



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

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 November 17, 2024*

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



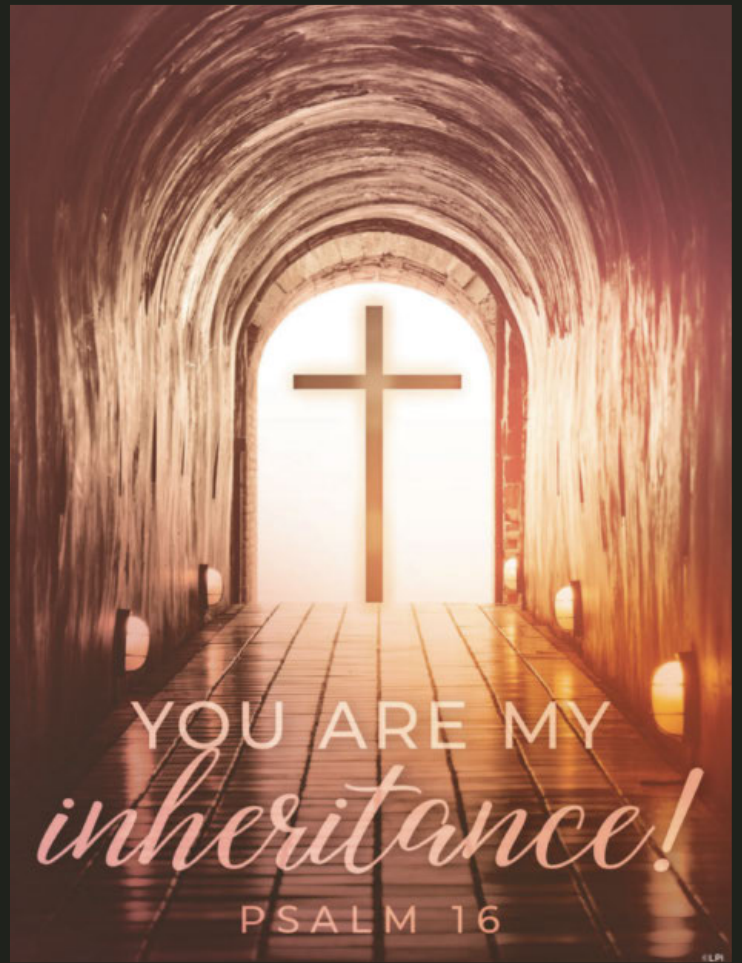
Saturday, 4:00 PM  
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



**33rd SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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YOU ARE MY  
*inheritance!*

PSALM 16

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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 Monday through Thursday**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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

**Administrative Assistant:**  
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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

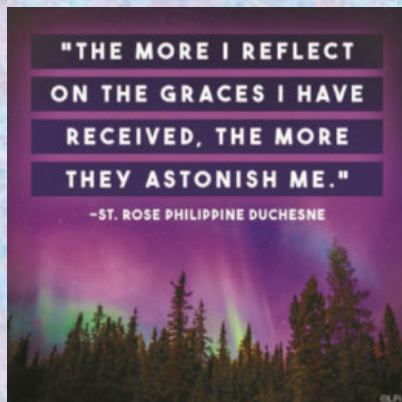
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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There has been, for the longest time, what could be called “end-time phobia”. It is the panicked approach by some that “The End Is Near” (as I saw on a placard in downtown Boston once). This “visionary” approach is usually paired with some “doomsday scenario” taken either from the Book of Revelation or the mind of movie director James Cameron – take your pick! Well, here it is – the year 2024; it is almost a quarter century past the predictions of “Y2K” and what would follow and we’re still here.

My point in bringing up all of these end-of-the-world scenarios is not to dismiss the fact that the world will end. Regardless of the “when”, the “if” of the matter hardly up for debate; by all accounts, spiritual and secular, the world *will* end. In today’s gospel, Jesus prepares His followers for the fact that the world, as we know it, will cease at some point. What Jesus does not reveal is the “when” of the event, for it is only in the mind and heart of God the Father and, as my mother would say, “God only knows, and He ain’t tellin’!” This should not worry us, but it should serve as a reminder to us that each day is a gift, and that we should indeed work as if each day was our last. In that way, we fulfill the prayerful mandate of the “Our Father” that we make “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, *on earth as it is in heaven*”. The “Lord’s Prayer” reminds us, in this stanza, that the day/date/time of the “parousia” (the “end time”) should not concern us. What should concern us is that we are building up God’s Kingdom here on earth as best we can, by being God’s good and faithful service, reaching out to those in need, lifting the downtrodden and assisting those who are in need of God’s mercy and love to find it in us, God’s faithful servants.

Today’s readings speak of the “end times” – what they will look and feel like, how they will come about for all, believers and non-believers alike. We would do well to heed these words, to put our faith not in human beings but in God, and work so that when the end comes (as it surely will) we are found ready to be welcomed into God’s Kingdom. Jesus promises us that His Word will be with us until the end of time. May we trust in that word of hope, peace and love. May we come to know that our God will not leave us abandoned and may we be prepared to be welcomed into God’s Kingdom by being, and remaining, God’s good and faithful servants.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**Thanksgiving Mass at Saint Ann’s at 8:00.**



**Father will be Blessing the Breads to be served at your Thanksgiving Dinner. Please bring your bread to Mass.**

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 8:00 - Kathleen Andrews — 4th Anniversary
- 11:30 - Joanne Hanson — 5th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

#### Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Michael Shea & Susan Arvidson — 3rd Anniversary for Both
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

#### Thursday, November 28, 2024

8:00 — THANKSGIVING MASS

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, November 16, 2024

- 4:00 - Tony & Lu Cruz & Tony Cruz, Jr. — Mem

#### Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 9:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — 6th Anniversary

#### Saturday, November 23, 2024

- 4:00 - Joseph Sousa — 2nd Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 9:30 - Emily Harrington — 10th Anniversary

#### Wednesday, November 27, 2024

- 9:00 — Ken MacKinaw — Birthday Remem.

#### Saturday, November 30, 2024

- 10:00 — Mary Lou Heath — Memorial



**WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING SO YOU KNOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. THUS.....**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. WE NEED TO PLACE THE ORDER BY DECEMBER 5TH. PLEASE MAKE OUR CHURCHES BEAUTIFUL AGAIN!!!!**



# MINISTRY NEWS

## Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### November Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is November 17 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.

### November Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm, St. John

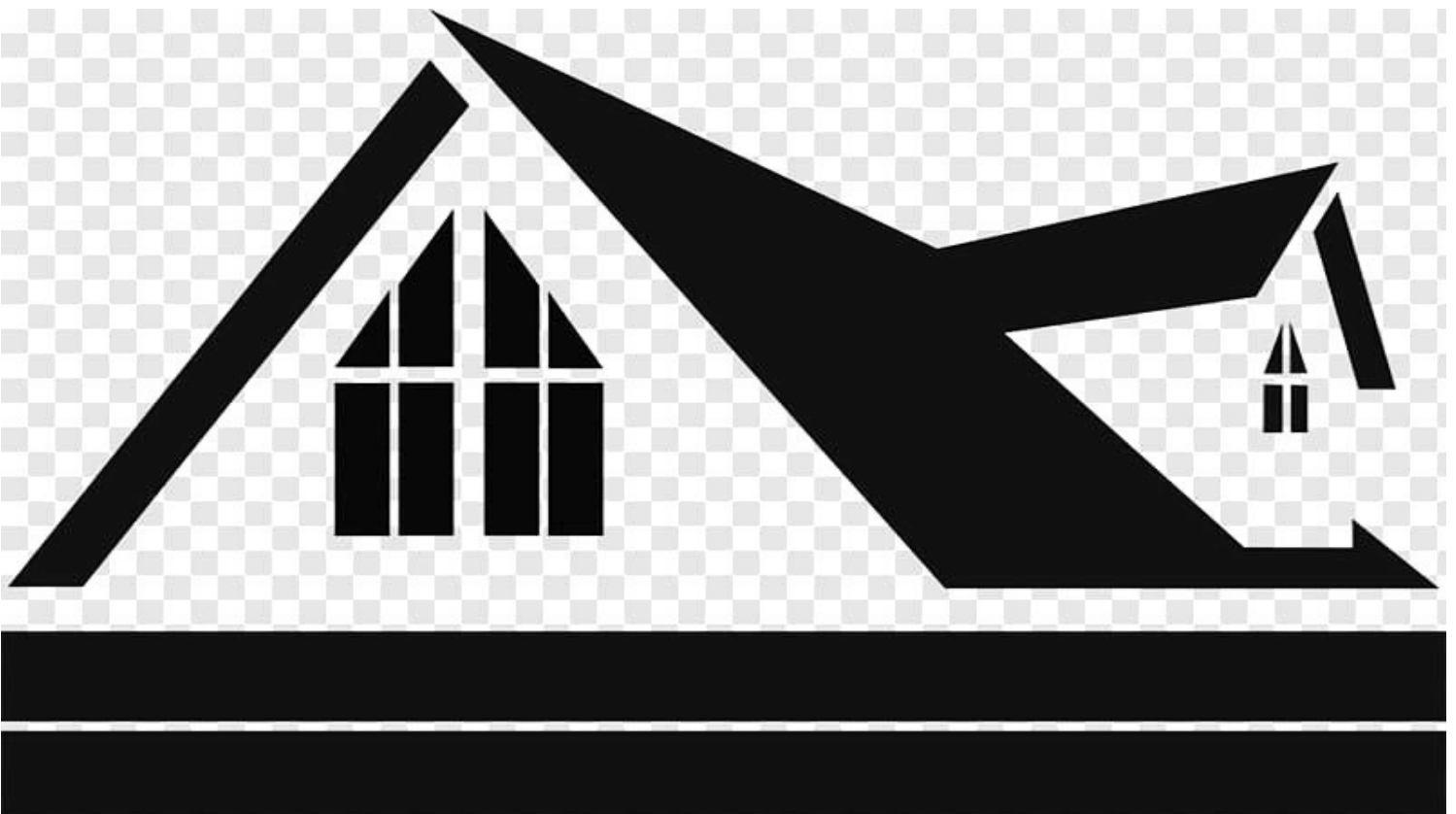
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

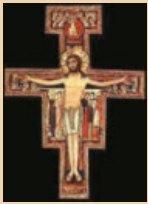
### December Family Mass

Our next Family Mass is December 8 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and 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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE ROOF COMPLETED ON THE RECTORY OF ST ANN'S.**

**GOD BLESS YOU!!**





### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's first reading and gospel speak of the "end times", a popular topic among theologians. When I was in the "home stretch" of my Candidacy (back in 2021), the period of preparation before one offers their "Profession", or life-long commitment, to the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), it felt (in a good way) like the "end was near"! Unlike the "end times" alluded to in today's Gospel (Mark 13:24-32), however, this Profession wasn't an ending but a beginning. If one thinks of it like graduation, that's the sense one would get with Profession. Graduation is often referred to a "Commencement", and rightfully so. It may be the end of something (e.g., high school, college, or graduate school) but it is also the beginning of something (i.e., a new "chapter" in one's life).

This "beginning" is what Profession in the OFS is all about. Once a candidate in formation in the Secular Franciscan Order is "Professed", they have full rights, privileges, and responsibilities in the OFS. They are able to hold office, vote on matters pertaining to the Order (especially on the level of the local fraternity to which they belong), and participate fully in the life of the (Local) Fraternity and the Order (as a body). It also comes with it responsibilities, duties which only professed members can undertake and accomplish. This does not mean the candidate stands idly by, waiting for profession, much like at the end times we are not called to "stand around". A candidate can participate in the life of the Order by taking what they learn in formation and applying it to both life in the OFS and life in their home, work, and family.

So, to sum up...Candidates work towards Profession, and this Profession leads to a fully active life in the OFS. Professed member have full rights, and responsibilities in the OFS. All members, both candidates and professed members, seek to incorporate Franciscan charisms into their everyday life, as well as life in the OFS. Ultimately, the goal is to live the "motto" of the OFS, namely "Bringing Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel".

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

### **Prayer of Seasons**

**As the seasons change, be with me.  
As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.  
As I face what the future holds, be with me.  
As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.  
Amen.**

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### **NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR**

### **RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS**

#### **Everyday Stewardship**

The ancient Greek dramatist, Euripides, wrote, "No one can confidently say that he will still be living tomorrow." We seldom focus on that reality and often act like we are confident of a tomorrow. However, we all know names of those who died suddenly, maybe in tragedy or simply in the quiet of sleep. Calling those names to mind will probably still not force most of us to contemplate our own mortality tonight before placing our head on the pillow, but perhaps it should.

We don't need to obsess about dying or fear the unknown, but realizing the gift of today and reflecting on the possibility that it may be our last day can cause us to act differently. We might forgive more easily, argue less, and embrace one another. Rather than procrastinate, we might act now. We could become more mindful of our surroundings, see the needs in people, and reach out to those who are lost.

I write these Everyday Stewardship reflections every Sunday. You might read them in your parish bulletin, on a website, or in social media every Sunday. Just in case this is the last Sunday you ever have a chance to read these reflections, what is God calling you to do now before it's too late. If you are still here next Sunday after taking all this seriously, you might wonder at what it was to live more fully and to give of yourself more freely. Don't let a single day pass you by without truly loving others and your God. One thing you can be confident about: This day will never come again.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES**

**MEMORIAL MASSES**  
Suggested donation \$25+

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK** Suggested donation \$55  
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK** \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

**HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS** \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



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

## 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](mailto: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

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again ask you for gift cards that will be distributed to the families and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the **St. Vincent de Paul boxes** at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. They must be received by **December 5th**, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. Checks should be made out to St. Ann's, with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo line. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items.

This year we will also be collecting toys for the parents to choose from for their children. There will be a bin in the back of the church for you to place new toys for children aged 1 to 16.

See the handout on November 9/10th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: 508-586-6535 or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org)

West Bridgewater Food Pantry  
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1  
West Bridgewater  
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**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**  
**P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**  
**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: December 10, 2024

St Vincent de Paul (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 18, 2024**  
**December 2, 2024**  
**December 16, 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, baked beans, toothbrushes, toothpaste & TP.**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100



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*The Flowers,  
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