



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*August 18, 2019
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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.

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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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 17, 2019

- 4:00 - Kay Grazardo — 15th Anniversary
- Albert Ialongo — 65th Anniversary
- Linda Lynch — 31st Anniversary

Sunday, August 18, 2019

- 8:00 - Parishioners of St. John
- 10:30 - George & Rose DeChristopher — Mem.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- 9:00 - Donna McGrath — 17th Anniversary

Saturday, August 24, 2019

- 4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, August 25, 2019

- 8:00 - James Kenneally — Month’s Mind
- 10:30 - All the Volunteers who service St. John’s

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 17, 2019

- 4:00 - Brian Spillane — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, August 18, 2019

- 8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — 16th Ann.
- 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

- 9:00 - George P. Short, Sr. — Memorial

Saturday, August 24, 2019

- 4:00 - Jean Herbert — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 25, 2019

- 8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann
- 10:30 - Julia Fernandes — 2nd Anniversary

Monday, August 26, 2019

- 9:00 - Anna Margaret Ritucci — Memorial

Consoling Thoughts

(From the Catholic Devotional)

Dear Lord! Make me remember, when the world seems cold and dreary and I know not where to turn for comfort, that there is always one spot bright and cheerful—the Sanctuary. When I am in desolation of spirit, when all who are dear to me have passed away, life’s summer flowers, and none are left to love me and care for me, whisper in my troubled soul that there is one Friend who dies not—one whose love never changes—Jesus on the altar. When sorrows thicken and crush me with their burden, when I look in vain for comfort, let me remember Your words: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you.” Your friendship, dear Lord, henceforth, shall be the dearest treasure I possess. It shall be my consolation when all who hold a place in my heart are gone from this earth! With Your friendship, the world shall never be dreary and life never without charm. Would that I could realize the pure happiness of possessing Your sympathy and compassion.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The words we find spoken by Jesus in today’s gospel seem somewhat incongruous with the “Prince of Peace” we know Him to be; as my seminary professor who taught us the “ins and outs” of the New Testament used to say, this is not the “warm and fuzzy Jesus” to which many are accustomed. Yet they are in line with Jesus’ sense that the mission He has brought into the world will bring division. Not all will be able to listen to His words and follow His pronouncements. The life of a Christian is not an easy one, and Jesus makes that abundantly clear in this gospel passage from Luke. Even family relationships, which are supposed to be sources of comfort and security, are called into question by Jesus in this text.

So, where does this leave us? Quite simply, if even (biological) family relationships might be a source of contention, then there is only one place to turn: Jesus. It is Jesus to whom we are to look for surety and safety. It is the Lord to whom we are to look when we are in trouble. It was that way with Jeremiah, with the Psalmist (in today’s Psalm 40), it was that way with St. Paul and the other disciples, and it is that way with us. We do not, however, face these challenges alone. We have our brothers and sisters in faith, we have the Church, and we have God Himself. The “baptism” with which Jesus must be baptized is one of suffering, death and, ultimately, redemption. It is not, of course, His redemption which is at stake: it is ours. Jesus does, however, know what it is to suffer; He knows what it is to die. But through His suffering and death, we have not only won for us newness of life, but the security to go through this life courageously. We do secure in the knowledge that we have “not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood” (Heb. 12:4). We do, however, have to “die to self” so that Christ may live in us.

May we have the courage to follow Jesus with our whole heart. May we know that any suffering we endure is nothing as compared to the glory that awaits us in the Kingdom. May we know and trust that Jesus walks with us on our journey of faith supporting, lifting up and strengthening us. May this life bear fruit not only here on earth, but in the Kingdom of His Eternal Love.

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 8/04/19	\$ 3,523	\$ 3,412	\$ 5,992	\$ 5,333

On August 21 and 22 and 30 we commemorate the victims of terrorism, the victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief, and victims of enforced disappearances.

Victims of violence struggle to have their voices heard, their needs supported and their rights upheld. After the initial news splash, victims of terrorist attacks often feel forgotten and neglected. There are continuing acts of intolerance and violence based on religion or belief against individuals and communities around the world, and the number and intensity of these incidents are increasing. Enforced disappearance has frequently been used as a strategy to spread terror within society. The feeling of insecurity generated by this practice is not limited to the close relatives of the disappeared, but also affects their communities and society as a whole. As terrorist events and other acts of violence are on the rise in an increasingly more unstable world, we all can feel overwhelmed and find our emotions spiraling out of control.

My friends, let's pause right here.

**What are you feeling? What is happening in your heart?
Do you feel yourself sinking, hiding, withdrawing,
angry, overwhelmed, powerless, or...?**

I feel my heart closing... How can I effectively matter to these people? Certainly, I care. But I want to care *deeply*.

I want to feel that these strangers are my brothers and sisters.

I want to touch my most generous love for all of them and each of them, wherever they are, whatever they experience.

I want to touch our oneness.

I want to marvel that despite the evil and darkness that we can perpetrate against each other, it is, as Thomas Merton said in *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, "a glorious destiny to be a member of the human race dedicated to many absurdities and one which makes terrible mistakes; yet, with all that, God Himself glories in becoming a member of the human race. A member of the human race! ...I have the immense joy of being man, a member of a race in which God Himself became incarnate."

**Take a moment to breathe in the wonder
of this spark of truth that lies at the foundation
of our common human destiny.**

**Breathe it in, again and again.
Take in the wonder of God's extravagant
love for us.**

I see now that it is God who can open my heart to fall in love with this humanity so threatened with shadows and fear, to give myself with a caring heart that pours itself out in the fragrance of prayer and hope, to surrender myself to the work he has called me to do no matter how small...or great...it may be

**This month let prayer, surrender, and calm
fill your hearts as we cherish our fragile world
so loved by our powerful and merciful Father.**



Blessings,
Sr Kathryn

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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New mailing address:
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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.

Stephanie Churchill and Andrew Gaboury will be
married on August 24, 2019.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15

SUNDAY 9:30 - 10:15

Grades 1—6
Kindergarten will be
Every other week.
Beginning 9/22/19

Confirmation Classes will be combining with Saint John's
students and will meet in St. Ann's Parish Center.

They will meet: Sept 15th for Teen Mass and classes begin
Oct. 6th.

SUNDAY 6:00 — 7:00 PM GRADES 7, 8 & 9
SUNDAY 7:30 — 8:30 PM GRADE 10



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 per-
son 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UN- DERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This
Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may
be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so
clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why
would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so
frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this
throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the
Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is
enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the
purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it
upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching
and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be
baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan
River, which has already occurred, but the passing through
the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life
in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual
fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees -
against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone
wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to
be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to
put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some
feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out,
we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In
standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our
workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the
dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child,
we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel
Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are
invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly
love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway,
MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more infor-
mation, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit
them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett & The residents of Sachem & 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF
SAINT JOHN'S PARISH:

CORA GRACE DESMOND

WAS BAPTIZED LAST SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

BY FR. MICHAEL HARVEY

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 18: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

St. John Religious Education

Registration for 2019 - 2020

**It is time to start our registration process for
our 2019 - 2020 year.**

There are two ways to register:

Use our website www.stjohnsb.org to find the registration forms or Come to the CCD office (in the basement of the church) Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 - 4:00.

Our classes begin the week of October 15th.

Schedule of Class:

Grades 1-6 T,W, Th — 4:30—5:30 & Sat 9-10 a.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Weds.— 6-7 pm or Thurs. 7-8 p.m.

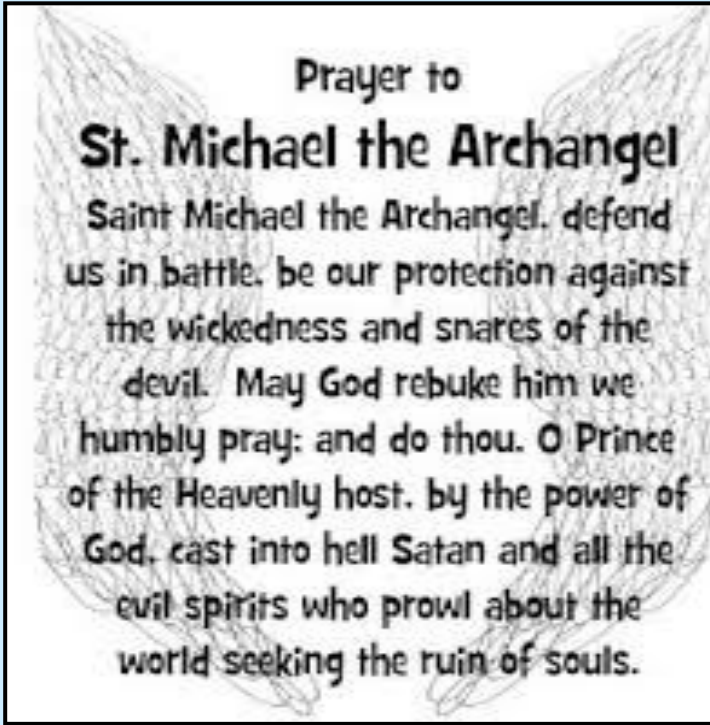
**Confirmation Classes, grades 9 & 10 will be combined
with St. Ann's this year. They will meet on Sunday
nights at St. Ann's Parish Center.**

Teen Mass is September 15th and classes begin Oct 6th.

Grade 9 - 6:00—7:00 p.m. and Grade 10 - 7:30—8:30 p.m.

**We will have a Required meeting for parents and
students after the Teen Mass on
Sunday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.
at St. John Church to explain the program and
requirements.**

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.



The Spiritual Direction Training Program at St. Anthony Shrine

is accepting applications for the 2019-2021 program beginning in September in Downtown Crossing, Boston. Have you become increasingly interested in developing your own spiritual life, and/or called to the ministry of spiritual companionship to others?

Classes meet on Saturdays, eight times a year for two years. For more information, please contact Carol Mitchell at 727-492-8315 or cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org, or visit [stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan Spiritual Companionship](http://stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan_Spiritual_Companionship) page for further information.