



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2017*



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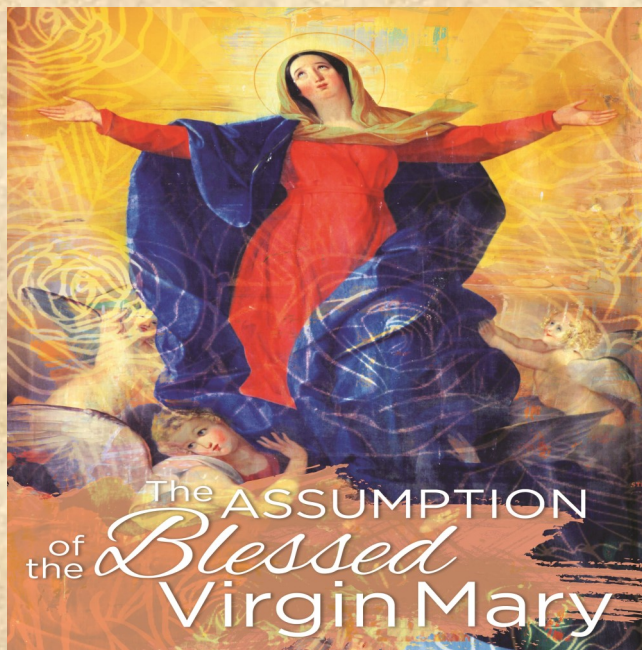
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

August 13, 2017—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00 — Kay Grazado, Albert Ialongo, & Linda Lynch — Memorial

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:00 — Pam Adornato — First Anniversary

10:30 — Kenneth McLaughlin — 4th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

9:00 — Pam Adornato — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, August 19, 2017

4:00 — Donna McGrath — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 20, 2017

8:00 — Majella M. Bouchard — Month's Mind

10:30 — Anna Biagi — 22nd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00 - Richard R. McGrath — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30 - Grodecki & Rudnicki Families — Mem.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, August 14, 2017

9:00—Lorraine Barry — Memorial

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

9:00 — Rosemary Dinardi — Memorial

Friday, August 18, 2017

9:00 — Robert Smith — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, August 19, 2017

4:00 - Bernie White — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 20 2017

8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — 14th Anniv.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS' CORNER

This past week we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration. The disciples that were there when Jesus was transfigured had a glimpse of the awesome beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ as they gazed upon his glorified body. Peter, James and John took heart and were reminded that Jesus was truly the Messiah and they would believe when He was resurrected. We are reminded not only of who Jesus Christ is but also what we hope awaits us when we join the Lord in heaven as adopted sons and daughters of God. Think about how Jesus looked there on the mount in all his brilliance and ask yourselves can I be that clean in the eyes of God. My friends God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. All we need to do is believe and live out that belief by obeying Jesus' model and following the Ten Commandments in our lives.

May God Bless,

Deacon Joe Hopgood



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Oftentimes when we think of God, we think of the grandeur of the Almighty, the One who created everything out of nothing, the One who is before all time but who is with us in time. We think of a God who took human form, who was both human and divine (never losing a bit of either “nature” at any point in time). It is these thoughts which we bring forth when hearing of encounters such as the one in today’s gospel. Jesus, in today’s gospel, walks on the water, invites Peter to do the same, rescues Peter when he doubts and calms the sea. In all of this, we see the divinity of Christ, we see the immensity of God.

The challenge with all of this, however, is that we often fail to see the humanity of Christ, the fact that God is “one with us”. We miss, perhaps, the beginning of the gospel when Jesus goes off by Himself to pray. Jesus often felt the need to go off to deserted places to pray, rest and “recharge”. In these moments, the humanity of Jesus is there for us to see. More often than not, the “larger” moments of Jesus’ public ministry were preceded by private moments of prayer and refreshment. Isn’t this the case with us, that we take a little time of reflection before undertaking a large task? We evaluate, assess and calculate before taking on something which will change our lives (hopefully for the better).

This is the case with Elijah in the first reading. Elijah, a prophet, was about to have an encounter with God and took shelter in a cave. If one was to speculate, I think it could be safely said that Elijah did so to reflect on what was about to happen. What *did* happen, however, was most interesting. First came a mighty wind – but God was not there. Next came an earthquake – but God was not to be found there, either. Next, Elijah encountered a fire – but God was absent from this phenomenon as well. Finally, there was a tiny whispering sound - which is where God was.

How often in our lives do we go searching for God in great and grand events, only to be mystified that He isn’t apparent in these times (n.b. God is there, but He may not want us to find Him there)? We forget that God is in all things, even the small, seemingly insignificant, ones. Let us never waste an opportunity, even a small one, to seek out God. Let us, further, not be surprised when God is found in these small events. It happened for/to Elijah – it can happen for/to us!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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



SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Tickets on Sale beginning August 5th after each Mass up until the date of the picnic. Ticket \$5 Each.



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

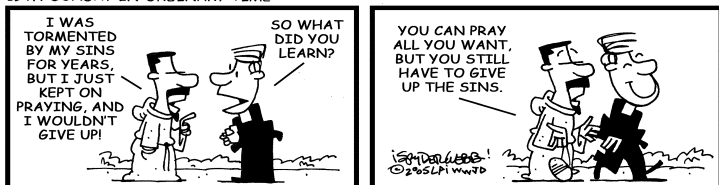
The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

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.stannstjohnsgolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohnsgolf@gmail.com or call 508-280-1428.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ASSUMPTION of the blessed virgin Mary

August 15, 2017 — Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 9:00 AM at Saint Ann's
Mass at 7:00 PM at Saint John's

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
(Due to the retirement of Fr. Skerry at St. John's)

BEGINNING JULY 31, 2017

MONDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

TUESDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

WEDNESDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

THURSDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

FRIDAYS @ BOTH CHURCHES

Masses will be at 9:00 AM
(as usual)

**A SINGLE
ACT OF LOVE
MAKES THE SOUL
RETURN TO LIFE.**

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

September 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope!

Come and join 2000+ other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. The Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace. Go to www.HopeConferences.com to get more information and register.

***Together in Christ* News from St. Ann's and St. John's**

Our Collaborative Parishes need your help and support for this important fundraiser for our Parishes

The Collaborative of St. Ann's and St. John's Parishes GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 15th
River Bend Country Club
250 East Center Street (Route 106) West Bridgewater



Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. with coffee and breakfast items
Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m.– Scramble Format

Come and enjoy a great day of golf, food and friends while supporting our Collaborative Parishes.
Featuring Long Drive, Closest to the Pin and other contests, raffles and team awards

Entry Fee: \$150 per golfer, Foursomes welcome
Includes Greens Fees, Cart and Chicken BBQ Lunch
Lunch-only option available for non-golfers

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
To register or for more information, please contact us!
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**This is an important fundraiser for our Parishes and needs volunteers, golfers, and sponsors.
Please help us make this event a huge success!**

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

July 31, 2017 — \$2,707
Catholic Communication Campaign \$890

Thank you for your continued contribution.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Special Parish Collection Scheduled for the weekend of August 26th and 27th will be held the previous week August 19th and 20th at Saint Ann's only. This collection will be applied to the roof loan.

Fr. Sean McGillicuddy is schedule to speak about the Propagation of the Faith at the Masses on the 26th and 27th of August and a second collection will be taken.



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.

SAINT ANN'S DAY



A special thank you to the picnic committee members, the kitchen crew, the cooks, the servers, the Boy Scouts for setting up the chairs and tables and a special thank you for the parishioners for helping to replace the chairs and tables inside the parish center. Thank you all for making the Saint Ann's Picnic such a success!!



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 are "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, AUG 5 & SUNDAY, AUG 6, 2017

LECTORS

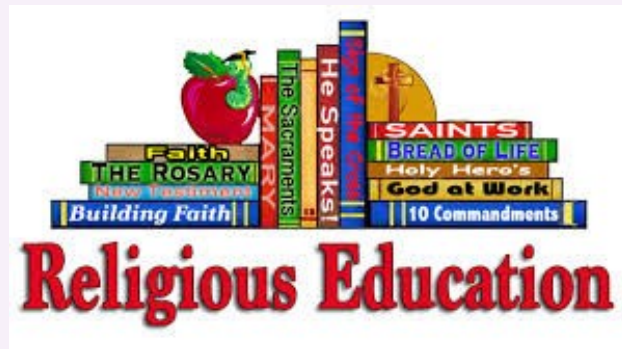
4 PM—Peg Fitzgerald
8:30 —Terry Daly
10:30—Martin Heavey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ray Ledoux
Jerry Bean
Joe Ritucci

8:30 — Anne Garvey
Lynn Winkler
Mary Ann Chartier

10:30 — Peter DelSette
Colette Yeo
Mary Alice Balboni



Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.

Religious Education Classes will begin September 17th.



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: Goal \$5,900
August 6, 2017 error in reporting, actual
offertory was.:*

\$6,312.50

Catholic Communication Campaign

\$288.00

August 20, 2017 — No Second Collection

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



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Your food and monetary donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help bring hope to those who might have doubt during trying times.

The St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is not on summer vacation. We are always available to help anyone in need of food or other assistance. Please call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the [Apostle John](#), to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, continue to refer to the Feast of the Assumption as the Dormition of the Theotokos today.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon.—8/7 — Religious Education Registration Begins
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. — Mass at Saint Ann's at 9:00 AM; at Saint John's at 7:00 PM
Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic
Mon.—9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe

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. If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7TH

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION

9TH GRADE — 6:00—7:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

10TH GRADE — 7:00—8:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUG. 7TH

Register on line or in person with Mrs. Hopgood in the Religious Education Office

Tuition can be paid by cash, check, or on-line
The On-Line Fund is **Religious Education Tuition**

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