



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*



*St. Ann & St. John
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017*

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EUCHARISTIC 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

September 17, 2017—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 — Lena Shepard—15th Ann., Leonard Shepard —25th Anniversary

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00 —Frederick H. Mitchell — 1st Anniversary
10:30 —Maria Chaves—3rd Anniversary

Saturday, September 23, 2017

4:00 — Danny & Kenneth Briggs — Memorial

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 — Stacia Franciosi — 9th Anniversary
10:30 — Jennie Kuciunski — 24th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:30 - Dorothy English — 2nd Anniversary
10:30 - Vincent & Concetta Colombo Viny & Martha Colombo, Lou & Gail Colombo, Bruce Caplice

Monday, September 18, 2017

William Kurkul — 5th Anniversary

Saturday, September 23, 2017

4:00 — Vinny Hallisey —3rd Anniversary

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:30 - Gian Carlo Balboni, Saide Balboni, Nadia Carey — 50 years in this country
10:30 - Frank Montesano — 1st Anniversary
9:00 — Mary Ticchi — 22nd Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Brendan

For many of us, we look to the first of January to put into practice new resolutions and plans, hoping the new calendar year will be more productive and rewarding than the previous year.

But isn't it interesting that the new school year dictates certain renewed practices and perhaps changes in our new and improved schedules that affect all of the family? I think of the little ones boarding the school buses and taking a seat in the classroom for the very first time in their life. And then there are the high school juniors and seniors who will be taking the scholastic achievement test and filling out college applications to their school of choice after visiting and touring the campus, of course.

We have already observed the "college kids" in the local supermarkets by and for themselves selecting the weekly essentials of milk, T.V. dinners, chips and of course Twinkies.

For many parents, it means endless shuttle service from home/ school to the ball field for football, cheerleading, and soccer practice in preparation for the weekend games at home or away. Then there are the dancing classes. Hopefully religious education and attending Mass are on the calendar in red.

If you are one of the families juggling some of the above, it means your child is healthy, fit, bright and involved. So much to thank God for and so much material to share when you are together in the vehicle or around the table during meals. If your family has grown, smile and remember with satisfaction.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I've often felt that resentment and forgiveness go hand in hand. Often times, our inability to forgive is linked with our unwillingness to let go. If we do not let go the hurts of the past, we cannot move forward towards the future. One of my favorite quotes (from Carrie Fisher, in her semi-autobiography "Postcards From The Edge") states that "resentment is like drinking poison, and waiting for the other person to die". So often, the person who has harmed us has moved on from an incident in which we have been hurt and we have not – we are still holding on. Forgiveness can only occur if we are willing to move on into the future.

In today's gospel, Peter asks Jesus "...how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" (Mt 18:21). Jesus surprises Peter by telling him, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Mt 18:22). In saying this, one is not to be counting "seventy-five...seventy-six...seventy-seven...okay, I'm done!" Jesus is reminding Peter (and us, in our listening) that forgiveness is an ongoing thing that it is to happen as often as we are hurt. This is a hard truth, one that is not easy to wrap one's head around. The parable of the master and servant is an illustration of letting go. The servant is forgiven his debt, but does not extend the same courtesy to a fellow servant. He fails to "pay it forward", if you will. In doing so, he incurs the wrath of his master. The master, in turn, requires full repayment from the first servant because he failed to do to another what he had done for him.

We are called, as people of faith, to adhere to the principle of forgiveness in the measure in which we are willing to forgive. If we forgive greatly, we will be forgiven greatly; if we forgive sparingly, we will be forgiven sparingly. We are to extend to others the mercy, compassion, and love which God extends to us. May we come to know this mercy from God, and when we receive it may we be ready, willing, and able to bestow this gift on others.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



ALL YOU CAN
EAT PIZZA \$7!!!!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2017
START 5:00PM

This week the second collection is for the Clergy Trust Benefit. The Clergy Trust Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more info, please visit www.clergyfunds.org

There will also be a basket on the altar for the next two weeks to help the victim of Hurricane Harvey. This is an Archdiocese collection and will be sent from our parish to the Archdiocese.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Masses of Intention

Can be taken for any daily mass,

However, if you want the Mass

Celebrated in Saint Ann's or Saint John's

You need to remember the new daily

Mass Schedule.

Saint Ann's is Mon, Tues, and Fri.

Saint John's Wed., Thurs, and Fri.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

**FALL HARVEST MINISTRY FESTIVAL
&
MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING
FOR OUR VOUNTEERS**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30TH @ 4:00
FOLLOWED BY
PASTA WITH THE PASTOR**

THE CRUCIFIX VS. THE RISEN CHRIST

In the upcoming weeks, you will see a crucifix in Saint Ann's church because the rubrics require that we have a crucifix displayed at Mass. A resurrected Jesus should only be used as general decor provided that it does not supplant nor overshadow the crucifix (which ours did). Number 308 of the General Instructions of the Roman Missal states "there is also to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified on it, visible not only during Mass but at all times recalling for the faithful the saving passion of the Lord and remaining near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations.

The focal point of our faith is that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. Thus, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting to have a crucifix prominently displayed.



Fall Harvest Ministry Festival

Everything Falls into Place when we walk by

Faith Together for God!

Saturday, September 30th
4:00 pm Mass at St. Ann Church

A Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing for our Volunteers
Invitations have been handed out by the heads of all Ministries.

Pasta with the Pastor
After 4:00 pm Mass-6:00



All are welcome to join a very special Pasta with the Pastor Dinner in the Parish Hall in honor of our volunteers.

Parish Ministry Fair
In the Parish Hall after Mass and from 6:00-6:30

The Fall Harvest Ministry Festival will be a wonderful event to give parishioners a chance to ask questions in order to discern their many gifts and talents to learn how they can share those gifts with our Collaborative as well as give us an opportunity to thank the many people that help make our Collaborative a wonderful place where all are accepted and encouraged to grow in faith!

Our Fall Harvest Ministry Festival also has a component for our Religious Education Students and Parents. Please see the Religious Education Directors for your invitations.



The Parish and Youth Ministry Calendar is Ready!

We will introduce our full programs at all Masses the weekends of September 16-17 and 23-24

Monthly Activities

- Family Mass @ 10:30
- St. John-1st Sunday
- St. Ann-3rd Sunday
- Dinner/Adoration/Confession
- St. Ann-First Friday
- Ultreya
- St. John-Second Thursday
- Prayer Group
- Alternating Locations-3rd Friday
- Pancakes with the Pastor
- St. John-4th Sunday
- Pasta with the Pastor
- 2nd Saturday
- Family/Youth Night
- 2nd Saturday

Opportunities to Grow in Prayer

- At Home Book Club
- 3 different books throughout the year
- Advent Parish Mission
- Various Locations- December 3-5
- Lenten Mission
- TBD
- Prayer Group
- Alternating Locations-3rd Friday
- Exciting New Opportunity**
- Teen Lock-In
- Holy Thursday-Good Friday
- Twelve Hour Fast, Prayer and Service
- Pentacost Vigil- May 19th
- Vacation Bible School**
- July 30th-August 3rd

Service Opportunities

- My Brother's Keeper
- St. Vincent DePaul-EB
- Common Cathedral-Boston
- Kindness Rocks
- Fun- Raising- Nights**
- Dinner, Dance, 50ties night
- Friday, November 3rd, \$20.00
- St. Ann's Parish Hall-
- Joe Presley and the Castletones
- Skate Night
- Bridgewater Ice Arena
- December 27th 6:00-8:00 pm
- Auction- TBD
- "Souper" Bowl Tournament- TBD
- Left-Right-Center Tournament-TBD

Travel Opportunities

- Deep Freeze
- Hebron, New Hampshire
- Overnight Retreat
- PJ Anderson/ Speakers/ Location TBD
- Catholic Heart Work Camp
- June 24-30
- Steubenville East
- July 13-15
- Ski Weekend
- Monthly Meeting**
- Adult Meeting
- 4th Thursday of the Month
- Youth Meeting
- 2nd Saturday of the Month

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

September 10, 2017 —	\$3,360
Special Parish Collection	\$1,266
Hurricane Collection	\$1,395

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!

ALL TOWNS WELCOME

Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in
West Bridgewater MA

Saint Ann, 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA

Saturday October 7, 9am-2pm (Rain or shine)
(cash and personal checks accepted)

Small electronics items: [Computer towers](#), Scanners, VCR, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, [Answering Machine](#), Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., [Circuit Boards](#), Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each. Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove, Microwave,...\$10 each. Small Engine Items, Lawn mowers, Snow blowers, etc...\$10 ea.

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$10 ea..

TV's: 15-35

[Ac...\\$15, Dehumidifier...\\$15, Refrigerators...\\$20-25](#)

Scrap/Junk Metal., Grill, Empty propane tank, ex. equipment, weight sets, ...\$10

Cables, Proceeds to Church Reno Deficit

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 17, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Lynn Lindsey
8:30 —Terry Daly
10:30—Nancy Maloney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ann Garvey
 Ann Zenus
 Joe Ritucci

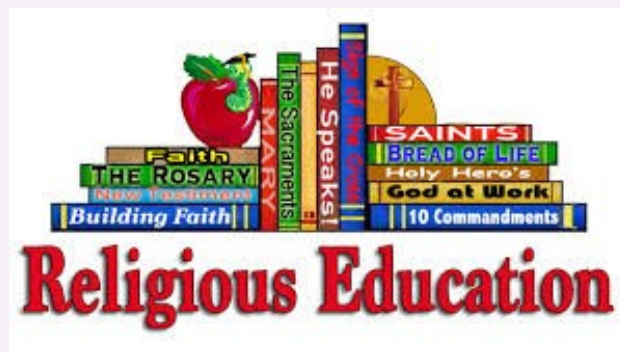
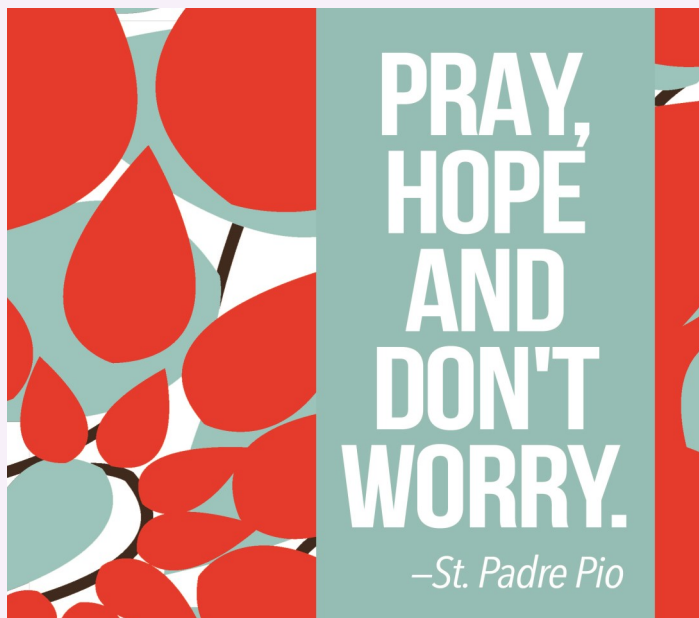
8:30 — Lynn Winkler
 Mary Ann Chartier
 Linda Santry

10:30 — Angie Ramos
 Jerry Bean
 John Zenus



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.




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.

Please remember that all registration forms require a late fee but can still be turned in. Registrations are due ASAP.

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 27, 2017 – offertory – \$4,369
Spec. Parish – \$1,221
September 3, 2017 – offertory – \$6,231.50
Catholic Univ. –

September 10, 2017 – Spec. Parish Collection for electrical work & Hurricane Harvey

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, 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, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



DONATION TO ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL, UGANDA.

The School began 2008 with 48 students in two classes without a library, running water and electricity! These we got in 2011. We have also completed the first floor of the girls dormitory housing 116 girls. Many still want to join but no room yet!

REQUET: We would like to complete the second floor worth \$30,000 which will accommodate 100 more girls.

HOW TO DONATE:

1. Write your check to St. St. John or St. Ann Parish and in the memo indicate St. Benedict school, Uganda.

2. Go fund me on <https://www.gofundme.com/saint-benedicts-high-school>

WHY GIRLS' DORM?

1. Safe and Secure
2. Reduce walking long distances of 4,5,6 miles to school in the morning and evening. We have no buses
3. Improve academic standard through concentration at school
4. Reduce early marriages and pregnancies.
5. Women emancipation

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A second collection for St. Benedict High School is scheduled for October 8th weekend.

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir rehearsals begin Monday, 9/18, 6-7 pm.
Also, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. 8/7 — Religious Education Registration Began
Sat. 9/16 — EBBA on the Common—Come visit St. John's Booth
Sat. 9/23 — EB High School Car Wash — 9 am—2 pm.
Sun. 9/24 — Pancakes with the Pastor @ St. John's for 9th & 10th Grs.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.**



Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION

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**

Registration fees are **\$150 for one child; \$200 for two children and \$250 for 3 or more children in a family.**

There is an **additional fee for the sacramental program years:**
(2nd grade - 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$50)
Confirmation program -(9th grade - \$75) & (10th grade - \$50)

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

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

This weekend is the annual St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. Please take a bag as you leave church today.

Next weekend when you come to church please place your bag with food donations on the altar to be blessed at the end of Mass. After the final blessing and song please help us take the bags downstairs to the food pantry.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need due to a job loss or an illness? Please leave a message on the St. Vincent de Paul **HOT-LINE** at **508-378-3760**. Let us help one another.

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