



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017*



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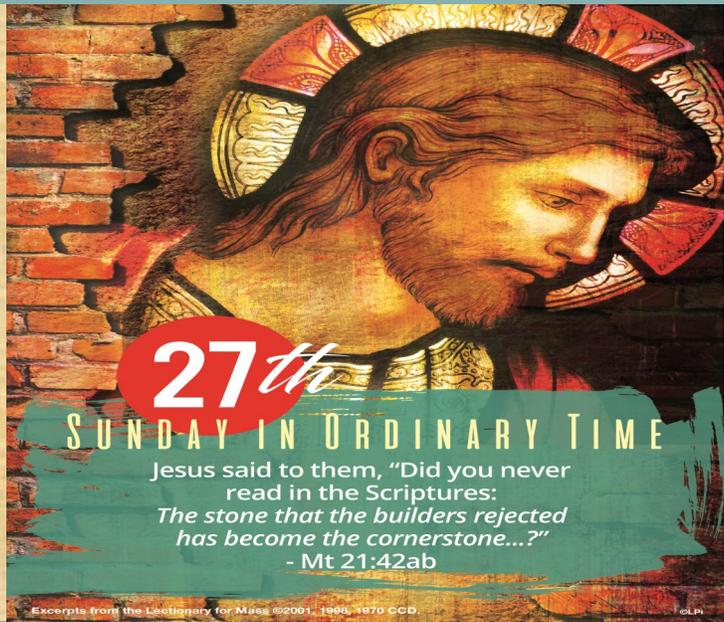
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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

October 8, 2017—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 7, 2017

4:00 — Maria Figueredo — 19th Anniversary

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:00 — Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remem.

10:30 — Bronislaw Morawski — 28th Anniversary

Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:00 — Dorothy and Robert Hill — 60th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, October 14, 2017

4:00 — McLaughlin Family — Memorial

Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:00 — Carol Fitzgerald — Month's Mind

10:30 — Dennis P. McCarthy — Birthday Remem.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 7, 2017

4:00 — John Aveni — Memorial

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30 - Maria Figueredo — 19th Anniversary

10:30 - Kevin Gatewood — Birthday Celebration

Saturday, October 14, 2017

4:00 - William Kelleher—20th Anniversary

Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:30 - Julia Fernandes — Month's Mind

10:30 - Dennis McElkenney, Jr. — Birthday Rem

Friday, October 20, 2017

9:00—Richard & Thomas Fitzgerald —
Birthday Remembrance

DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Joe

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light

O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life
Amen



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have no luck with horticulture. If you ever want a plant to die a quick, painless death, put it in my hands. Since my youngest days, I have not had the ability to grow anything. Remember those elementary school projects when you were given charge of a seed with some dirt in a Styrofoam cup? It didn't grow an inch in my care. In fact, I went to check on it (by poking it, of course) and I believe that's when I did it in. I had a friend in college ask me to tend their plants. As much as I begged and pleaded to the contrary, they insisted I could do it. How wrong they were! Needless to say, they never asked me again to watch their plants.

I bring these stories/images up in light of our readings today. In the first reading, responsorial psalm and gospel, the image of a vineyard is used prominently. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of Israel as a vineyard and how God, try as He might, cannot yield anything but "wild grapes" (an image of the uncooperative nature of the Israelite people). Because of this, God allows the vineyard to be trampled underfoot (read: the kingdom of Israel to be disbursed and left to fend for themselves). They will come around, but not without a lot of "pruning"!

In the responsorial psalm, this image of the vineyard (Israel) is carried forward by the psalmist. In this psalm, the history of the Israelites is laid out, from their captivity in, and exile from, Egypt to their disobedience to their restoration. In this image, God (the vinedresser) never truly abandons Israel (the vineyard), but allows it to "lay fallow" for a time. God will, indeed, restore Israel, in His own time.

In the gospel passage, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to mirror the people of God. The chief priests and the elders (the caretakers of the vineyard) have not produced the results which God has wanted, for they are only concerned with their own well-being and not that of the people. Because of the inability to tend the "vineyard" to God's liking, the vineyard will be given to someone (read: disciples/apostles of Jesus) who will care for it.

My friends, we have been given care of the vineyard. We have the opportunity to grow great things, in the form of our parish and our faith. May we have the strength, given by God, to tend the vineyard (the Church), to carefully tend its crop (the people of God) and yield great fruit (souls for the Kingdom).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week * ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL IN UGANDA

Next week * SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION — ST. JOHN - ELECTRICAL NEEDS, ST. ANN - PAYDOWN OF ROOF

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 10/1 - 10/7	St. Ann's	St. John's		Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/1-17	9/24/17	10/1/17	
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,521	\$5,010	\$4,896	
*On-Line		\$ 525	\$ 962.50	
*Mail-ins				
TOTAL	\$3,521	\$5,353	\$5,858.50	\$9,379.50
*Special Collection Pilot, & Youth Ministry	\$1,042	\$ 462	\$1,051	\$2,093
	Youth	Pilot	Youth	Youth

Did you know that October is the month of the Rosary.

The Rosary can be downloaded on your phone in the form of an app and some of those apps are interactive and replace the need for Rosary Beads. (and are free)

Or you can use the following site to help you learn how to say the Rosary or to teach a younger child how to say the Rosary.

<http://www.dummies.com/religion/christianity/catholicism/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>



Rosary beads help Catholics count their prayers. More importantly, Catholics pray the rosary as a means of entreaty to ask God for a special favor, such as helping a loved one recover from an illness, or to thank God for blessings received — a new baby, a new job, a new moon.

Grandmothers are your grandchildren confirmed!?!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND MADE FIRST COMMUNION BUT NEVER WERE CONFIRMED.

AS OF OCTOBER 1ST

THE COLLABORATIVE STAFFS

TOOK

A 20% REDUCTION IN HOURS

TO HELP BALANCE

THE BUDGETS.

WE LOOK FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND YOUR PRAYERS IN THIS MATTER. PRAY THAT IT WILL ONLY BE A TEMPORARY SITUATION FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR.

Catholic Confirmation Explained

By [About Catholics Team](#) //

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation which completes baptism through sealing in Holy Spirit and anoints the recipient as priest, prophet, and king.

Who can receive Confirmation?

In the Catholic Church, anyone that has been baptized properly can and should be confirmed.

What is Catholic Confirmation?

Confirmation is a Sacrament in the Catholic Church in which the one who is confirmed (confirmandi) receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the imposition of hand and anointing with oils by the bishop. It's considered a sacrament of initiation which means that it brings you deeper into communion with the Church.

Who administers Confirmation?

Bishops are the original ministers of Confirmation along with other Catholic sacraments (Lumen Gentium 26).

"Bishops are the successors of the apostles. They have received the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. The administration of this sacrament by them demonstrates clearly that its effects is to unite those who receive it more closely to the Church, her apostolic origins, and her mission of bearing witness to Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1313)



Parish and Youth Ministry

Our mission is to offer resources that support, build community, and demonstrate love, so that each of us can strengthen the roots of our faith, our families, our friendships, and our Parishes.



Calendar

- 10/12: Ultreya Mass/Group Share @ 7:00 pm St. John
- 10/14: Pasta with the Pastor from 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John
- 10/14: Youth Committee Meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John
- 10/15: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann
- 10/20: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 at St. John
- 10/22: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 am at St. John
- 10/26: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm at St. John.
- 11/3: Elvis Night from 6:00-9:00 pm with Dinner at St. Ann's Hall
- 11/5: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. John



Tickets are on-sale now!

Elvis Oldies Show

Joe Presley and the
Castletons 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



Contact US:

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Mission Trip 2018



Sunday, June 24th-

Saturday, June 30th.

\$450, includes registration, meals, and lodging.

\$40.00 deposit will hold your spot.

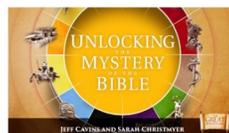
Plattsburg, New York

We have decided to stay in the North East Region this year to help keep costs low. Our plan is to use chaperone's cars or rent cars and drive. The drive will take between five and six hours, depending on stops. Trip is open to anyone currently in 7th grade to adults.



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.



Ultreya

The word 'ultreya' is a Spanish word meaning 'onward', or 'let's go'. It is a cry of encouragement for Cursillistas to persevere on their Fourth Day journey. We come to an Ultreya to share our Christian walk with each other. Ultreya is the coming together of the Cursillo community to share their piety, study, and action with each other.

Join us on the second Thursday of every month at St. John beginning at 7:00 pm.

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: will now be displayed on the Collaborative page.

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.

Together in Christ Collaborative

Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting

10/11/17- St. John's Parish Center at 7pm

Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. Ring (10 mins)
Approval minutes of last Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting

Updates from Fr. Ring (20 mins):

- Increased Offertory Programs – St. John's results and status of St. Ann's database updates
- St. Ann's Finance Council Meeting update and notes

Pastoral Plan Writing Committee update – Fr. Ring (15 mins)

Open discussion (10 mins)

Closing prayer – Fr. Ring (5 mins)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 & SUNDAY, OCT 8, 2017

LECTORS

- 4 PM—Joe Wilkinson
- 8:30 —Andrew Pelletier
- 10:30—Mark Churchill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 4 PM — Ann Zenus
Mary Lou Boyde
Sandy Mehl
- 8:30 — Valarie Pelletier
Louise Domingos
Chris Baker
- 10:30 — John Zenus
Betty Lindberg
Doreen Cagnina



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.

Programs for your enjoyment!

Bible Study — Monday evenings — 7 PM — St John's — lead by Deacon Joe.

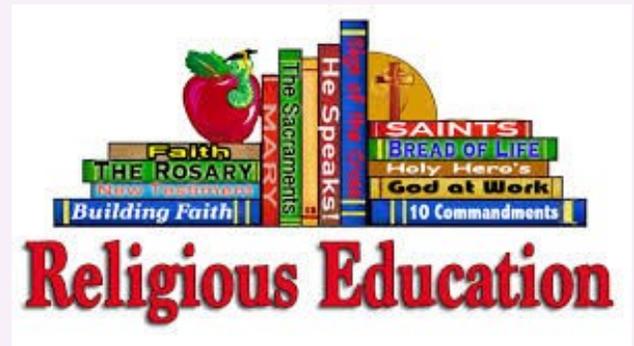
Adoration — Tuesday Evenings — 7 PM — St. John's

All are welcome.



OCTOBER 8—14, 2017

ACCESS THIS SITE FOR INFORMATION AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.
<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/promoting-fpw>



Religious Education Classes have begun.

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.

A fourth grade teacher is desperately 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:
Monies for St. John will now be reported on
the Collaborative Page.*

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, 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, Bob Solakof, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!
Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director for details.

"The Pastoral Plan Writing Team (consisting of both staff and parishioners of both parishes) has been meeting regularly since this summer and is hard at work formulating a "Local Pastoral Plan". This "Plan", which is reflective of our needs, goals, and desires as the "Together in Christ Collaborative", has been using the results from the Disciple Maker Index survey that our communities participated in this past winter, and has proven to be an invaluable resource in this work. We hope to bring forward a "Vision Statement" soon, which will "set the tone" for our ongoing work here in the Collaborative. Your prayers, good wishes, and input are all greatly sought and appreciated."

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tues. 10/10 — Religious Education Begins
Weds. 10/11 — PPC Mtg @ St. John's
Thurs 10/12 — Ultreya and Group Share — 7 PM —Chapel
Sat. 10/14 — Family Hike and outdoor Mass — 9 AM
Youth Comm. Mtg 6-7 PM
Pasta with the Pastor — 7 PM — St. John's Hall

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. 1

6:00—7:00

Mondays — 2—9th Gr. Teachers

Wednesdays — Grs. 7 & 8

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



The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need to do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who are having a difficult time.

Are you or someone you know in need of food or other assistance? If so, St. Vincent de Paul is here for you! Our **HOTLINE** number is **508-378-3760**.

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