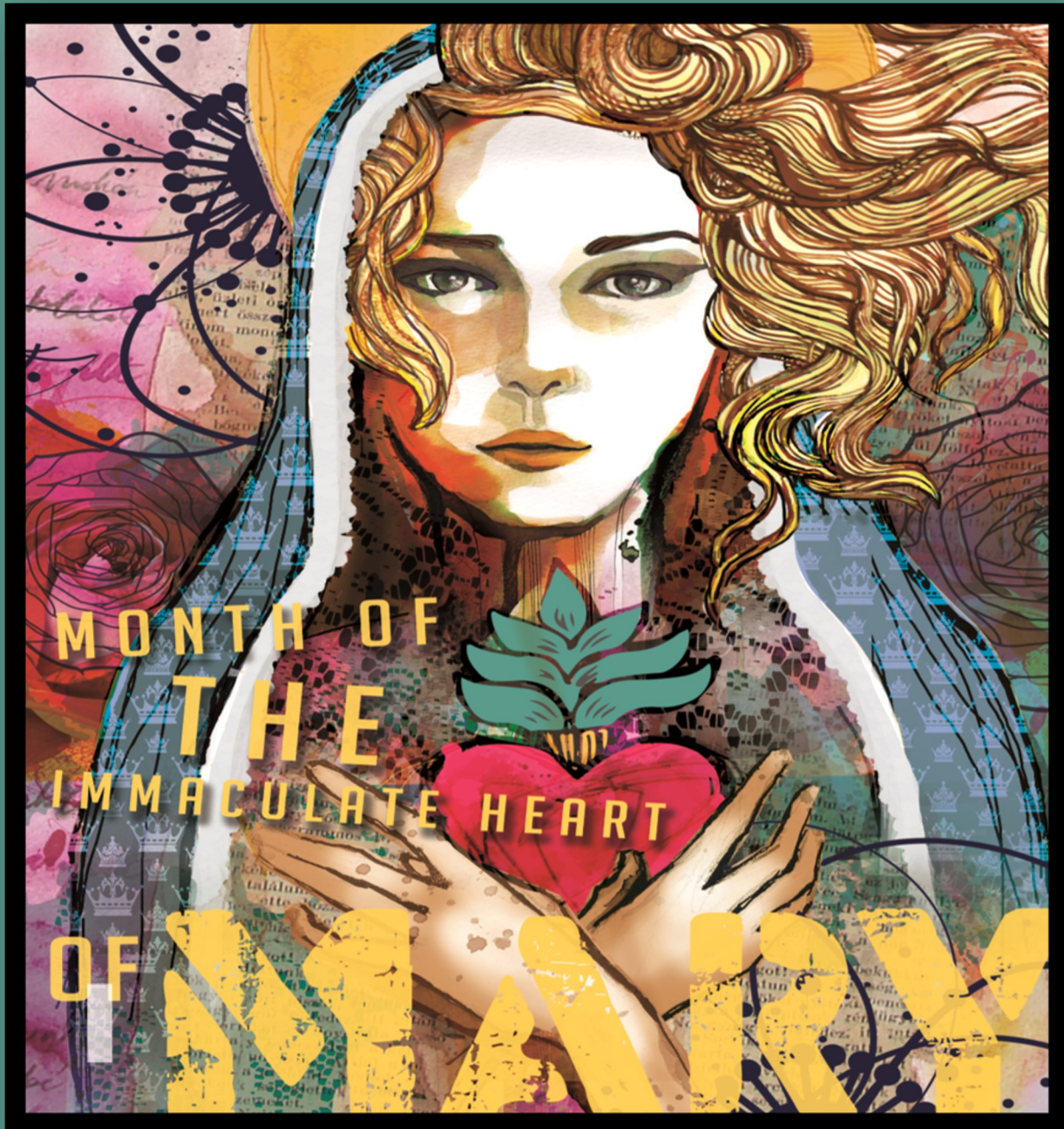




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*August 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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, Wednesday– 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.

Teen Mass—6:30, TBA

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 the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

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 WEDNESDAY 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

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Ben Williams
Nancy Maloney
Margaret Mary Williams

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00 - Catherine Ricardi — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Peace in the Middle East

Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:00 - Pam Adornato — 3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Anna Biagi — 24th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:00 - John Cusack — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Joseph Lepro — Month's Mind

Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:00 - Gertrude Duford — Memorial

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:30 - Mary K. Linehan — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo — Mem.

Jesus, Help Me!

In every need let me come to You with humble trust,
 Saying, *Jesus help me!*
 In all my doubts, perplexities, and temptations, *Jesus help me!*
 In hours of loneliness, weariness and trials, *Jesus help me!*
 In the failure of my plans and hopes; in disappointment,
 trouble and sorrows, *Jesus help me!*
 When others fail me, and Your grace alone can assist me,
Jesus help me!
 When I throw myself on Your tender love as a Brother
 and Saviour, *Jesus help me!*
 When my heart is cast down by failure to see any good
 come from my efforts, *Jesus help me!*
 When I feel impatient, and my cross irritates me, *Jesus help me!*
 When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot work and I
 am lonely, *Jesus help me!*
 Always, always, in spite of weakness, falls and shortcomings
 of every kind, *Jesus, help me and never forsake me!*
The Catholic Devotional



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lawyer-friend of mine who is fond of saying that “where there’s a will, there’s a way... and greedy relatives!” While this is humorous, it speaks to the readings we have before us today. The danger of wealth is that it can come to possess us and become the “driving force” in all that we do in life. To have the “best of everything” might get us far in this world, but it won’t “get us to the (Pearly) Gates”, as my mother would say. The treasures we store up for ourselves in this life perhaps will give us comfort and security for a time, but that time eventually runs out. It is at that time that we have to make an accounting of how we spent our time, talent and, yes, treasure.

This final accounting, given to Almighty God, is one that won’t take into account how much wealth we amassed, how many zeros are in our bank account or how “secure” we made ourselves in this life. We might well be asked questions like “how did you spend your time with your family?”, “how did you reach out your hand to a brother or sister in need?” or “what ‘heavenly treasures’ (such as love, justice and peace) did you store up for yourself?” These questions are indicative of how we should be spending our time here on earth. Many have the mistaken notion that “this is all there is”, or that “God won’t care how I spent my time, as long as I was a good person”. These misguided thoughts are fostered as a result of “buying into” a culture that offers platitudes such as “Follow the Golden Rule – the one who has the gold makes the rules!” or “The one with the most ‘toys’ at the end wins”. How sad it must be to live one’s life like this.

The beauty of the Christian life is that it offers so much more than the world can give. The strength of the Christian life is that the “treasures in heaven” which we store up for ourselves are the “bricks” that pave the way to the “road” to the Kingdom. This not to say that we can “earn” our way into heaven, for the gift of Eternal Life is just that – a gift. It is one freely given by God, paid for by Jesus through His death on the Cross. It is not something we merit on our own, but it is something in which we can participate. This participation comes when we offer ourselves as “gift” to the world, using our God-given talents and abilities to their fullest.

May we heed the words of Scripture given to us today by realizing that all that this world has to offer isn’t all there is. May we believe that we are destined for great things and that we can participate in them with the help of the Holy Spirit. May we come to the Kingdom and be welcomed in with those beautiful words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant; come, share your master’s joy.” (Mt 25:21)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection September 15, 2019 — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	7/14/19	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,412	\$ 7,503	\$ 5,333
	7/21/19	\$ 2,940	\$ 3,412	\$ 3,158	\$ 5,333

ECHOS: a Forum of Catholic Thought By Greg Erlandson

How far would you drive for Mass?

I don't know if anyone has ever done a study of such a pedestrian topic, but it is a question that will become increasingly relevant.

Once upon a time, driving farther than your local parish was simply a matter of choice. For example, when I was a child, my parents took strong exception to our curmudgeonly pastor.

As kids, we had no idea why so many Sundays were an adventure: We would pack into our VW bus and go anywhere but our home parish: from Our Lady of Malibu to Corpus Christi to St. Monica's. It was a great opportunity to see the diversity of worship spaces, even in the one, holy and Catholic Church. Only years later did I find out the reason for our road trips.

As a parent myself, I fall in the camp of "stick to the parish in whose boundaries you reside."

I know many people decide otherwise, choosing to find a parish that satisfies their taste in music or homilies or even language. To which I respond: Who am I to judge? But if being Catholic means "here comes everybody" (to quote James Joyce), then all the messy diversity of "everybody" is to be found in my parish.

In the future, however, driving long distances for Mass may not be optional when the number of priests available is not enough to staff all the parishes and all the Masses to which people are accustomed.

Some Catholics in rural areas are already experiencing this shortage, as are folks in the military. There are dioceses now that have almost the same number of priests as parishes. When one gets sick or dies, it isn't just an inconvenience; it means people may go without.

As our priestly population ages and populations shift, this will only get more dramatic. Dioceses like Pittsburgh are already facing this reality, going from 188 parishes to 57. Other dioceses are consolidating priests so that three may serve five parishes or four serve six.

We laity have been pretty spoiled, to tell the truth, believing that whatever our schedule or inclination, the church will be available to us. For too many years, we've treated parishes as the spiritual equivalent of service stations. We pull in at our convenience. We get the Mass time, the music, the liturgy, even the language we want, and then we sail off into the work week.

In many of our dioceses in the not too distant future, we may soon resemble much of the rest of the world. Masses may take place in shifting locations and larger venues. It may not be a 10-minute drive and a one-hour Mass. It may mean a time commitment we readily accept for travel soccer or 18 holes of golf.

How far would you drive to receive the Eucharist, go to confession, baptize your child? Would you go 30 miles away? Would you go to the next county? Would you do the readings with your family on those weeks when no Mass may be available?

I've heard stories already of parishioners shouting at parish staff because they can't get the funeral date they want or the wedding time they want. A priest simply isn't available. How many people will simply wander away, not a "none," but a "not worth the bother?"

Some dioceses are already calculating the sliding scale: Closing parishes to save money means X number of Catholics will simply stop going, which means a further drop in revenue.

The calculation we laity may have to make is how far we will drive for the Eucharist.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday
Adoration — First Friday of the month following
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at
10:30 a.m.



As part of Prophett Funeral Home and
Pillsbury Florist;

“Bring our Community Together”

Thank you, Mark, Bill, Maggie, Denise and Carol for a
wonderful time at the Rox Game.

**JESUS
CHRIST,**
after having given
us all he could...
willed also to give
us the most
precious thing he
had left, which was
**HIS HOLY
MOTHER.**
—ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Celebrate
SENIOR CITIZENS DAY!



AUGUST 21

AUGUST 21, 2019
Their valuable
contributions to our
communities create better
places to live.

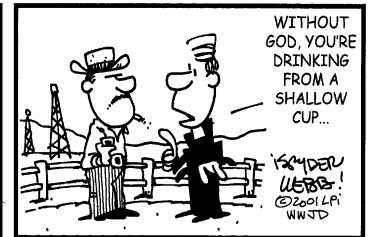
Take time today to spend
with seniors you know, and
listen to their stories of
wisdom and experience,
gain from their hard-earned
knowledge.

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.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Gives Us What We Need

A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 — ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — holy day of obligation

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

August 4: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank you to the anonymous donor of the window fans. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett & The residents of Sachus & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

TICKETS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC ARE ON SALE!!!!

At the doors of the church or at the Rectory in WB

After each Mass at St. John OR At the Rectory Office at St. Ann's

THE PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25TH (rain or shine)

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY. IT HELPS IN ORDERING THE FOOD.



The Picnic this year will be a celebration of the time and talents that all our volunteers offer to our Parish. Without them, the Parish could not flourish and we would like to show them our appreciation, consequently, we hope that the turnout will be exceptional this year to show our support!!!

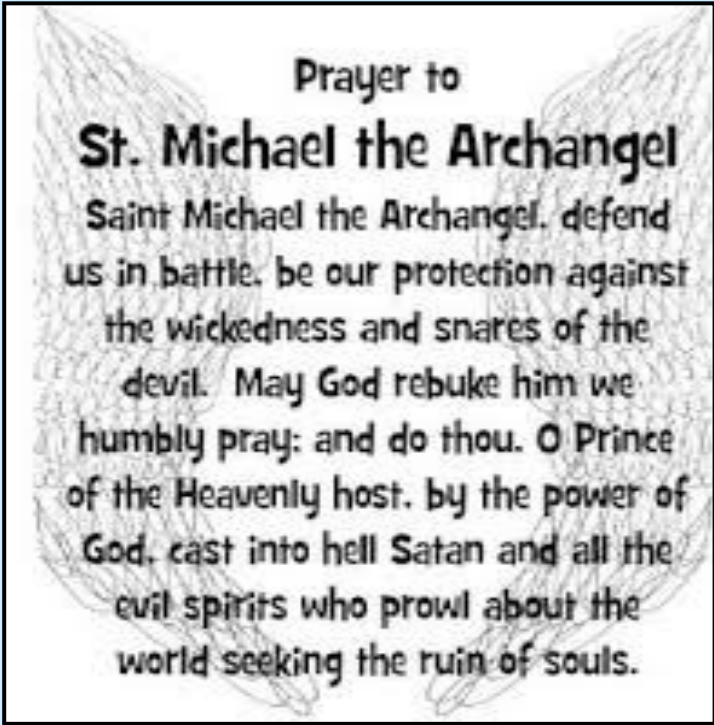
All donations of food and desserts are greatly accepted. Please let Carmen know if you are planning to bring something. You can call the Rectory and we will get the message to her.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A SET UP CREW. TO:

SET UP THE TENT (the week before the picnic) & MOVE TABLES & CHAIRS FROM THE HALL OUTSIDE

Please contact the Rectory if you can help. 508-378-4207

About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
103 Center St., Bridgewater

Will host the fourth of the 2019 season's
Candlelight Rosary Processions on
Tuesday, August 13, 2019,
At 7:30 O>M>

The guest speaker for August 13 will be
Reverend Leo Polselli, CSC,
Holy Cross Family Ministries

Processions are held on the 13th of the month
From May to October
In honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Join us for inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary
Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fati-
ma
And Benediction.

All are welcome to pray for Peace in our troubled world
at war and for our service men and women in the Armed
Forces, and for their own personal intentions.
"The Family that prays together, stays together."