



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 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.**

**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.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

September 24, 2017—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, September 23, 2017

4:00 — Danny & Kenneth Briggs — Memorial

#### Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:00 — Stacia Franciosi — 9th Anniversary

10:30 — Jennie Kucinski — 24th Anniversary

#### Saturday, September 30, 2017

4:00 — Alexis Doucette — 13th Birthday Remem.

#### Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:00 — Dorathea & Harold Barney — Memorial

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, September 23, 2017

4:00 — Vinny Hallisey — 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:30 - Gian Carlo Balboni, Saide Balboni, Nadia Carey — Memorial (50 yrs in USA today)

10:30 - Frank Montesano — 1st Anniversary

#### Tuesday, September 26, 2017

9:00 — Mary Ticchi — 22nd Anniversary

#### Saturday, September 30, 2017

4:00 - Frank Castricone — 6th Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30 - Eleanor Hanson — 85th Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Joan Mondeau — 1st Anniversary

#### Monday, October 2, 2017

9:00 - Ida Nisby — 5th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, whenever we encountered something (either by viewing or experiencing) that we didn't think was fair we said something to my parents; inevitably, the response was always the same – “life isn't always fair”. While this shocked us (less so, unfortunately, as we got older), we came to see the truth in it. Because of the human condition, and the need for some to “get a leg up” on someone else, life didn't always “balance”. There always seemed to be injustice, and there was a certain level of acceptance. The thing which made it seem more “balanced” was the fact that we were assured that God saw all, and that justice would ultimately prevail.

In today's gospel, there appears a level of injustice at work. In seeing both the full-day laborers and those who work only an hour getting the same amount of pay, one can't help but feel a “twinge” of resentment; imagine yourself in that situation, and you might feel that you deserve more, as the workers in today's gospel do. The landowner, however, is free to dispense his money as he sees fit – this is his right. This parable is meant to serve as an indication of the generosity of God. There are some who “toil in the vineyard” day in, day out; these can be seen as the “cradle Catholics” who were born into the faith. There are others, converts to the faith, who are akin to those who “only work one hour”; they come later to the faith, and are seen by many as deserving less. God, however, does not work on the principle of “first come, first served”. God provides as He sees fit, being generous to all who labor for Him. It may seem that converts to the faith get better treatment, but in reality they are only getting what God sees fit to give them – as is God's right. This idea cannot deter or detract us from doing the work, as Catholic-Christians, to which the Church calls us. We are all called, regardless how we as human beings see it, to work unceasingly for the good of the Church and the building up of the Kingdom here on earth.

May we come to see the work that we do as beneficial to all – those who are “cradle Catholics” and those who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have come into the faith later in life. May we all work together to build up the Kingdom here on earth, so that one day we may see the fullness of that Kingdom in heaven.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Joe

In my column, this week I will discuss the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the Blood of Christ. At the Last Supper Jesus said to his disciples, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins....’” With these words, the Lord gave us the Eucharist we celebrate every time we attend Mass. The Eucharist is the true presence of Jesus with us every time we approach the Lord's table. Once that host is consecrated, it remains the body of Christ and when we consume it we become what we eat! When we celebrate Adoration we are taking some time from our daily lives and resting in the presence of Jesus, who is fully present in the Host placed in the Monstrance. We may share our problems with the Lord there, offer praise to a loving God, or listen for Jesus speaking to our heart. Benediction is placed before the Lord's feet as we sing the ‘O Salutaris’ and in closing the ‘Tantum Ergo’. These two hymns are two of the oldest hymns in Christianity given to us by St. Augustine. I invite you to join us at Saint John the Evangelist on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8pm and experience the love and comfort only the Lord may give as we thank Jesus in our prayers.

May God Bless  
Deacon Joe Hopgood

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

### Successful Parish Picnic

A message from Carmen Pearson-Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make our parish picnic a success. Donations were received from Roche Bros., Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Lipinski Farm. A special thank you to: Bill Dowling for use of his grill and to Lisa and Jim Motos for transporting the grill, to Loretta Connelly in obtaining the coolers of ice, all the grillers, all those who helped in preparing the foods, John Tibbetts for the music enjoyed by all, Charlene Tibbetts who ran the 50/50 raffle, Brenda Armand for her Count-How-Many-in-the Jar Contest, and the many donations of the delicious desserts and to Dakota Fabroski who did the tent and tables setup and take down.

The picnic was enjoyed by all because so many people helped make it happen-from ticket sales to clean-up!

A profit of about \$600 was made which will be used to take care of the church facility, such as the entrances to the church.



Week of September 24, 2017

[www.catholictv.org](http://www.catholictv.org)

#### PROGRAMING HIGHLIGHTS

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** — Daily, 3 pm

**We've Got to Talk** — Sun 6:30am/Mon 2:30pm/Wed 9am/Fri 8:30pm/Sat 12:30pm

**Women of the Church** — Sun 1pm/Wed 7:30pm/Fri 5am

**Catholic TV-Presents** — Mon 10:30pm/Thurs 5pm

**Searchlight** — Tue 8:30pm/Wed 4am/Fri 4:30pm/Sat 10:30am & 10:30pm

**Catholic TV Showcase** — Fri 9:30pm/Sat 1pm—*They Neve Walked Alone.*

**Catholic TV Showcase** — Fri 10:30pm/Sat 1pm — *Where Heaven Meets Earth-Restoring the Sacred at Peter Church.*

*Catholic TV is looking for help to get a channel on DISH and DirecTV — Advocate for Catholic TV online at [www.GETCatholicTV.com](http://www.GETCatholicTV.com)*

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**FALL HARVEST MINISTRY FESTIVAL**  
**With information booth of each ministry**  
**&**  
**MASS OF THANSQVING AND BLESSING**  
**FOR OUR VOUNTEERS**  
**4:00 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY**

### VIRTUS

#### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Anyone working with or around children in the Parish such as Babysitters, anyone serving the elderly, ministering to the dying, Music Minister, Health Care Ministers, Homebound Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Instructors and Aides, St. Vincent de Paul Society Members, Scouts, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and anyone working in or connected with Youth Ministry.

**MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED!!!! AND CORI'D**

Saint Ann's Parish  
Is offering a training on  
October 4, 2017  
At 7:00 PM—8:00 ish

**BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE CORI'D**

This is open to all Saint Ann and Saint John Parishioners  
You only need to be trained once, but a refresher is  
Encouraged!

If you are not sure if you have been trained, call the Rectory.





## Parish and Youth Ministry

A Whole Parish Ministry that strives to meet you wherever you are on your personal faith journey.

Together in Christ Collaborative presents the:



Elvis Oldies Show

Joe Presley and the Castletones Band

Music from the fifties-seventies

Friday, November 3rd

6:00-9:00 pm

\$20.00 single or \$35.00 couple

St. Ann's Parish Hall

Dancing, Dinner and a Fun Night Out!

To purchase tickets please call 508-838-8490 or visit St. Ann's Rectory

## Calendar

9/28: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm at St. John

9/30: Fall Harvest Ministry Fair @ St. Ann.

10/1: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. John

10/12: Ultreya Mass/Group Share @ 7:00 pm St. John

10/14: Pasta with the Pastor @ 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John

10//14: Youth Committee Meeting @ 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John

10/15: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann

10/20: Prayer Group @ 10:00-11:30 at St. John

10/22: Pancakes with the Pastor @ 9:00-10:00 am at St. John

## Church Dinner:

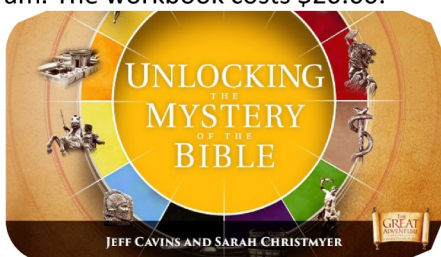
Friday, October 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm

Located at St. Ann Hall/Church

Adoration will be offered after dinner with the opportunity for confession

## Prayer Group

After a wonderful start last year growing and learning with Mary, our group has chosen "Jeff Cavins' Unlocking The Mystery of the Bible." Our Prayer group is open to all! This is a video series with a workbook that leads our monthly discussions. Videos are available on-line if you miss a meeting. We meet on the 3rd Friday of the month and alternate from St. John and St. Ann each month from 10:00-11:30 am. The workbook costs \$20.00.



## Opportunities for the All! On Your Schedule!



The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to provide programs for all members of our Parishes,

including those with busy schedules and those not quite ready to attend a event.

### Mary Statue Program.

Families or individuals sign-up to take Mary home for week and pray with her. Mary comes with prayer suggestions and Rosary beads.

### Book Club

Beginning in October we will have a series of three activities throughout the year that people can read and reflect at home, on their own schedule. We will keep in touch with one another's progress by email or social media (depending on what those who join are most comfortable with). If you have book you would like to suggest ,we are in the process of picking our first one!

Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above) The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

### St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

September 17, 2017 —	\$2,937
Clergy Benefit	\$1,315
Hurricane Collection (2wks)	\$2,170

Thank you for your continued contribution.

### MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

#### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the end of December.

ALL TOWNS WELCOME  
Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in  
West Bridgewater MA

**Saint Ann, 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA**

Saturday October 7, 9am-2pm (Rain or shine)  
(cash and personal checks accepted)

Small electronics items: [Computer towers](#), Scanners, VCR, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, [Answering Machine](#), Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., [Circuit Boards](#), Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each. Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove, Microwave,...\$10 each. Small Engine Items, Lawn mowers, Snow blowers, etc...\$10 ea.

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$10 ea..

TV's: 15-35

[Ac...\\$15, Dehumidifier...\\$15, Refrigerators...\\$20-25](#)

Scrap/Junk Metal., Grill, Empty propane tank, ex. equipment, weight sets, ...\$10

Cables, Proceeds to Church Reno Deficit

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2017

### LECTORS

4 PM—Peg Fitzgerald  
8:30 —Ann Werner  
10:30—Benjamin Williams

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey  
Ray Ledoux  
Sandy Mehl

8:30 — Linda Santry  
Martin Heavey  
Jo Ann Kennedy

10:30 — Mary Margaret Williams  
Charlotte Leines  
Peter DelSette



### 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.

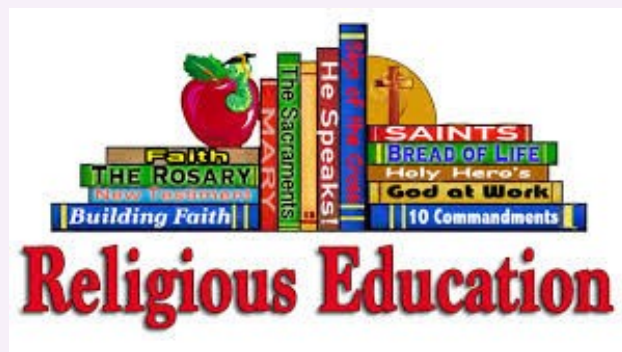


**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

MEAT RAFFLE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
1 PM  
SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER

JUST IN TIME FOR  
TAILGATING

ALL MEAT PURCHASED AT CROCETTI



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

Please remember that all registration forms require a late fee but can still be turned in. Registrations are due ASAP.

**Religious Education Classes will began September 17th.**

**A fourth grade teacher is needed for this year. Please call Charlotte Leines if you can help out. 508-588-7140**



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*  
September 17, 2017

Offertory	\$3,453
Clergy Benefit Trust	\$ 1,360
Hurricane Relief Fund	\$ 170

September 24, 2017 — *The Pilot*  
October 1, 2017 — *Youth Ministry*

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, 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, Pat Zemeitus & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



### DONATION TO ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL, UGANDA.

The School began 2008 with 48 students in two classes without a library, running water and electricity! These we got in 2011. We have also completed the first floor of the girls dormitory housing 116 girls. Many still want to join but no room yet!

REQUET: We would like to complete the second floor worth \$30,000 which will accommodate 100 more girls.

#### HOW TO DONATE:

1. Write your check to St. St. John or St. Ann Parish and in the memo indicate St. Benedict school, Uganda.

2. Go fund me on <https://www.gofundme.com/saint-benedicts-high-school>

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A second collection for St. Benedict High School is scheduled for October 8th weekend.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**  
Will be held  
The last Saturday of the month  
In the Chapel  
Beginning next weekend.

#### St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir rehearsals began Monday, 9/18, 6-7 pm.  
Also, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sat. 9/16 — EBBA on the Common—Come visit St. John's Booth  
Sat. 9/23 — EB High School Car Wash — 9 am—2 pm.  
Sun. 9/24 — Pancakes with the Pastor @ St. John's for 9th & 10th Grs.  
Sat. 9/30 — Fall Harvest Festival

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.



## Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION

### TEACHERS NEEDED

4:30—5:30

Tuesdays — Grs. 1, 5, & 6

Wednesdays — Gr. 1

Thursdays — Gr. 2

6:00—7:00

Mondays — 4—9th Gr. Teachers

Wednesdays — Grs. 7 & 8

### St. Vincent de Paul – St. John's Conference



On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Your donations to the annual St. Vincent de Paul food drive this weekend will assist many families here in East Bridgewater. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Do you know anyone in need of food or other assistance? If so please have them leave a message on the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

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