



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



*August 26, 2018  
21st Sunday in Ordinary*

To fall in love with  
God is the greatest  
romance; to seek  
Him the greatest  
adventure; to find  
Him, the greatest  
human achievement.

-St. Augustine

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

8:00 - Nancy Saya — 16 th Anniversary

10:30 - Joseph Brum 20th Anniversry

Maragrda DeJesus — Memorial

**Saturday, September 1, 2018**

4:00 — Dennis Rando—Memorial

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

8:00 - E. Bridgewater Police

10:30 - Jessica Thurston—5th Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

4:00 - Russell Daly — Birthday Remembrance

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

8:30 - Carolyn Oliviere — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's

**Monday, August 27, 2018**

Anna Margaret Retucci — Memorial

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

Margaret Corbett & Family — Healing

**Saturday, September 1, 2018**

4:00 - Julia Fernandes —1st Anniversary

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Karen Bridget Doherty — Month's Mind

## HEAL YOUR FAMILY

All families face challenges. Come pray with your family about these trials and seek strength and healing. A prayerful afternoon starting at 2:00 with Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, ending with Mass and an Anointing will unify your family. We hope to see you on Sunday, September 16 for this prayerful event. Join us at St. Joseph Chapel near The Father Peyton Center, 500 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Event is free, family-friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. For more information, call Family Rosary at 508-238-4095.

A special blessing to all those going:



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We live in a society where we have plenty of choices. Choices of employment, housing, food, or the like. Some of these are easy, simple and have little consequence and some have life-changing or life-altering consequences. In today's readings, choices are given. They are, ultimately, choices between serving God and serving one's own interest. We have the free will, a gift from God, to choose God's way or our way. We have the ability and opportunity to freely decide the path we wish to walk. Again, like some life choices, this is not an easy one, and the consequences could, literally, mean life or death.

In our first reading Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel, asking them to make a choice between the gods of the people in whose land they inhabit or the god of their ancestors. Joshua makes his choice clear in the last line of his impassioned plea: "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Jos 24:15). The people make this same choice, acknowledging all that God has done for them in securing their freedom. This seems like an easy choice (freedom over slavery) but some, given a choice, might opt for the "security" (albeit a false sense of the same) of slavery. The Israelites, in recognizing all that God has done choose, along with Joshua, to serve the Lord.

Our second reading, which always sparks discussion if not controversy, speaks of choice as well. It is the choice between serving one's own interests and putting oneself at the service of another. St. Paul reminds us at the beginning of the passage to "be subordinate to one another out of reverence to Christ" (Eph 5:21). I dare say that the following lines of the passage don't matter, as each party (husbands and wives, in this case) is beholden to another, and we are all (no matter our state in life) are beholden to Christ. This passage, which always seems to get mired in the "politics of language" needs to be seen for what it is: a uniform call to service, one to the other and all to Christ; anything less than that does it, and our baptismal call, a disservice. We are all subject to this same call.

In our gospel, Jesus starts to lose followers. They "fall away" because of the difficulty of the message at hand (the "Bread of Life discourse" continued and finished in this passage). It is hard to accept this truth of the Real Presence. There is only so much of it that can be taught and understood. At some point, one must come to **believe** that this *is* Jesus, truly present in Eucharist, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is not a "form", "symbol" or "image" of Christ – it is truly Him, alive and in our midst. This is, indeed, a hard thing to hear and accept; it is only through faith that one can come to believe that Jesus is truly and fully present in the Eucharist.

May we always make the right choices in our lives of faith. May we come to know and see Jesus for who He is: Lord and Savior, one who has come into the world and bring Eternal Life, a life only God can bring. May we share this truth and this life with all whom we meet!

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	8/12/18		8/12/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,266	\$3,680	\$ 4,088	\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH	\$ 1,796			

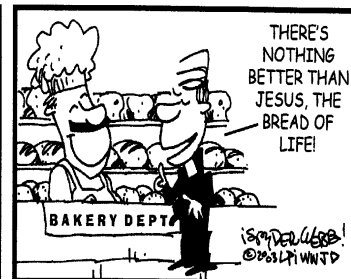
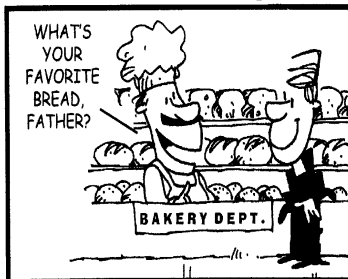
## Rosary Makers Needed

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!



EVERY FAITH COMMUNITY IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE PEOPLE WITHIN IT.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN BOTH SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S FOR VARIOUS TASKS. ANY HELP THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE A BLESSING. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES.

WE NEED:

- PEOPLE TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH.
- PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP WITH DELIVERIES OR LIFTING
- SOMEONE TO VACUUM THE CHURCH ONCE A WEEK.
- SOMEONE TO DO ODD JOBS AT BOTH CHURCHES.

Are you retired and looking for something to fill a few hours? This might be the little thing you are looking for. If interested, please contact Debbie or Arlene at the Rectory Office.

“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 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. Thank



## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. -

Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66



### 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.



### 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.**



**MEAT RAFFLE**

**SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

**OPENING THE NEW YEAR WITH**

**MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT NOON  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE HALL**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!**

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**SAINT ANN'S  
ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY**

**HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018.**

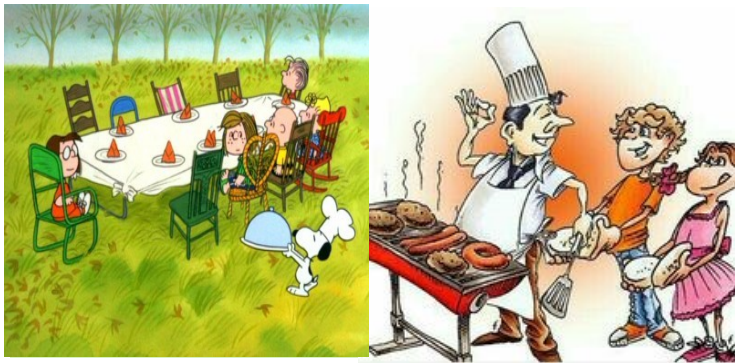
**MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE DATE BECOMES CLOSER.**



## 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 CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR**

**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!**

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## 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**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**



To the Parishioners of St. Ann and John, peace and love from St. Benedict school, Uganda. This is the girls' dormitory yet to be completed. This is where we are now. Thank you for your generous contribution.

As you see it in the picture, what remains is roofing, plastering, installation of water and electricity at a cost of USD 50,000:00 Then the parents will bring the beds and mattresses for their daughters.

Am kindly appealing to your continued generosity. Our target is to complete this building this year so that we embark on the boys' dormitory next year.

Send your check through St. John or St. Ann. Include in the memo St. Benedict school.

Kindly contact me on my email below for a one to one talk or for more explanations. Thanx so much.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba

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