is given to the one who ended up with ten.

This is a lesson for us to use the talents, that is the gifts and abilities we have, and "invest" them. We are given certain attributes which we are called to use to better ourselves, the world, the Church, and the Kingdom of God. If we squander those talents, we run the risk of upsetting our Master (that is, God) and incurring His wrath (at the end of time, the time of judgment). What is it that we have to offer? What can we do to build up the Kingdom of God. We all have something to offer, and it would behoove us to use those talents lest we displease God for squandering them.

Let us take the time to pray to God to reveal our talents and for the courage to use them. Let us call upon God to give us the courage to use those talents which are God-given and meant to be shared, not squandered. Let us use those talents not only for our own benefit, but for the benefit of all. Let us use those talents to grow closer to God and to one another as the Body of Christ. Let us have the fortitude to share these gifts with God, and all whom we shall meet.

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, 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.

**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

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

**The shelves of the Pantry are depleted and need to
be restocked. Your help is needed. Cereal, tuna,
pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are
always great additions to the shelves.**

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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. 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 NEWS FOR THE PARISHES



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or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
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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.

Perfect timing for Miramar's Private Retreat Week November 29 - December 5 (Sunday through Saturday)



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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In his third encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* ("All Brothers"), Pope Francis reflects on a topic of great importance: human solidarity and friendship. Pope Francis first opened the world with the words *fratelli e sorelle* – "brothers and sisters" – following his election to the papacy. In this encyclical, he continues to address all men and women as his brothers and sisters, calling us to consider what our common brotherhood requires of us.

Pope Francis has shown repeatedly that he is dedicated to promoting friendship among all people. *Fratelli Tutti* follows his 2019 signing of the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi. And at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Pope Francis prayed for the salvation of all people in his extraordinary "Urbi et Orbi" address in an empty St. Peter's Square.

The Holy Father calls us to live out our Christian duty to see the face of Jesus in our neighbors, recognizing everyone we meet as a brother or sister. In this encyclical, Pope Francis reminds us of our "Blessed" common belonging. By fostering a greater affection for all, we reaffirm the dignity of every human person created in the image and likeness of God.

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 ENCYCLICAL LETTER
 POPE FRANCIS

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED
Virgin Mary



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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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