



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017*



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“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:26b-28

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John’s

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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, Fri.— 9:00 a.m.

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

August 20, 2017—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 19, 2017

4:00 — Donna McGrath — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 20, 2017

8:00 —Majella M. Bouchard — Month's Mind

10:30 —Anna Biagi — 22nd Anniversary

Saturday, August 26, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:00 — Patricia Robichaud — 6th Anniv. &

Michael Robichaud — 16th Anniversary

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 19, 2017

4:00 - Bernie White — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 20 2017

8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — 14th Anniv.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00 — George E. Short Sr. —Memorial

Friday, August 25, 2017

9:00 — Doreen Burrus — Month's Mind

Saturday, August 26, 2017

4:00 - Ralph & Marie Lindsey — Anniversary

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners suffering with illnesses

DEACONS' CORNER By Brendan Fitzgerald

I came across an article in the July/Aug. edition of the Word Among Us that offers some practical suggestions for how we can experience the love and joy the Holy Spirit gives us during Mass. We have walked through the ritual of the Mass step by step. Please consider now with me the proper disposition to have as we bless ourselves when we come into Church.

As we bless ourselves with holy water, recounting our Baptism, we could ask the Holy Spirit to wash away any distractions, ill feelings or fears we come with that might keep us from hearing God's word.

During the penitential rite, tell Him you are sorry for the way you have hurt Him and ask Him to forgive you.

As you listen to the readings and the homily, imagine that Jesus Himself or the prophet Isaiah is speaking directly to you. Place yourself at the scene / in the story and wait for the Holy Spirit to help the words come alive in your heart.

During the Eucharistic prayer, picture yourself right there in the upper room with Jesus and the disciples as He changed the bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

After you receive Holy Communion and you return to your pew, be aware that you are one with Jesus. A most intimate moment!!

Offer the Lord your praise and thanksgiving. You will leave the Church a different person because you have received the love and joy of the Holy Spirit.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I know all about begging dogs. Those of you who know me know my faithful canine companion, Nellie (the "parish pup", as she was once called). She is a master at "puppy dog eyes", that look that a dog can give that will make you "cave in" to anything! She will sit patiently (for the most part) waiting for any little scrap or morsel to fall from your utensil, ready to grab it (often before it hits the floor!) and claim it for her own.

Jesus uses the image of a dog begging for scraps to describe those people who, initially, He wasn't called to save. Jesus even goes so far as to openly deny them a "place at table". In the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He made it clear that He came to save "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt 15:24); it, seemingly, wasn't in the plan of salvation to save anyone else. In this encounter with the Canaanite woman, Jesus' mission takes a different sort of turn. The woman (whose faith is evident) doesn't seem afraid to challenge Jesus in His thought process; she doesn't move Jesus from this analogous thinking, but gets Him to "expand" His thoughts and, perhaps, His heart.

There are times in our lives when we might feel, to some degree, like that Canaanite woman. We may feel the need to reach out to Jesus but, unlike this bold woman, might be afraid of approaching the Lord, fearful of rejection. We must know in our heart that we have a God who loves us fully, One who knows us to the core of our being, One who can move us from a place of doubt and fear to surety and confidence. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus fully aware of whom He is; when she refers to Him as "Son of David", she is acknowledging Jesus' place in the kingly lineage of Joseph's ancestor, King David. She not only knows *about* Him, she knows *Him*. It is this knowledge, and Jesus understanding and acceptance of the Canaanite woman's faith that brings about this moment of healing.

May we have the courage to approach the Throne of Grace upon which Jesus sits. May we come to trust that we, despite our own unworthiness, are made worthy by the One who calls us to relationship with Himself. May we believe that healing, in whatever way needed, will be ours. May we share this knowledge with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



**SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Tickets on Sale beginning August 5th after each Mass up until the date of the picnic. Ticket \$5 Each.

Collaborative Golf Tournament

After prayerful consideration, the Together In Christ Collaborative Golf Committee has decided to postpone our Golf Tournament. This was a wonderful fundraiser meant to support both St. John and St. Ann and we hope to reschedule at another time. We are sure there are many reasons our Parishioners were unable to support this fall fundraiser at this time and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions so that when we reschedule on behalf of the Parish we have the best tools for success!

There are several people to thank for their work on getting this Golf Tournament organized. Your passion for our Parishes and your willingness to share your gifts and talents is heartwarming. Please join us in thanking Russ Champoux, our Golf Professional, and Rebecca Dawson, our golf tournament web-site designer. We would also like to thank River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater for being willing to partner with our Parishes to host the golf tournament. Please consider heading over for a round of Golf.

The Golf Committee would like to thank Prophet-Chapman, Cole and Gleason Funeral Home for agreeing to be our first sponsor for our Tournament. Your support is very much appreciated and a blessing!



Masses of Intention

Can be taken for any daily mass,

However, if you want the Mass

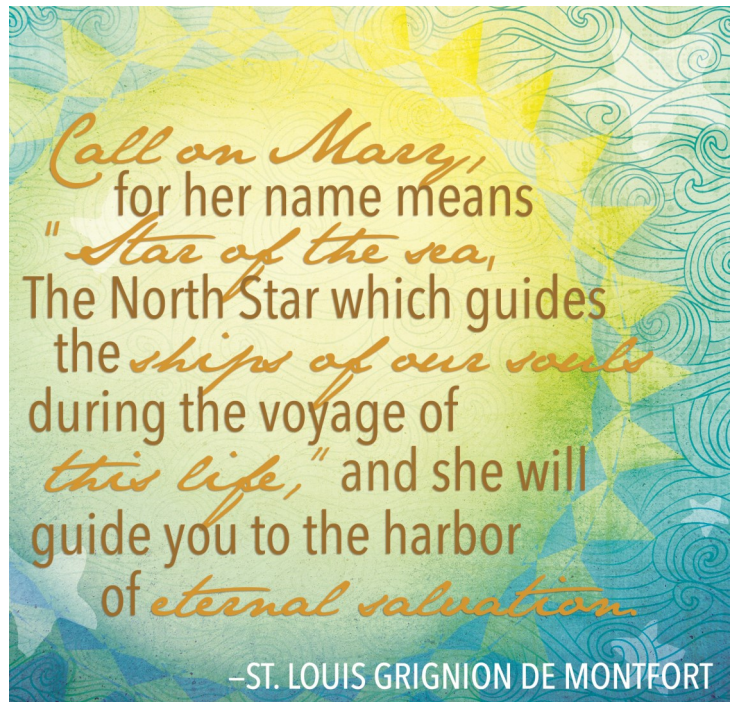
Celebrated in Saint Ann's or Saint John's

You need to remember the new daily

Mass Schedule.

Saint Ann's is Mon, Tues, and Fri.

Saint John's Wed., Thurs, and Fri.

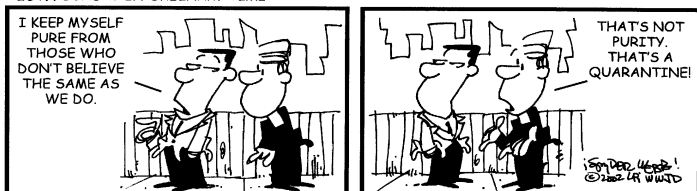


Join Us to Pray for the Canonization of a Saint for Families

Please join us for our monthly gathering of the Connie Harvey Chapter of the Father Peyton Guild on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington Street in North Easton.

We will begin by praying the Rosary, followed by a presentation and reflection, "The Assumption of Mary: What Difference Does it Make in Your Life?" by Father Willy Raymond, C.S.C. Light refreshments to follow. This event is open to the public. For more information call 508-238-4095.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Parish and Youth Ministry is making plans
for the upcoming year!

We will be back in a couple of weeks with lots of news!

Give us a call or email with your ideas!

508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



We would like to highlight a wonderful opportunity for our Parishioners to experience a beautiful weekend. The Together in Christ Collaborative is blessed to have many Clergy members, Staff Members and fellow Parishioners who have lived Cursillo.

My Cursillo experience: A friend of mine planted the seed and gently asked me to attend Cursillo for nine years. I had "good reasons" why I couldn't go. "My children are too little-I can't leave for the weekend, I don't have time, I don't have the money" and over the course of 9 years I had many more. I finally lived Cursillo a year and half ago and it was the best gift in faith I have given myself. Fr. Paul also wanted to live Cursillo for many years and was finally able to attend a couple of years ago.

We encourage you to pray on your calling to attend. Is it time for you to attend? Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490 for more information. I will be happy to personally sponsor you or put you in touch with any number of people who would also be willing to sponsor you!

Nancy Smith



What is a Cursillo? (Information taken from the Holy Cross Retreat House website)

To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo is at best, difficult. Often, for those who have experienced Cursillo it is still somewhat mystifying. This is not because the Cursillo Movement is a "secret" organization. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special / unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo (pronounced *kur-see-yo*) is a Spanish word meaning a short course. It is an abbreviated form of Cursillo de Cristiandad (short course to prepare Christians). It is not a theoretical course, nor is it a retreat. It is first and foremost an experience. It must be lived. It is a life-changing experience, which brings with it the discovery of the basis of Christianity and its fundamental significance to our lives.

The Weekend

The Cursillo experience begins with a weekend course in basic Christianity. The three-day course gives the participant practical insights into the everyday life of faith and service. The weekend is a back-to-basics experience which often deepens and rounds out what one has learned about Christ earlier in life. The program begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday evening. The weekend is led by a team of lay volunteers and clergy. They prepare extensively for this three-day course in basic Christianity. As one might expect, there are talks on various religious topics, and each talk is followed by a discussion. Mass is celebrated each day, and there is an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Morning and evening prayer, as well as a few devotions, are part of the schedule. Meals are hearty, and there are regular breaks in the schedule.

Applications

A person applies for a Cursillo by way of a sponsor -- a friend or acquaintance who has lived the Cursillo and continues to be active in the Movement. There are forms for the candidate and the sponsor. The cost of the weekend (including three nights and nine meals) is very reasonable. \$150

Cursillo Schedule

Men

October 26-29, 2017

January 25-28, 2018

March 22-25, 2018

Women

November 16-19, 2017

February 22-25, 2018

April 19-22, 2018



This schedule is for the Retreat House in Easton. If this schedule does not work for you, there are two other locations for Cursillo in Massachusetts. The website for the Retreat House is <http://www.retreathouse.org>

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

August 13, 2017 — \$2,634

Thank you for your continued contribution.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Special Parish Collection Scheduled for the weekend of August 26th and 27th will be held the previous week August 19th and 20th at Saint Ann's only. This collection will be applied to the roof loan.

Fr. Sean McGillicuddy is schedule to speak about the Propagation of the Faith at the Masses on the 26th and 27th of August and a second collection will be taken.



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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The very first collection of the Propagation of the Faith in 1822 supported the vast diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, as well as the Missions of Kentucky and China. The Propagation of the Faith continues to seek prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,100 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious Communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

FR. SEAN MCGILLICUDDY

WILL BE AT

SAINT ANN'S NEXT WEEKEND

And will be at Saint John's in the future.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

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

SATURDAY, AUG 19 & SUNDAY, AUG 20, 2017

LECTORS

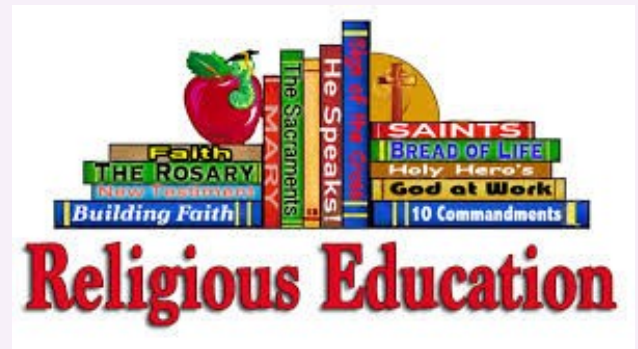
4 PM—Elaine Landolfi
8:30 —Ann Werner
10:30—Nancy Maloney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ann Zenus
Jerry Bean
Sandy Mehl

8:30 — Chris Baker
Valerie Pelletier
Martin Heavey

10:30 — Jessie Russell
Angie Ramos
Charolotte Leines



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.

Religious Education Classes will begin September 17th.



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

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900

August 13, 2017 \$4,880.50
Thank you to all.

August 27, 2017 — Special Parish Collection
For Elevator Repairs amounting to \$2000

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 Bundeuff, 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, Joan Fusco & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

The shelves in the Food Pantry are pretty low at this time of year. We could use your help filling those shelves with food so we can provide for our neighbors in East Bridgewater.

Do you know anyone who needs food or other assistance? Please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Every call is con-



Father Stephen Lusiba has arrived!!!
Please give him a warm welcome when you see him.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We always need volunteers who will Teach, or be an Aide, or be a Hall Monitor, or help do traffic duty or help with the Teen Mass.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon.—8/7 — Religious Education Registration Began
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. — Mass at Saint Ann's at 9:00 AM; at Saint John's at 7:00 PM
Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic
Mon.—9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.



Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUG. 7TH

Register on line or in person with Mrs. Hopgood in the Religious Education Office
Tuition can be paid by cash, check, or on-line
The On-Line Fund is **Religious Education Tuition**

Registration fees are **\$150 for one child; \$200 for two children and \$250 for 3 or more children in a family.**
There is an **additional fee for the sacramental program years:**
(2nd grade - 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$50)
Confirmation program -(9th grade - \$75) & (10th grade - \$50)

We would prefer that full payment is made at time of registration but we will accept a deposit of \$25 per child. **We now accept credit and debit cards!** We are offering a payment plan to any family that has a need to pay in installments. Please make checks payable to -"St. John Parish - CCD

This is the schedule of classes:

Grades 1 - 6 (Tue, Wed, Thu, 4:30-5:30 and Sat. mornings 9:00 - 10:00).
Grade 7 & 8 will meet either Wed from 6:00 to 7:00 or Thu from 7:00 to 8:00.

Grades 9 and Grade 10 will meet on **Monday evenings**. Grade 9 will be from 6:00-7:00 and Grade 10 will be from 7:00-8:00. We will have a special meeting for parents and students on **September 25th at 6:00pm** to explain the program and requirements.

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