



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*August 19, 2018
20th Sunday in Ordinary*



*“Whoever
eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and
I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have
life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds
on me will have life because of me.” - Jn 6:56-57*

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass –6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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 Tuesday 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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:00 — Thomas Cosgrove — Memorial

Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Donna McGrath — 16th Anniversary

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:00 - East Bridgewater Police Department

10:30 - Joseph Brum 20th Anniversary

Maragrida DeJesus — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:00 - Jean Herbert — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:00 - Russell Daly — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:30 - Nancy Saya — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's

DEACON BRENDAN'S CORNER

We all can agree that the Holy Eucharist is the center of our Catholic faith. This is why we are asked to participate in Mass at least every Sunday. As a minister of Communion, I have observed many, many of the Catholic faithful show a need for instruction on how to approach the minister of Holy Communion and how to properly receive Holy Communion.

Although a line is formed, we are not lining up to receive but we are processing to the Sanctuary as a people of faith always moving forward in procession to the Lord. Therefore, it is NOT time to greet friends or shake hands, but rather a time to focus our eyes on the Crucifix.

There are two ways one may receive Holy Communion, either on the tongue or on the hand. They are equally proper and reverent ways of receiving Our Lord. To receive on your tongue, stick your tongue out far enough displaying it as a throne. If you are receiving in your hand place your non-dominant hand above your dominant hand so that you may transfer the Communion from your non dominant hand with your dominant hand and place the Eucharist in your mouth. Of course, the communicant's response to "The Body of Christ, is "Amen"

If you chose to receive the Precious Blood, accept the Chalice carefully holding it with two hands. When we are presented with the Precious Blood, we answer "Amen" to "The Blood of Christ. " Both forms are the full presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. They are each a sign of Our Lord's full presence.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my great joys is giving our young people an appreciation, if not understanding, of the Eucharist. It can be challenging, however, especially when one gets to the part about it being the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This is understandable, given that even the people of Jesus' day had a hard time getting a "handle" on it. Jesus, in speaking of the Eucharist as "flesh" and "blood", confounds the hearers in His presence. It can leave us in a bit of a lurch as well, given that we are not cannibals!

Jesus, in today's gospel, continues the "Bread of Life" discourse found in the sixth chapter of John's gospel. In this chapter, Jesus seeks to help the listener understand that true, full and real life comes when we consume His flesh and drink His blood. In fact, Jesus makes it clear that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you" (Jn 6:53). This is one of those "hard teachings" of Jesus whereby He separates the true believers from those who are just around because Jesus is the "latest 'thing'". It is this teaching, and others like it, that establishes Jesus' credentials as the Messiah. In this gospel passage, Jesus looks to use this "Bread of Life" discourse to help His followers to have something which will sustain them after His death.

The Eucharist is the central teaching of the Catholic faith. It is, as the Catechism calls it, the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC, 1324, "Lumen Gentium", 11). It is thus and so because it makes us who we are; it feeds and sustains us and gives us "food for the journey". It is the Eucharist (a word which means "blessing" or "thanksgiving") that helps us understand God's goodness to us. Jesus, in today's gospel, refers back to the Exodus "event" in which God, through Moses, gives the Israelite community "manna", bread from heaven, which sustains them for their journey. We, for our part, have something greater than manna, for we have the "Real Presence", the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is this gift, freely given and received in love, that helps us to live out the Christian life.

May we have the humility to receive this gift of life from Christ in a spirit of thanksgiving. May we know that it IS Christ that we are receiving, nothing less than Jesus' ACTUAL Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. May we have the courage to let that gift "take root" and "bear great fruit".

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection
September 16, 2018 — Clergy Health and Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	8/05/18		8/05/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,031	\$3,680	\$6,727	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

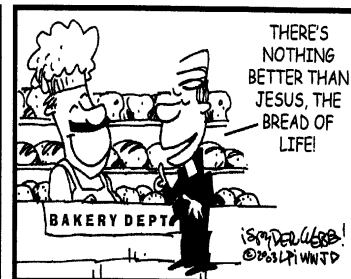
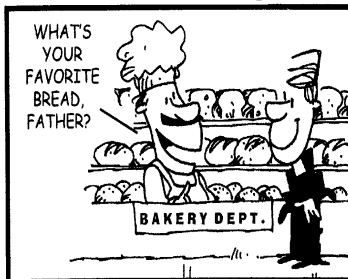
Rosary Makers Needed

Anyone interested in learning how to make rosary beads which will be given to both churches and the Missions, please call:

Or Mary Ann Boyle— 508-378-4704
Rose Penny — 508-583-5045



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
When doing your
Estate Planning!

If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason:

HOLY COMMUNION

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

“As part of annual Mission Co-Operative Program, Msgr. William P. Fay, Ph.D., (former Archdiocesan Director of the Boston Pontifical Mission Societies office) will speak at all Masses this weekend August 25-26 at St. John's about The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the Four Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Archdiocese of Boston. Msgr. Fay will share stories about his experiences in the missions and help us build a spiritual connection to others whose daily lives may be very different from our own. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church dedicated to assisting and supporting lay people, priests, and religious in their evangelizing mission work. May our hearts and ears be opened by the Holy Spirit to support and pray for all missionaries and people they serve in the missions.

LIFT Ministries' 12 Year Anniversary

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 12 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 25th at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7pm. This event is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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World Humanitarian Day

Throughout its history, the Church has paid special attention to the needs of the vulnerable and the transformation of society according to the plan of God. In the midst of the industrialization and interconnection of recent centuries, popes have spoken out more boldly in defense of the human person and developed Catholic Social Teaching. On World Humanitarian Day, we remember our Church's robust tradition of care for the poor, defense of justice, and advocacy for peace. This week, consider how you, too, can contribute and be Jesus' hands and feet to the world. Will you serve at a soup kitchen or donate to clean water projects across the globe? How is God inviting you to make a life-changing impact for His children today?

Give your children the gift of faith



Religious Education

Begins at

Saint Ann's

Sunday, September 16th

Register now to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of teachers for your children.



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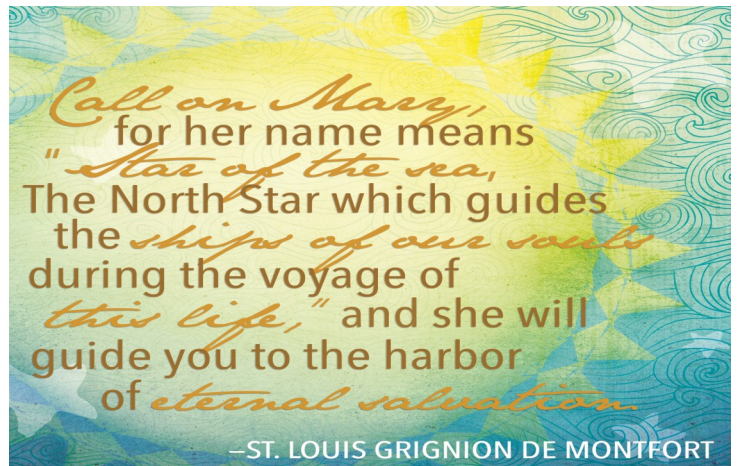
SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM

Thank you to Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home for the wonderful night at the Rox that they provided for our parishes. Everyone who went had a fantastic time. The Rox won 5-1 with a spectacular Grand Slam in the 5th inning. Hope to see you all next year!

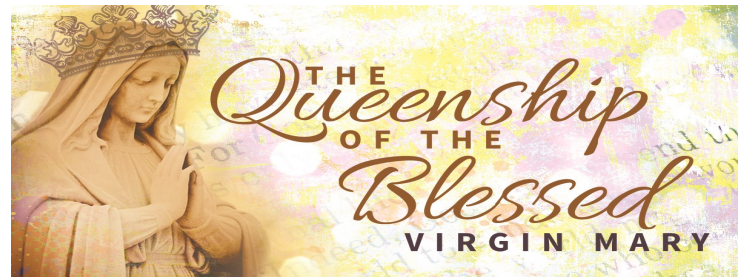
St Ann Prayer Line:



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.



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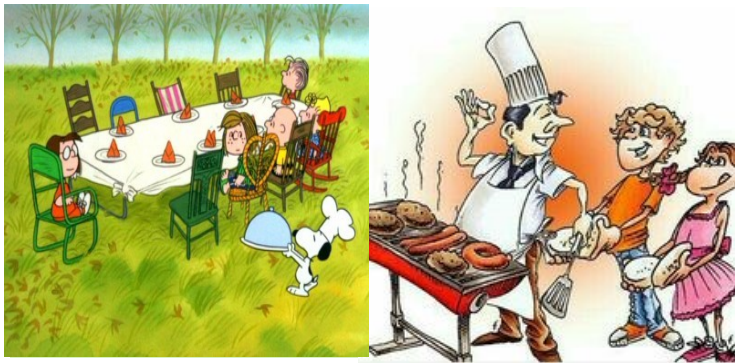
SAINT ANN'S
ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, 2018.
MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE DATE BECOMES CLOSER.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Martha Bundeff, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Jim Cullen, Mary Jane Coakley, Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle, Felicia Hernandez, & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



SAINT JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

AUGUST 26TH THIS YEAR.
(following the 10:30 Mass)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Various Salads, Corn on the Cob, Homemade sweets and Watermelon are on the menu.

Tickets are now on sale after all the Masses

It is really helpful if people purchase tickets early, so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

AUGUST 26 — PICNIC — FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

September 9 — Shawl Mtg — 2 PM

September 12 — CCW — mass @ noon followed by lunch @ St John's Hall.



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

Thank you to the Saint John community for your continuing support! With your generous donations, each month we are able to provide assistance to our friends and neighbors. We sponsor two food pantries each month, and offer additional assistance on an as needed basis, according to our available funds.

Food Panty Assistance:

07/02 we helped 16 of our Families

08/06 we helped 21 of our Families

07/16 we helped 17 of our Families

Additional assistance in July we helped 3 of our Families.

There are many ways to donate, and help our friends and neighbors. The SVDP boxes in the back of the church, online giving, and sending donations directly to SVDP-St John Conference at our new address (PO Box 544) as well as direct donation of goods.

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

The Food Panty is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Panty hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
BEGINS AUGUST 13TH**

Forms can be obtained on-line at
www.stjohnneb.comcast.net
Or in the Religious Ed Office
508-378-1521

WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD By FATHER RON ROLHEISER

I believe that God exists, not because I have never had doubts, or because I was raised in the faith by persons whose lives gave deep witness to its truth, or because perennially the vast majority of people on this planet believe in God. I believe that a personal God exists for more reasons than I can name: the goodness of saints; the hook in my own heart that has never let me go; the interface of faith with my own experience, the courage of religious martyrs throughout history; the stunning depth of Jesus' teachings; the deep insights contained in other religions, the mystical experience of countless people; our sense of connection inside the communion of saints with loved ones who have died; the convergence of the anecdotal testimony of hundreds of individuals who have been clinically dead and resuscitated back to life; the things we sometimes intuitively know beyond all logical reason; the constant recurrence of resurrection in our lives; the essential triumph of truth and goodness throughout history; the fact that hope never dies, the unyielding imperative we feel inside of ourselves to be reconciled with others before we die; the infinite depth of the human heart; and, yes, even the very ability of atheists and agnostics to intuit that somehow it still all makes sense, points to the existence of a living, personal God.

I believe that God exists because faith works; at least to the extent we work it. The existence of God proves itself true to the extent that we take it seriously and live our lives in face of it. Simply put, we're happy and at peace to the exact extent that we risk, explicitly or implicitly, living lives of faith. The happiest people I know are also the most generous, selfless, gracious, and reverent persons I know. That's no accident.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX.

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