



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017*



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Let yourselves be taken over
by the light of Christ, and
spread that light wherever
you are I plead with you!
Never, ever give up on hope,
never doubt, never tire, and
never become discouraged.
Be not afraid.

—St. John Paul II

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

October 22, 2017—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 21, 2017

4:00 — James & Leona DeCost — Memorial

Sunday, October 22, 2017

8:00 — Doc & Marion Wood — Memorial

10:30 — Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial

Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:00 — Linda Fontaine — 14th Anniversary

Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:00 — Mary & Elmer Proffitt — Memorial

10:30 — Robert & Ann Sullivan &
Robert Sullivan, Jr

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 21, 2017

4:00 — Florence “Bebe” Andrews — 4th Ann.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

8:30 - Joseph Jakubowski — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Ana Julia Barros — Birthday Remem.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:00 - Kay & George Flaherty — Memorial

Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:30 - Paul J. Sheedy — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Patricia & Raymond Eanirt &
Dennis Burke — Memorial

DEACON'S CORNER BY DEACON JOE

Respect Life 

"Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love.

Let us open our hearts and reflect on how God might be calling each of us to witness the sacredness of human life."

— Cardinal Seán O'Malley



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



As most of you know by now, I have a great love of bumper stickers; I tend to “pass the time” by reading the bumper stickers I come across while stuck in traffic (which, unfortunately, happens too often!). One that caught my eye a while back read “If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us ‘The Ten *Suggestions*’”! As I’ve often said, they’re called “**commandments**” for a reason – we are commanded, by God, to follow them; we are not only called to follow the *letter* of the law, however, but also the *spirit* of the law as well. This is the point of today’s gospel.

Jesus is being challenged, first by the Sadducees and now by the Pharisees. Jesus is asked to name the greatest Commandment - of the 613 mitzvahs in Jewish Law...and you thought *we* had it tough with *ten*! In doing so, Jesus would be then accused of giving precedence to one over the other 612 and thus giving an “order of importance”. He avoids this “trap” set by the Pharisees by not naming any one Commandment, but by summing up all of them. Jesus does this with what will/has become known, in salvation history, as “The Great Commandment” – to love God and to love one’s neighbor. Jesus not only puts these Commandments in their proper light, but all of the Law and the Prophets as well; in doing this, Jesus honors both the letter *and* the spirit of the law and “cements” His role as the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets.

Laws are important; they help govern, guide and direct. Laws give people and society a way of keeping order. Laws, however, cannot be either respected or adhered to if they do not take into account a way of living them out. There are many laws in the legal system which are challenging for Catholic-Christians to follow; they may, in fact, be in direct violation of God’s Law (s). One can look at laws and practices regarding abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia (so called “death with dignity” laws) and see that they violate the commandment “thou shall not kill”. When one sees such a “civil” law/practice, the Catholic-Christian must take their own (well-formed) conscience into account as to how much they can follow that in light of “God’s Law”. One must recognize the (civil) consequences of disobeying that (civil) law and decide how willing they are to face punishment. One only look at the early Christians for guidance in this matter; the early Christians were unafraid to face physical torture, incarceration and even death to “hold fast” to the ecclesiastical law they were called to follow.

May we pray for guidance in following God’s law(s). May we know that when we adhere to the Commandments that “our reward will be great in heaven”. May we have the courage to face mocking, derision and even civil punishment in light of this adherence. May God see all that we do, be steadfast in His love for us and instill in us courage to face, and overcome, any obstacle that the Evil One may put in our way.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week **World Mission Sunday
 Next week**Propagation of the Faith

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 10/8 /2017	St. Ann's	St. John's	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/8-17	10/8/17	
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,024	\$4,508	
*On-Line		\$ 487	
*Mail-ins		\$ 589	
TOTAL	\$3,024	\$5,097	\$8,121
		\$603 Below Budget	
*St. Benedicts School	\$1,225	\$1,126	\$2,351
		\$656 Below Budget	

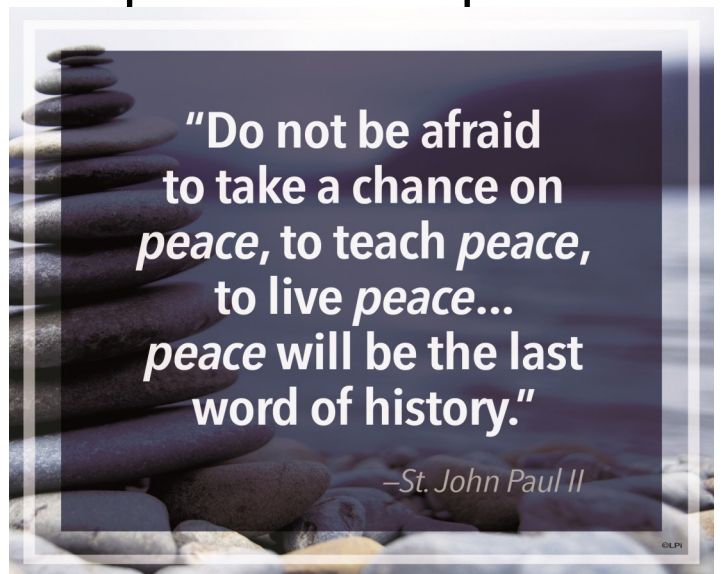


**CHAT.
PRAY.
GIVE.**

Join The Conversation This World Mission Month at www.ChatWithThePope.org

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"Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to teach peace, to live peace... peace will be the last word of history."

—St. John Paul II

Looking for a fun night out?

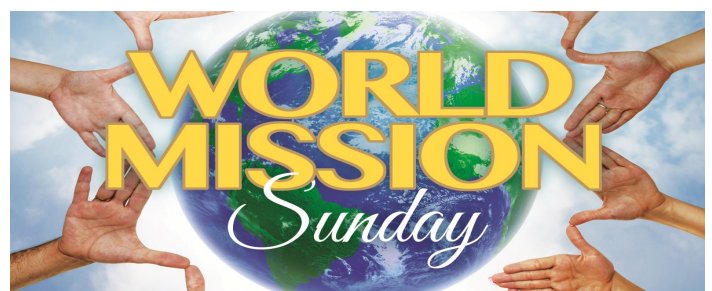
COME TO THE
 ELVIS OLDIES SHOW
 NOVEMBER 3rd — 6:00-9:00 PM
 \$20 single Or \$35 couple
 Dinner, Dancing & Fun
 St Ann's Parish Center

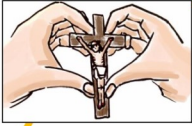


Today is World Mission Sunday! We are invited today to reach out and help build local churches throughout the Missions, in Africa, Asia, remote places in Latin and South America and the Pacific Islands. Your prayers and generous gift to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today help the work of priests, religious and lay leaders throughout the Missions who offer the poor practical help and the experience of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers and be as generous as you can to today's collection. For more information, please visit www.propfaithboston.org

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.





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.

Parish and Youth Ministry Christmas Pageant

All are welcome to join our annual Christmas Pageant. There will be a short meeting for sign-ups and general information after the Family Mass on November 5th. Children of all ages are welcome and our teens are welcome to help our little ones on stage. This year our Pageant will be presented as the kick-off to our Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, December 3rd after the Family Mass at St. John. We will have three rehearsals to prepare for the beautiful presentation of the story of Jesus's birth. We have roles for those that can read-like Mary and roles for those that would like to be an animal in the manger or a Roman soldier.

* Our Collaborative is blessed to have two Pageants. Please see the bulletin for details on St. Ann's Pageant.



Calendar

- 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
- 11/5: Christmas Pageant sign-up after Mass at St. John
- 11/9: Ultreya @ 7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Pasta with the Pastor from 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Youth Committee Meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Family Night from 7:00-9:00 at St. John
- 11/17: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 am @ St. Ann
- 11/19: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann

Contact US:

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stannswb.com



Tickets are on-sale now!

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



Our New Book Club is about to begin!

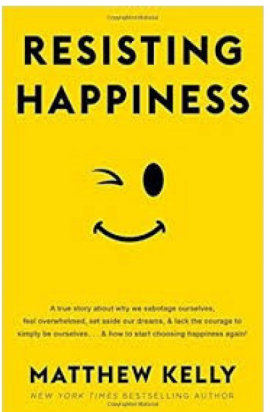
All are welcome to join in us!

This is one of our new opportunities we have added this year in particular for those that have busy schedules and can't attend a program or event or those that don't feel ready to attend. Our goal is to take on three projects in the first year of our Book Club! Hopefully that will be plenty of time for you to read our first project at your own pace. We will connect using email or social media based on the preferences of those who join us.

"Discover how to recognize and conquer resistance in your life so you can become the-best-version-of-yourself and experience true happiness."

Cost of Book: \$3.00

We will place the order on November 1st. Please contact Nancy at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com.



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.



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.

The Increased Offertory Campaign:

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading and hearing more about a new program taking place in our parish. The program, the Increased Offertory Campaign, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 20%.

Currently our weekly collection is \$3,800. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$4,600.

Each week, this space in the St. Ann Parish bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.



Stewardship Link: Luke 12:34, Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 & SUNDAY, OCT 22 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Lynn Lindsey
8:30 — Andrew Pelletier
10:30—Nancy Maloney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lyndsey
Mary Lou Boyde
Sandy Mehl

8:30 — Chris Baker
Valarie Pellitier
Martin Heavey

10:30 — Jessie Russell
Angie Ramos
Charlotte Leines



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>



MEAT RAFFLE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
1 PM
SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER

JUST IN TIME FOR
TAILGATING

ALL MEAT PURCHASED AT CROCETTI



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, Elaine O'Malley & 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."

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

St John's is currently behind in payments to the Catholic Campaign in the amount of \$4000

Life is busy. We make commitments and promises and in the hustle and bustle of life, we forget.

If you made a pledge for the Catholic Campaign, please check to make sure you followed up and sent the donation.

St. John's would love to close this debt. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun. 10/22 — Pancakes with the Pastor — 9:00—10:00
Thurs. 10/26 — PYM Adult Comm Mtg. — 7 PM
Sun. 11/5 — Family Mass — 10:30



REGISTRATIONS: Anyone new to the parish, please register with Debbie at the Rectory or use the on-line form available on our web page @ www.stjohnneb.org under HOME.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS: Can only be attributed to you if you use the envelope or on-line programs. You need to have an account if you want us to keep track of your contributions.

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

Wednesdays — Gr. 3

Thursdays — Gr. 5 & 6

6:00—7:00

Wednesdays — Grs. 8

PLEASE HELP!!!!

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

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

Again this month, through your generous gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to care for our neighbors in East Bridge-water.

We can help! Do you need food or other assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

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