

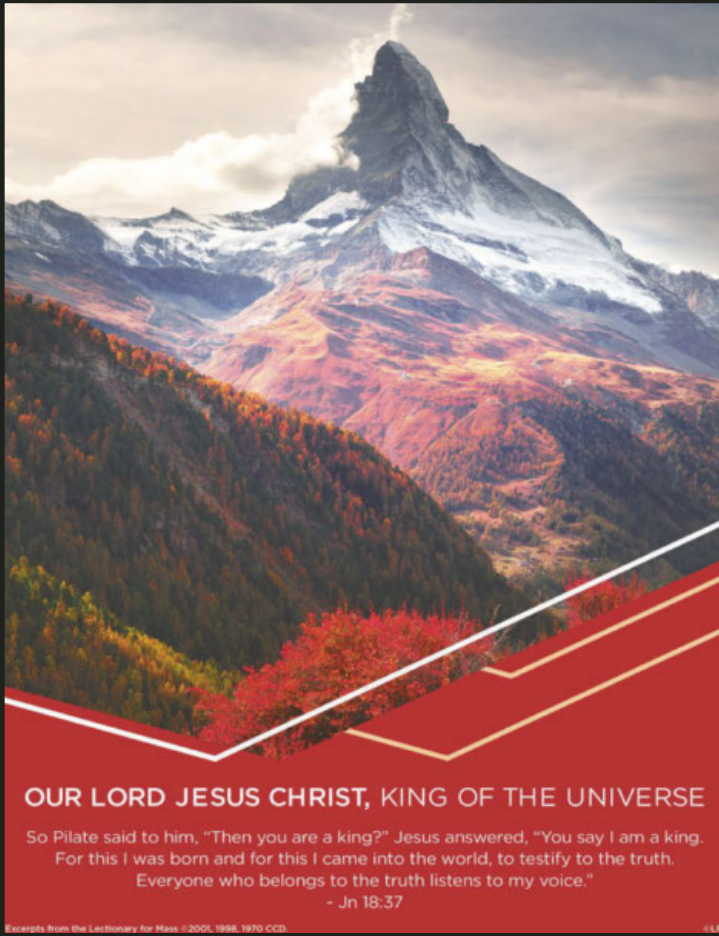


Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 24, 2024
 OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE*



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
 For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
 Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
 - Jn 18:37



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 FOR HE IS
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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.

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8:00 AM AT SAINT ANN'S

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, November 24, 2024

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

Sunday, December 1, 2024

- 8:00 - Joseph Garino, Jr. — 4th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance
- 11:30 - Rosalyn Ingoldsby — Birthday Remem
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, November 28, 2024

8:00 — THANKSGIVING MASS

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, November 30, 2024

4:00 - Francis Barry & Family — 26th Anniv.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

9:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — Birthday Remem.

*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*



*Shane Patrick Whitty
Kennedy Frances Lucini
Logan David Boutross
Oaklyn Marie Davis*

*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

With another Thanksgiving on the horizon, and the “Christmas Rush” soon to commence (well, for many the rush has been long underway, but that’s another story!) we “wrap up” another Church year, as we work on a bit of a different calendar. Today, the Church celebrates The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – more commonly known as “The Solemnity of Christ the King”. In this feast, we end the liturgical year and move on to Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas (Day and Season). As I say, we “march to a different drummer” in the Church!

In the Solemnity of Christ the King, we recognize Jesus as Sovereign Lord, one who rules not from an earthly throne but within a celestial Kingdom. Jesus’ reign is one of eternal dimensions, something which eludes the leaders of the day, including Pilate. Jesus, in His encounter with Pilate, establishes His Kingship as being one which “does not belong to this world” (Jn 18:36). The dialogue with Pilate takes many “twists and turns”, covering topics such as authority, leadership and truth. In this meeting with Pilate, which takes place on Good Friday, Jesus for the last time makes His point that His message and mission hasn’t been about this world (except to save it) but about the world to come in God’s Eternal Kingdom. Much of this is lost on Pilate, except for the fact that he knows that he doesn’t want to get involved (thus “washing his hands” of the whole affair when he hands Jesus over to the crowd). Jesus, I suspect, is the type of leader that Pilate wishes he could be – strong, sure, confident in His mission and message. In truth, Jesus is the type of leader that every leader should strive to be like!

As we conclude this church year, we look forward more than look back. We look forward to Advent, the great season of preparation for Christ at Christmas and as King of Heaven and Earth. We look forward to Christmas, when Christ is born to us once again in time, and for all time. We look forward to a new calendar year, a year filled (no doubt) with challenge, hope and promise. May Christ the King come to rule your heart so that all good gifts might be yours. May Christ the King come to rule our world so that it may be more a place of hope and promise. May Christ the King come to rule our Church so that it may be a solace in troubled times and a light to the nations. May Christ the King come!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

Ministry News

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

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.



December Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is December 15 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.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday 12/15 at 1 pm, St. Ann's Parish Center

Join us as our children share the story of Jesus' birth and we have a birthday party for him!

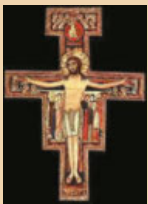
There will be plenty of food and fun. Please bring a non-perishable food item as a birthday present for Jesus.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday December 9, 2024

This year, December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, will be transferred to Monday, December 9th.

In previous years when December 8 has fallen on a Sunday it was the practice in the United States to indicate that the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with the liturgical observance. Currently, both the 2025 Ordo and [USCCB 2025 Liturgical Calendar](#) reflect this past practice.

Given recent clarifications on this practice from the Dicastery for Legislative Texts and the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, we now know that the feast "must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this information, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation, contrary to what was published in the Ordo and USCCB 2025 liturgical calendar before receipt of the clarification.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should take time to recognize those things for which we should be thankful. St. Francis recognized that all good gifts come from God, the source of all good. We would do well to look to God for all things, so that in times of both joy and sorrow, of both triumph and tragedy, that we see God at work at the center of it all. It is in this spirit that I offer as my weekly Franciscan reflection, “St Francis’ Prayer In Praise of God Given To Brother Leo”:

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong. You are great.

You are the Most High. You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance

You are rest. You are peace.

You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong. You are great. You are the Most High. You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance.

Wonderful Lord,

God Almighty, Merciful Savior.

A Blessed Thanksgiving To You And All You Hold Dear!

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

I believe that everyone, at some point in life, thinks oneself to be totally self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency is almost hardwired into our American DNA. We have seen that American independent streak in so many of our successful entrepreneurs of the past. And many of our “self-made” business men and women seem to have accomplished everything all by themselves.

However, upon closer inspection we see that their success has been a collaboration with other people and entities. We never succeed all by ourselves. It takes others to be truly successful. And those who are successful ultimately say they have so many people to thank for their success.

We too must look at our gifts and say thank you. As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving, let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts.

Let us pray...

Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.
As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,
we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,
that we may share the gifts you have given us
as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today,
and all your people throughout the world,
through Christ your Son.

Amen.

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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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, 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 Church 85ill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Prviti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe, Ann Bortolopto & 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

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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
Need: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans
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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
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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**
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, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

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



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Activities Include: Holiday Music, Games, Crafts, Small Gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and pictures with Santa for those who would enjoy time with them.

Space is limited and registration is required. Please RSVP by 11/30 with:

- Full Name of all Children Attending
- Sex of Child
- Age
- Any gifts considerations such as developmental age of child.

Please R.S.V.P. to:
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MrsGumby56@Comcast.net or
call (508) 415-4070



Please remember in your prayers:

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Margaret Fisher
John Kaiser
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