



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017*



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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA

Daily Mass, Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

9:00 a.m.



"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - Every Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m. in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

July 16, 2017—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017 ~ ~ No second collection

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 15, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:00 — Bread & Wine in Memory of Sheila Creney

10:30 — Deceased members of the Mulkern Family — Memorial

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

9:00 — Robert Franciosi — 3rd Anniversry

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

9:00 — John J. McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Remem

Saturday, July 22, 017

4:00 — Richard Hutchins — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Jean Marie Lyons — 20th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 15, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:30 - Senior Priests within the Archdiocese

10:30 - Eleanor Hanson — 1st Memorial

Saturday, July 22, 2017

4:00 - Gertrude Duford—13th Anniversary
Malcolm LeGay—Birthday Rem

Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Christine Cole—4th Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER

**LORD GIVE ME FAITH TO SEE BEYOND
WHAT I CAN SEE,**

**FAITH TO KNOW THAT YOUR WILL DOES
GREAT THINGS AND**

GRACE TO TRUST YOU AT ALL TIMES !!!!

**FOR AS I HOLD ON TO MY FAITH, JESUS
YOU ARE HOLDING ON TO ME.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old expression that states that one is to “grow where you are planted”. If one were to “Google” this phrase, they would come up with over sixteen *million* entries (16.3, to be exact!)! A quick scan of the topic shows that most of them have to do with gardening, giving the best “tips” on how to get the most out of your plants, fruits, and vegetables; some, however, speak on what Jesus is getting at, that for one to grow and flourish in one’s faith, good “soil” is needed.

Jesus explains the parable effectively enough to His disciples (and to those whose ears are open to hearing what He has to say) that it would be foolish for me to “re-invent the wheel”, as it were and try and “top” Jesus. So, where does one go from here? I think if this parable (or any parable, for that matter) is to have any meaning for us, we have to apply it to the “here and now”. In our modern age, we can think that we know all there is to know about “the Evil One”, as Satan is referred to in this passage. That would be a mistake, and a deadly one at that! The challenge with Satan is that he is always “reinventing” himself to suit the present age. The tricks, ruses and guises that he used back in the time of Jesus are not, of course, the same ones He uses today, for He knows that they wouldn’t work on us. The temptations which Satan uses are, in theory, the same; it is the mode and methods he uses which change. Take the internet, for example. The world-wide web can be an effective tool for communication, teaching and learning. The fact that my bulletin column is available online is proof of that! That same form of transmitting knowledge, however, can be used for less-than-noble purposes – thus the dilemma. Do we *not* use the web? Of course not; for most that would be highly impractical. We would do well to be careful, however, in how we use this tool to its most effective manner. It can be that “good ground” (which bears good fruit), but it can also be that “rocky” or “thorny” soil (which “chokes off” any good which is found in the good seed of faith).

Jesus invites “whoever has ears ought to hear” (Mt 13:9), meaning you and I. May we have open ears, and hearts, to take in the gospel message. May we be that “rich soil” (Mt 13:8), receptive to the Word of God, taking in the “good seed” that is the Word. May we have the courage to share the Good News with all whom we meet!

Have a “Fruitful” Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WEEK OF JULY 31—AUGUST 4TH
AGE 3 YRS AND UP

\$43 PER STUDENT/\$100 FAMILY CAP
ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

<https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

Contact Nancy Smith for more information.



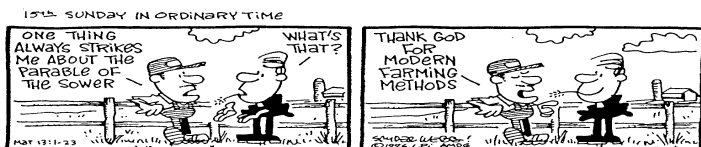
A Great Day of Golf, Food and Fun to Support Our Collaborative!

The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per golfer, and includes greens fees, golf cart, and a Chicken BBQ lunch. Four-somes welcome!

There is a lunch-only option for non-golfers. There will be a variety of contests (Long Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, and more), raffles during lunch, and team awards.

Come and join us for a day of golf, food and fun to support our Collaborative ventures such as, but not limited to, PYM. Visit www.stannstjohngolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohngolf@gmail.com or call 508-280-1428.



The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is meant to symbolize hope, to be a symbol of life. Several things are possible to take advantage of this seasonal color. We can imagine taking a green plant that we already have, or getting one, and placing it, or a cutting from it, in a prominent place in our house to say that we are going to be hopeful in God's love for us. God's love, like the life flowing through this plant, is faithful. When we look at the plant, we can be conscious of an inner desire - perhaps expressed in a verbal prayer - that God give us hope and trust. And, when we water the plant, or perhaps give it plant food, we are nourishing this life, as God nourishes us. A simple symbol, but it can be a very ordinary time gift for us.

Other basic symbols can be drawn from where we are and what is common and ordinary in our region. I might, for example, be near the sea or a lake. I could gather some beautiful shells and put them in a simple bowl as a sign of the life around me. I might be in a more arid or even desert area and a number of stones or a small amount of sand could be placed in a bowl to be a sign for me of the earth and God's care for us in this area. I might be in a rural area, and have the opportunity to bring some flowers from a garden or simple wild flowers from a nearby field.

Whatever we gather and intentionally let be a symbol by assigning it some meaning, we open a door for God's grace to bless us. In general, the themes we might consider to find symbols for are about the journey we are on. We are counting time, week by week, listening to God's word and growing in our relationship with God. This is not a season of "nothing going on." It is a time which we can symbolize growth, movement, process, life.



During Ordinary Time, we can do something as simple as taking something we always do each day and doing it in a symbolic way. For example, we might be in the practice of putting our keys on a table when we come in the house. We might be in the habit of putting our mobile phone on the table as well. During Ordinary Time, we could get a simple bowl or plate and put our keys or phone on that bowl or plate. We could perhaps find a simple green cloth to put in the bowl or on the plate. It can be the symbol of our commitment to be faithful to the journey of these days, and to place our trust in our faithful God. We can even offer a simple prayer, like, "Lord, these keys represent (this phone is a symbol of) so much of the commitments I have made and the places you have called me to be and where you have called me to serve. Let my placing them in the bowl all during this season give me a sense of taking up this mission you have given me, with hope in you."



MEAT RAFFLES

DUE TO POOR ATTENDANCE THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WE HAVE NOT BEEN MAKING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS CHARITIES.

CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE FORCED TO SUSPEND THE JULY AND AUGUST RAFFLES UNTIL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

1:00—3:00 PM

Your money goes to a worthy cause.



Rain Delay Country Shindig August 5th



\$5.00 per person
\$15.00 family maximum
St. John's Backyard or
St. John's Parish Hall
in case of Rain



Tickets do not need to be
purchased ahead of time, but if
you could please RSVP at
nhenn71@hotmail.com for
planning purposes.



Amazing Food

BBQ Salads Corn Lemonade

Wonderful Family Fun

Volleyball Cornhole

Water Balloon Fun

Country Line-Dancing

We are hoping Pony Town Parties will be able to reschedule and join us!



Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

July 9, 2017 — \$3,552
Special Parish Collection for the Sound System \$1,097

Thank you for your continued contribution.



Anyone interested in helping at the tent on weekends after a Mass, please contact the Rectory. Rectory staff is limited and we could really use the help!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent dePaul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 & SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Don Martin
 8:30 — Terry Dale
 10:30—Nancy Maloney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Anne Garvey
 Ann Zenus
 Joe Ritucci

8:30 — Lynn Winkler
 MA Chartier
 Linda Santry

10:30 — Angie Ramos
 Jerry Bean
 John Zenus



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

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

SISTER EMILY PUGH



Newsline

June 29, 2017

<https://i2.wp.com/scnfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/EmilyPugh.jpg?ssl=1>

Emily Pugh, SCN, 91, was born in Bardstown, Kentucky. She died at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Sister Emily had been a professed Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 72 years.

From 1945-1963, Sister Emily served as a teacher in elementary education in Memphis, Tennessee; Paducah, Kentucky; Bridgeport, Ohio; Bellevue, Kentucky; and Hyde Park, Massachusetts. From 1963-1972 she served as a teacher of English, French, and history in secondary education at schools in Brockton, Massachusetts; Birmingham, Alabama; Owensboro and Louisville, Kentucky. Sister Emily also served as the director of religious education in Brockton and Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Sister Emily is survived by her nieces, nephews, by her religious community, and by the many persons whose lives she touched.

Visitation will be held at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and after 4 p.m. at St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Kentucky.



Every Thursday night
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
 Doors Open at 5:00

IMPORTANT DATES

Back by Popular Demand

Fri & Sat, Sun 7/14- 7/16 — Stubenville East
Saturday, 7/16—7/26 — Mission to Rome
Mon.-Fri. 7/31—8/4 — Vacation Bible School
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. — Masses 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
July 9 2017 error in reporting, actual offertory was: \$5,195
Special Parish (Electric Repair) \$1,280

Thank you to all.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week when making a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

The fruits of your labors are used to support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. John's Parish. Any East Bridgewater resident in need of food or other assistance may contact our HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.



Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

EVERY MONTH IS "NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE" MONTH

Have you ever stopped to appreciate the many celebrations we enjoy in this country? For example, did you know that July is National Baked Beans Month? It's also National Hot Dog Month. If beans and hot dogs are not on your diet, that's okay--it's also National Blueberry Month!

July also happens to be National Ice Cream Month--something almost as American as apple pie (National Apple Pie Month was in May).

As you're marking your calendar to keep all of these festivities in mind, we want to make sure you're aware that every month can be National Social Security Online Month!

As you're taking all of these commemorative foods out on a picnic (July is also National Picnic Month), take your laptop or tablet with you so you can visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Whether you want to see what's new at Social Security with our news section, find an answer to a question with our frequently asked questions section, or plan for your retirement with our "Retirement Estimator" or "Benefits Planners," you can do it all easily at our Web site.

Make www.socialsecurity.gov a part of your recreation (July is National Recreation Month). Visit our History page to learn all about the history and early days of Social Security. Resting on a blanket under a tree is a fun way to spend a picnic, but if that begins to get boring (July is National Anti-Boredom Month), you'll want to tune into some of our fun public service announcements featuring Patty Duke, George Takei, Chubby Checker, and Don Francisco at www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/psa-video.html.

If you're feeling ambitious and ready to retire, you may even decide to apply online for benefits as you're enjoying your baked beans and ice cream. You can apply easily in as little as 15 minutes. Patty Duke and George Takei will tell you all about it in the online videos. Con't... [arrow]

The Increased Offertory Campaign:

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As the initial phase of the Increased Offertory Campaign comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you that made it a success. We have realized a 23% increase in our regular giving and I am confident that, as faithful stewards, we will sustain this generosity to the parish.

Over the next year, I promise to keep you informed on how we are doing as a parish in meeting the commitments that have been made.

And Going forward, I look forward to incorporating this new way of giving into our annual budgeting process.

Please know how grateful I am at the response of St. John Parish.

The Women's Pray Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during the Summer but will resume their ministry in September. Any questions, please contact Mary Ann Boyle!



If you go to our home page, you'll find our most popular services listed on the left-hand side of the page. These include getting or replacing a Social Security card, applying for retirement or disability benefits, applying for Medicare, and getting "Extra Help" with Medicare prescription drug costs. There is so much you can do at Social Security's Web site you may find yourself celebrating National Social Security Online Month throughout the year.

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