



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*September 22, 2019  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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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., See Schedule

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 p.m., See Schedule

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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood  
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Ben Williams  
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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

4:00 - Richard Venesky — 12th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

8:00 - Carol Fitzgerald — 2nd Anniversary  
Susan Fitzgerald — 5th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

9:00 - Joan Mondeau — Memorial

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

8:00 - Maria S. Chaves — Memorial  
10:30 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

4:00 - Vincent Hallisey — 5th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

8:30 - Joseph F. Linehan — 15th Anniversary  
10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

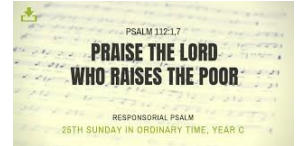
4:00 - Frank Castricone — 8th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**PRAYERS FOR THE POOR**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You came into our world  
as one who served,  
and you call your disciples  
to love their enemies  
and to share the life of the poor.  
Help us in our everyday lives  
to embody your gift of self  
so that all of our actions  
can be motivated by love  
and focused on your will.  
Through our daily acts of love,  
transform our world into a reflection  
of your kingdom,  
where you live and reign,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today’s gospel often takes folks aback at Jesus’ commentary on His own “parable of the dishonest steward”. Jesus *seemingly* praises the worker for using “earthly” means to deal with his imminent dismissal from the employ of the rich man, even to the point of using (seemingly) unscrupulous means. I say, “seemingly” (twice, for emphasis) because one has to look beneath the surface to get at the “heart” of the parable and its meaning. Stewards, those (in Jesus’ day) who were put in charge of large households of rich people, were known to take a “cut” of anything that came into the house (goods, money, property) for themselves. It was a way to augment their salary which often times wasn’t that great; it was accepted policy for them to do this, and even their employers would turn a “blind eye” to this practice. The rich man in today’s gospel is letting the steward go for squandering his property, thus losing money for him.

Jesus goes on to praise the steward for going to his master’s debtors and cutting the invoice by twenty and fifty percent. In doing this, he was essentially taking out his “cut”, giving all money back to his master. In doing this, the steward would win back esteem (and his job!) from his master. The steward’s cunning comes in knowing how the world operates. He uses the tools of the world to further his career. Jesus uses this practice to teach His disciples how to live and act in the world. We must be aware of how the world operates, for we cannot “absent” ourselves from it. This is not to say that we should act in this way, but just be aware of it. We are always to live *in* the world, but not *of* the world. Our focus must always be the Kingdom, regardless of our physical placement in the world. Jesus reminds us that “no servant can serve two masters” (Lk 16:13); that servant will always have a divided heart. Our focus, in serving God, must be singular – on the Kingdom. We would do well, however, to know and be aware of how the world operates.

May we always “have our eyes on the prize”, namely Eternal Life. May we always trust that God, our divine Master, is aware of our good works and will, one day, be ready to reward us in our goodness. May our faith sustain us, our purpose be sure and our fidelity be single-minded/hearted. May we, one day, see the Kingdom and hear those words from Almighty God: “well done, good and faithful servant, share in your Master’s joy” (Mt 25:23)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection

September 21/22, 2019 — Bahama Relief Collection; September 28/29, 2019 — St. Benedict's Dormitory

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      9/08/19	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,412	\$ 4,324	\$ 5,333



A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE DEVASTATION IN THE BAHAMAS IS REQUESTED BY THE CARDINAL

THIS COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 21ST & SEPTEMBER 22ND

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*From the Cardinal:*  
 "Checks should be made out to the "Archdiocese of Boston" and clearly marked on the memo line "Hurricane Dorian Relief". As information about the destruction and needs becomes known we will work in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services for the Bahamas and Catholic Charities USA for any US diocese that has emergency needs.

The Cardinal also asks that we keep all of our brothers and sisters impacted by the hurricane in our prayers.

Dear Parishioners of St. John and St. Ann's, peace.

I am Fr. Stephen Lusiba from Uganda. You know me well and as I told you, this parish is now a home away from home. I thank so much Fr. Paul, the pastor, for what he is in my life and mission. I am happy to be back.

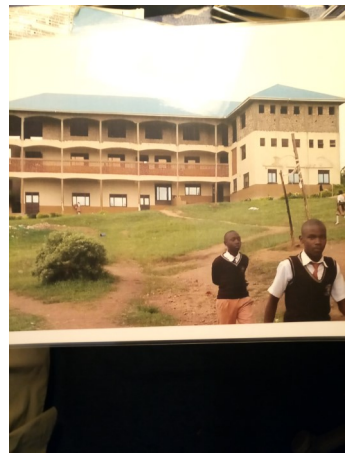
I bring you greetings and thanx from St Benedict high school, Uganda. Thank you for the donation you gave us last year. We managed to do the roofing as you can see the building in the picture.

Our challenge now is to do the closing, plastering and painting. This will cost us \$22,000.00. I request for individual donation towards this genuine cause.

How to donate? Write your check in the names of St. John's or St. Ann's. In the memo write St. Benedict school, Uganda. We shall also have a second collection for this cause on the weekend of September 28/29.

Thanx so much and many blessings.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba Steven



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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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New mailing address:  
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

### 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.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15

SUNDAY 9:30 - 10:15 Grades 1—6  
(Kindergarten will be Every other week. Begin. 9/22/19)  
SUNDAY 6:00 — 7:00 PM GRADES 7, 8 & 9  
SUNDAY 7:30 — 8:30 PM GRADE 10

All classes will begin Sept 15th for grades 1-8

Classes will begin Oct. 6th at St. Ann's Parish Center for  
grades 9 & 10

Confirmation Classes will be combining with Saint John's  
students and will meet in St. Ann's Parish Center. Their first  
Teen Mass will be on Sept 15th at St. John's Church at 6:00  
PM. with a REQUIRED DINNER MEETING to follow for  
Confirmation Students and Parents OUTLINING THE  
PROGRAM AND ITS REQUIREMENTS.

#### A Senior's Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
I thank you for the gift of life.  
You have given me so many good things over its course:  
health of mind and body, friends and family,  
strengths and weaknesses, sorrows and joys.  
You have ordained that seasons change and time  
passes.  
Help me to surrender graciously  
to the changing circumstances of my life.  
Help me to accept my weaknesses,  
and to see them as opportunities  
for others to show the love of Jesus.  
Make me strong in Your spirit,  
that I may love You all the days of my life.  
Amen.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### 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.

Thanks to a very generous donator who bequeathed a large amount of money to St. Ann's upon their death, we are able to take care of some of the facility issues such as painting of the church, power washing the rectory, ect. that have been plaguing the Parish. We are hoping to address more of the facility issues in the coming months including replacing the boiler and we will report them to you as they are corrected.

The offertory is about \$1000 below what it used to be so these issues had to be put on the back burner until now. Your generosity is what makes this parish run smoothly.

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### What's Most Important?

I hold to the belief that you cannot have allegiances to both Duke and UNC, the Packers and the Bears, or the Yankees and the Red Sox. In Matthew 6:24, it says, "*He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.*" That verse isn't talking about sports! It's talking about God and money. Most of us love both of those and that can be a problem. If you were to love any of the sets of teams mentioned above, you have a huge problem as well.

Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money.

Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

## 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, Baby William, John Gilbride, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

## 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](http://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.

St John's classes ( Grades 1-8 )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 pm

**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 And will begin October 6th. Grade 9 will meet from 6:00—7:00 and Grade 10 from 7:30—8:30**

**The first Teen Mass is September 15th at St. John's**

**We will have a Required meeting for Parents and Students from both churches after the Teen Mass on 9/15 at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall to explain the program and its requirements during a pasta dinner.**

St Vincent de Paul Society of St John will be having their **annual food drive** on Sat, September 21st and Sunday Sept 22nd.

We will be distributing SVdP bags after Mass on the 14th & 15th.

Non-perishable food items such as pasta, tuna, soups, rice and canned vegetables are greatly appreciated.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after daily Masses.**

**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**

**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**

**Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.**

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

**September 22: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.**

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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Catholic Women's Club would like to extend an invitation to ALL the women of St John's and St. Ann's to join this most worthwhile Ministry of the Parish.

This ministry gives you an opportunity to support the Parish in many ways while building a relationship with God and other women of the Parish.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (10/9) at Riddell Road at 12:30.

**HELP!!!! A CLEANING TEAM NEEDS TO BE REPLACED AT ST. JOHN'S. CURRENTLY TEAMS ARE ON A 5-WEEK ROTATION. WE CAN KEEP THIS SCHEDULE IF ANOTHER TEAM STEPS UP.**

Duties include the dusting, cleaning and straightening of the Church and Sacristy. Please call the Rectory if you can help!

### TEEN MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
9/15/19	Saint John
10/20/19	Saint Ann
11/17/19	Saint John
12/08/19	Saint Ann

*Post on Fridge*

**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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).



**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

**A For Women Only Retreat.**  
**(Sun) September 29, 2019**  
**2:00 – 5:00**

**“Come to the Harvest”**

Retreat Presented by Nancy Smith, *Wings over the Heart-Spiritual Companion*,  
Music Minister: Brittany Logeree

Our afternoon together will include time to claim our own individual gifts of our harvest, adoration, prayer, music, and fellowship.

There is no registration fee. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490

**Women of all ages are welcome to join us!**

*The Family Healing and Recovery Ministry is happy to present Jim Browne who has helped countless people learn how to recover from obsessions and addictions by the Word, Jesus Christ. Deeply faithful, funny and insightfully gifted, Jim will keep you wanting more. This retreat is designed for anyone who wants to remove obstacles in your life that keep you from having a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join us and have confidence in God's healing mercy on your body, mind and spirit. If you have participated in his previous retreat "Surrender and Accept Jesus' Invitation to the Banquet", you will surely enjoy the newest presentation, "Saint John the Baptist, the Voice of the Word"*



**Cost of retreat – \$ 115pp**  
( \$65/Sat includes Lunch & Dinner and \$50/Sun includes Lunch on Sun.)  
Space is limited, please pre-register early to secure your spot. To register call:  
**Karen McWilliams at (603) 682-7933 or Pauline Yax - (774) 454-7988**

**“Saint John the Baptist, the Voice of the Word”**  
**Friday-(Sept 27th) 6pm-8:30pm**  
Opening talk, Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation  
**Saturday-(Sept 28th)**  
8:30am -10am – Rosary, Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
10:30am – 9pm -Retreat (includes Eucharistic Healing Service)  
**Sunday -(Sept 29th) 10:30am -Holy Mass**  
11:30 -5:00pm- Retreat  
Detailed Program Schedule will be provided upon arrival

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of The Lake Church  
**JB September Retreat**  
c/o Fr. Mike Hobson  
Our Lady of the Lake Church  
580 Monponsett Street,  
Halifax, MA 02338

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*include name(s) of participants, mail address, e-mail and phone number

There will be no overnight accommodations available in Halifax however, a limited amount of rooms have been secured ( approx. 15 minute drive)at the:  
BAYMOUNT INN & SUITES KINGSTON  
149 MAIN ST  
KINGSTON, MA 02364  
PH: 781-565-3831  
\*Cost: \$129.00+tax per night  
(2 queen beds per room, breakfast, WiFi, indoor pool incl.)  
\*Please book this separately from the retreat cost



\*\*\*Please note that we want to share this retreat with everyone, especially those suffering with wounded hearts. We have a limited amount of sponsored retreat passes and if finances are a problem, please call Karen McWilliams at (603) 682-7933 or Pauline Yax - (774) 454-7988. God bless you and your families!

*Presented by Family Healing and Recovery Ministry  
[www.rosary4recovery.org](http://www.rosary4recovery.org)*