

**Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting
11/08/17- St. Ann's Parish Center at 7pm**

Present: Father Ring, Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald, Anne Smith, Linda Santry, Patricia Everett, Nancy Maloney, Kerri Fabroski, Chuck Moore

Absent: Deacon Joe Hopgood, Eileen Fitzgerald, Jim Cullen, Kevin Laslie, Steven Colburn

∞ Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. Ring

Father Ring opened the meeting with at prayer at 7:06p.m.

∞ Approval minutes of last Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved.

∞ Updates from Fr. Ring:

- St. John's Offertory Development Program

St. John's collections are still about 7% above what they were. A reminder about the increased giving program will be put in the bulletin.

There will be a homily this week at St. Ann's masses on increasing stewardship through time, talent, and treasure. On the weekend of 11/18-19, envelopes will be in the pews for parishioners to commit to an increased offering. Father will explain the process of formulating the Finance Council, establishing a budget, requesting offertory increases and the Grand Annual Collection. He will emphasize that all increased offertory and the Grand Annual collections will stay in St. Ann's parish.

- Finance Councils

No meetings with the Finance Councils have been held, but they have been kept in the loop through email communications about the budget.

- Pastoral Planning Writing Committee

The PPWC has drafted a vision statement: "We the Together in Christ Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John the Evangelist, welcome and engage all ages. United by faith, we embrace the call of Jesus to live our mission 'to go forth and make disciples.' Through evangelization, education, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we will grow together as One Body of Christ."

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· On 12/3 there will be a mass at 5p.m. at St. John's, followed by dinner and a talk. On 12/4 there will be a morning service at St. Ann's, and then an evening talk and reconciliation. On 12/5 there will be a talk and reconciliation.

· On December 3rd the diocesan Bishop Cheverus Award will be presented to Linda Santry at the Newton Church, Our Lady Help of Christians.

· On November 19th at 7:00p.m. there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Cochesett Methodist Church in West Bridgewater, with First Church and St. Ann's.

· Thanksgiving morning mass will be at 8:00a.m. at St. John's.

· On November 30th the East Bridgewater clergy will have a prayer service followed by tree lighting on the Common.

∞ Closing prayer – Fr. Ring