



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 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.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA
Daily Mass, Monday – Friday: 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, Thurs, 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

June 25, 2017—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Second collection -July 2, 2017

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 24, 2017

4:00 — Thomas O’Day — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 25, 2017

8:00 —Manuel Luz Tavares — 22nd Anniversary

10:30 — Maria Chaves — Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, July 1, 2017

4:00 — Albert & Ronald Federico

Sunday, July 2, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Parishioners dealing with any struggles

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 24, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, June 25, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Mary Kent— Memorial

Saturday, July 1, 2017

4:00 - Evelyn & James, Robert & Daniel Burke — Memorial

Sunday, July 2, 2017

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS’ CORNER By Deacon Brendan

To continue at looking at the Mass, we come to the Liturgy of the Word. There are always three readings on Sunday, the first from the Old Testament, the psalm, and the second reading from the New Testament. The gospel is taken from one of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. During the Easter Season, the first reading is from The Acts of the Apostles and the second reading is from the letter of St. Peter and the gospel is from St. John. The Liturgists have grouped the Gospel readings into years A, B, C. in order that we may have the opportunity to hear an extensive part of the four gospels. We are in year A assigned to the gospel of St. Matthew. Year B is assigned to the Gospel of St. Mark and St. John. Year C is assigned to the Gospel of St. Luke. The Gospel for Christmas Day, the Easter Season and the last part of the Liturgical Year B is from Saint John. Saint Mark’s Gospel is the shortest and, therefore, St. John’s Gospel completes the Sundays of Year B. After the homily, which should present information about the readings of the day, focusing on the gospel message and how we may apply the message to our daily lives, there is a brief period of “Sacred Silence”. We then recite together the Nicene Creed. If you want to tell a non-Catholic what we, as Catholics, believe, share with them the wording of the Creed. We conclude the Liturgy of the Word with the Prayers of the Faithful in which we pray for the Church and its leaders, the civil government and its leaders, the poor and the sick, the dying and any particular intention of the faith community. When present, the deacon presents the intentions, for traditionally it was always the deacon who presented the needs of the community to the community.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



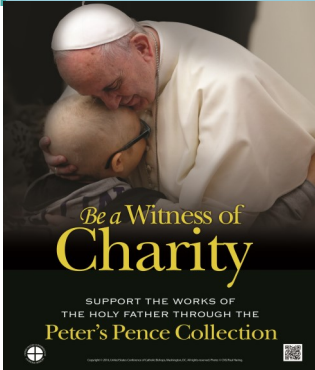
After a trio of “special” holy days (Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi) which transition us out of the Easter Season, we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time. As I’ve said on occasion, Ordinary Time isn’t so named because there’s nothing “special” about it. It is given this designation because these are the weeks that are marked by number (from the Latin, *ordinalis* (numbered)). Truth be told, there is nothing ordinary about what we do here; it is an extraordinary thing to gather as a people of faith each Sunday to worship the Lord. It is a remarkable act of faith to come to believe, profess and live the truth that Jesus has come into the world to give us salvation and that by this act we are redeemed. This past Easter Season was an opportunity to renew our faith and trust in the plan God has for humanity. Hopefully the upcoming spring and summer months will provide an opportunity to further reflect on this goodness of God. We may take a break from studies, from work or from other such day to day activities, but we must never take a vacation from our faith life! Each and every day we have a chance to reflect on and act upon the plan God has for us.

This time of reflection can be, for each one of us, a fearful time. It is always challenging to look within oneself to see where it is one needs improving. But we need not fear to the point of paralysis. The gospel passage today calls us to trust in the Lord to “fear no one” (Mt. 10:26). It is that type of fearlessness that Jesus, as well as Jeremiah (in the first reading) exercised in their ministry. Even in the midst of betrayal and derision, neither Jesus nor Jeremiah lost their focus, never lost faith in God, never took their “eyes off of the prize” (i.e. salvation).

There comes a point in all of our lives when our faith is tested. At those times, we look within ourselves to see where God is in those moments. It could be like the “Footprints” story that, at our weakest, God was carrying us. It could be that we, like Jeremiah (in our first reading), are “tested” by God in spite of our doubt, to help us to realize how truly faithful we are to God’s plan. God does have a plan, despite the shape of our world - which, truth be told, is as much our own doing as anything else (i.e. wars, famine, “man’s inhumanity to man”)! We must be careful not to “lose the forest for the trees”, forgetting that God’s plan is for eternity, not just the here and now. As challenging as this is (to live in eternity), it can be done. We must attune our hearts and minds to live in the surety of God’s love, for it is with this love that all can be accomplished. May we have **faith** in God’s plan, **hope** in the coming of the Kingdom and **love** for all that God has in store for us. May we trust that, despite the challenges inherent in Christian living, we have a future in God’s Kingdom (both here on Earth, as well as the one to come). In this way, we can share this plan of Eternal Life with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



Today, our second collection is for Peter's Pence, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to the suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous.

Protecting God's Children is a major priority with the Archdiocese of Boston.

Recently the staffs of Saint Ann's and Saint John's met with Moises Rodrigues from the Office of Child Advocacy to discuss some policies and procedures suggested for the parishes.

Some facts that came out of that meeting that people should be aware of.

The Office of Protecting God's Children is always re-evaluating their policies and trying to improve what they do to protect our children.

That there has not been a new case of clerical sexual abuse since 2005.

That anyone and everyone who has the possibility of dealing with children in the church must be cori'd each year and Virtus trained once.

Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury Announces Employment Availability:

Position open in housekeeping: part-time, full-time; weekday and weekend opportunities. Job includes cleaning guest bedrooms and the public parts of the Center. Pleasant working conditions with friendly staff. Competitive wages.

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ALL WELCOME



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
For ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC.



A Great Day of Golf, Food and Fun to Support Our Collaborative!

The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per golfer, and includes greens fees, golf cart, and a Chicken BBQ lunch. Foursomes welcome!

There is a lunch-only option for non-golfers. There will be a variety of contests (Long Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, and more), raffles during lunch, and team awards.

Come and join us for a day of golf, food and fun to support our Collaborative ventures such as, but not limited to, PYM. Visit www.stannstjohngolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohngolf@gmail.com or call 508-280-1428.

Q *If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?*

Peter Long owned a large and successful business. When his son wanted to work for his father, Peter gave him a job, working in maintenance. He started him at the bottom so that he would better appreciate what it takes to run a business well. More importantly, Peter wanted his son to understand the whole business, and contribute to it, not just cash in on his father's success. They would both rejoice in a job well done.

A We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's business, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final, the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it. If sin triumphs in the death of Jesus, it is only for a moment. The final word will yet be spoken.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!



2ND ANNUAL COUNTRY SHINDIG
SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

We will celebrate our first full year of Collaboration together on Saturday evening
 5:00 pm: BBQ \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family (tickets will be on sale at the event)
 The Country Shindig will include Pony Rides, Dancing, Games, and lots of fun for everyone!



Hometown Mission-Serving our Communities

We need volunteers!

Volunteer for part, some, or both days!

Friday, July 7th

Mass at 9:00 am at St. Ann's Parish
 Adoration from 9:30-9:45
 Volunteer Meeting at 10:00 am
 Service Work from 10:30-3:00

Schedule of Events



Saturday, July 8th

Prayer Service at 8:00 am at St. John Parish
 Volunteer Meeting at 8:30 am
 Service Work from 9:00-1:00

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to join our two days of service for our Parishes and around our two communities. We will be doing yard work, general cleaning or small repair work for our neighbors that need a little help. You are welcome to join us for both days or one day or part of a day. Serving our neighbors will be our first priority but with enough volunteers we would love to get a crew in St. Ann's Parish Hall to clean the main hall and at St. John's to build new kneelers for the Chapel at St. John.
 Contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Vacation Bible School



Ongoing Cans and Bottles

We will continue to collect cans and bottles year-round. Thank-you for your support. There is a receptacle at each Parish,

STEUBENVILLE FUEL



July 14-16, 2017
U Mass Lowell
\$270 program, lodging, food
\$50.00 deposit due to reserve your spot

July 31- August 4th
9:00 am- 12:00 pm
St. John Parish Hall
Age 3 and up
\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap

On-line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

Please pray for our Mission Team in Richmond Virginia serving the community and growing in faith with Catholic Heart Work Camp

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

June 11, 2017 — \$3,295



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



Anyone interested in helping at the tent on weekends after a Mass, please contact the Rectory. Rectory staff is limited and we could really use the help!

PIZZA PALOOZA!!

WINNERS:

Kids' Choice: Grand Slam

Peoples' Choice: Freda's

Celebrity Judges' Choice: Niko's

\$200 Donated to Saint Ann's



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 & SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Lynn Lindsey

8:30 —Terry Daly

10:30—Benjamin Williams

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey
Sandy Mehl
Deacon Brendan

8:30 — Anne Garvey
JoAnn Kennedy
Deacon Brendan

10:30 — Chris Baker
Colette Yeo
Deacon Brendan

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!

Prayer for FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,
let your Spirit be with us today.
Hear our prayers,
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith
as we use the opportunities of our democracy
to shape a society more respectful
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,
especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



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

Thank you Patrick PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S for all your help!

St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
June 18, 2017 \$4,886
Below goal \$1,014
Total Under Budget = \$15,911

Grand Annual \$31,226
Grand Annual goal \$36,000

Financial Updates:

Recycle Day earned the Parish \$260 to cover expenses.

The Catholic Women's Club Yard Sale made \$1,305

The Gala earned \$19,337 minus Gala expenses of \$8,647 leaving a profit of \$10,689 to cover PYM expenses.

The tile that was missing in the Hall has been fixed for a cost of \$350.

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

Today let us pray for those who are hungry and in need of assistance in our East Bridgewater community.

Is there someone you know who could benefit from the help of St. Vincent de Paul? Please have them call our HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. John's Parish is open on the 1st Monday of each month from 3-6 PM and on the 3rd Monday from 3-4:30 PM. Give us a call or stop by. Everything is kept confidential.

A special Thank You to Jeanette Shalginewicz For providing three of our youth with scholarships for their next year college expenses. Jeanette organizes a "Bike Run" in the memory of her late husband, Chet, every year and is very generous in providing these scholarships.



Congratulations to our newest parishioners and their families!

*Hannah Claire Famiglietti
Everly McDonald Corbin
Josephine Marion Merserve*

IMPORTANT DATES

Back by Popular Demand

Sun- Sat, 6/24- 7/1 — Mission Trip to Virginia

Weds. 6/5 — Parish Pastor Council Mgt. — 7 pm—
@ St. John's

Weds. 6/28 — Fin Com Mtg (if needed)

Weds. 7/5 — Pastoral Parish Council Mtg. — 7 pm

Friday, 7/7 & 7/8 — Hometown Mission Trip

Saturday, 7/8 — Country Shindig — 5 p.m. —St John's

Fri & Sat, Sun 7/14- 7/16 — Stubenville East

Saturday, 7/16-7/26 — Mission to Rome

Mon.-Fri. 7/31-8/4 — Vacation Bible School

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



The Increased Offertory Campaign:

THANK YOU!

Last Sunday, 96 parishioners indicated their intentions to increase their giving on their Commitment Forms for St. John's Increased Offertory Campaign. These commitments totaled an average of \$673 in increased weekly gifts, which would equate to an increase of 27% in their annual support of the parish.

To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St. John's. Our parish also experienced a increase in the collections last weekend as the offertory was \$4,886! When compared to the weekend of June 19, 2016 the offertory collection was \$4,354. Thank you very much for this terrific beginning.

Some of you have not yet responded to the request from Father Ring. You will find in church a confidential commitment envelope for your use. Simply indicate your intended increase and include it with your new, increased offertory in the basket today.

Our parish has responded with great generosity and enthusiasm. We hope to have all parishioners involved by the end of this weekend.

A special wish and thank you to Patrick McKenna for the five years of service he has given to the parish as the Rectory Assistant. He will be dearly missed. May your experience at Anna Maria College be everything you hope it will be. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and may you come back often for visits.

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