



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
October 6, 2019
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say,
‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were
obliged to do.’” - Lk 17:10b

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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., 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 5, 2019

4:00 - Maria Figueiredo — 21st Anniversary

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Bronislaw Morawski — 30th Anniver.

Saturday, October 12, 2019

4:00 - McLaughlin Family — Memorial

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00 - Maryann & Manuel Figueiredo — Mem.

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

Friday, October 18, 2019

9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 5, 2019

4:00 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remem.

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:30 - Elenor Hanson — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Saturday, October 12, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

WHY WE SAY THE ROSARY

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the five Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the five Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday). As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries are said on Sundays during Christmas, while the Sorrowful Mysteries are said on the Sundays of Lent. The question is sometimes asked, why, of all the incidents in our Lord's life, the Rosary only considers these particular twenty. The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honoring our Lord and his Mother in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. Consequently, one who recites the twenty mysteries of the Rosary in one day reflects on the whole liturgical cycle that the Church commemorates during the course of each year. That is why some of the Popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel. One cannot change the mysteries of the Rosary without losing the indulgences that the Church grants for the recitation of the Rosary.

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In this day and age of “options” (“Press #1 for..., Press #2 for...”), we shy away from the word “obligation”. Yet at times, it can be a very powerful, even necessary, word to employ. When one has an obligation (as opposed to an “offer” or “suggestion”), one is more compelled to show up and do their part. In today’s gospel, the idea of obligation comes up with regard to our relationship to God. There are certain things, done as part of a full relationship with God, which we are obliged to do.

In the analogy put forth in today’s gospel, Jesus compares our relationship to a slave and a master’s relationship. While we may bristle at that comparison (after all, we are more than slaves, aren’t we?) we would do well to recognize that while God desires to be in relationship with us, God is the “creator” and we are the “created”. As such, we are beholden to God for everything we are and have; without God, we are nothing and our efforts come to nothing – nothing lasting, at least. This may be a humbling thought, but how else are we to react when we put into perspective all that we have done, as opposed to all God has done. It pales in comparison, doesn’t it? As great as we are, that greatness is a result of using the God-given talents and abilities which we have at our disposal.

I remember as a young boy my mother telling me how to react when I was given a gift. I was to receive that gift (whether it is a new, sought-after toy or a badly-knit, hand-made sweater) with a smile and a heartfelt “thank you”. I was then to say no more, no less; in that way, I wouldn’t say something I would come to regret (by hurting the giver’s feelings). In much the same way, we might do well to react to all God has given us – the challenges as well as the good things we have – by thanking Him and moving on. In that way, perhaps the difficulties we face can be minimized (perhaps even eliminated) by us realizing that even the challenges we encounter can help us to grow.

God desires a certain sense of “loyalty”. It is not to be a “blind” loyalty (for God doesn’t want “robots”), otherwise how does one explain “free will” (itself a gift from God)? No, God wants us to put the things we have/are into the “context” of faith. With faith, we can “move mountains” (perhaps not literally...perhaps so!); we can do amazing things. Let us have the courage to see God’s gifts for what they are – moments when we acknowledge our dependence on God, thanking Him for all those things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

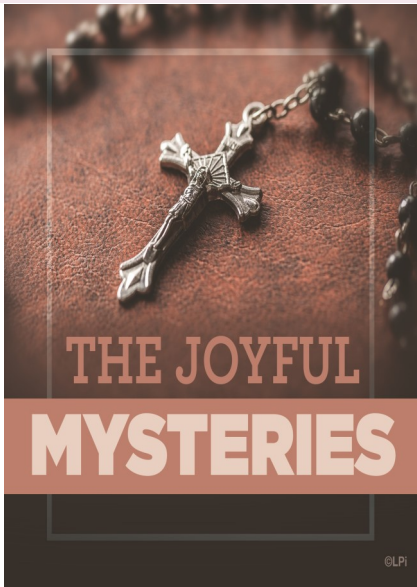
Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection October 13, 2019 — Holy Father's Missionary (Peter's Pence)

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	9/15/19	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,412	\$ 4,070	\$ 5,333
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 4,544	\$ 5,333



Rosary — The Month of October celebrates the Rosary

Question:

What is the story behind the rosary?

Answer:

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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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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

St Ann's Religious Education Program is in need of:

Grade 1 — 1 Aide
Grade 2 — 2 Aides
Grade 3 — 1 Aide
Grade 6 — 1 Aide

If you are able to help, please call Charlotte Leines, the
Director of Religious Education at 508-588-7140

The Protecting God's Children Program

Most organizations that work with children have some sort of child safety program. Through the Protecting God's Children program, we maximize those efforts by helping churches and religious organizations refine their roles as child-safe environments and empowering caring adults to protect children. (Protecting God's Children®.)

Therefore, there will be a Virtus Training (based on the Protecting God's Children Program for anyone in either parish who has not been Virtus Trained but has been Cori'd and those who need both at St. Ann's Parish Center on Wednesday, October 16th at 7 PM.

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTORS & EUCHARIST MINISTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.



Please welcome our
Newest Members of Saint Ann's:

Cameron Thomas & Mavis Lee Dougherty
Harper Jean Tartaglia
Emma Grace Lizardi
Eiza Lopez



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.

Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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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 Nicolai, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, John Gilbride, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in

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.stjohnneb.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 second Teen Mass is October 20th at St. Ann's at 6PM

The painting of the doorways of Saint John's has been contracted so if you see people working on this project it has been approved by our Business Manager.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS:

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASSES

& 9TH GRADE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.

**PLEASE CALL LORRAINE IF YOU CAN HELP!
508-378-1521**

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

October 6: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do".

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.

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!



Congratulations to our newest

Baptized Member of St. Johns

*Reese Elizabeth
Andrews*

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.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. In Cursillo, you encounter Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. The dates for the next weekends are:

Women's Cursillo Weekend

October 24-27, 20

Men's Cursillo Weekend

December 5-8, 2019

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston, MA.

A member of our own parish (collaborative),

_____ is on the team for the (women's / men's) weekend this Spring.

For more information please check the Boston Cursillo website:

www.bostoncursillo.org. You may also phone

_____ (team member) at

_____ (phone #).

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**Saturday, October 26 -- 10:00am & Sunday,
October 27 -- 11:00am**