



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 October 13, 2019  
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” - Lk 17:17-18

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

4:00 - Sheila Connolly — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

8:00 - Donald & Lorraine Kerrigan — Mem.

10:30 - Linda Fontaine — 16th Anniversary

Ken Fontaine, Jr. — Month's Mind

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

4:00 - Richard Caputo, Jr — 1st Anniversary

Frank Fucillo — Memorial

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

8:30 - David Breen — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Dear Parish Leaders,**

Actress Patricia Heaton recently told comedian Stephen Colbert, “And you know as a Catholic, there’s only one thing that can be the center of your life and that’s your faith.” Our faith belongs at the center of our lives.

Context makes Heaton’s quote even more powerful. She had been sharing that things didn’t seem to be clicking in her career until she had placed God at the center. Heaton says, “I think God was withholding everything until ... He made sure that He was the center of my life and not the career.” Our careers, our projects, our homes...all this and more can be taken from us. We were made for God; we were made for the living relationship with Him that we call faith.

This week, let’s think about how we share our faith. How to speak to those who haven’t found it? How can we be missionary disciples? What if someone we know is facing doubts about their relationship with Christ? What if we ourselves are?

Let us turn to God this day, asking that our faith may flourish like the mustard seed.

In Christ,  
Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P.  
Deputy Senior Editor, Aleteia

My Dear Friends in Christ,



A few years ago, I went to a day-long seminar entitled “Developing an ‘Attitude of Gratitude’”. The presenter challenged the listener to cultivate a viewpoint that everything is a “gift”, things for which we should be grateful. He pointed out that even the challenging events and moments of our lives are times when we should not necessarily *rejoice*, but see them as “teachable moments” (as we used to call them in seminary). They are (or can be) life-changing, and should be seen in that light. The speaker went on further to say that if we missed out on these “teachable moments”, then we miss out on opportunities of growth and enrichment.

In today’s gospel, Jesus encounters ten lepers. They all cry out to Him to have pity on them. They are not asking for a handout, but a miracle. In addressing Him as “master”, they recognize Jesus’ power over this leprosy which has separated them from the community not only physically, but spiritually as well, for disease (in Jesus’ time) had a spiritual component to it. Their outcry comes from a desire for restoration, for “wholeness”. Jesus directs them to the priest (as was the custom in Mosaic Law); as they do so, they are healed. This links Jesus to the Law, something which He had been accused of “skirting” by the Pharisees. In realizing that they were cured, only one (a “foreigner”, probably a Samaritan) comes back to pay Jesus homage. Why is this? Were the others ungrateful? Were they unaware of what this meant? Was the “foreigner” the only one to realize that Jesus’ power knew no bounds, as He healed this “outsider”? The gospel leaves this question for our imagining.

This is where we come in. In “placing ourselves in the story”, we might do well to ask the question, “for what am I grateful?” I think that one of things for which we can all be grateful is our very existence, which is the ultimate gift from God – the gift of life. Each year, we as a Church celebrates “Respect Life Sunday”. At this time, the Church asks us to take a reflective moment to see the value of life, from “conception to natural death”. It calls on us to challenge the “culture of death” which has continued to devalued life of the pre-born, the mentally and physically challenged and the elderly, as well as the marginalized and outcasts of society (such as the homeless or the immigrant seeking entrance (through proper channels) to our country). This attitude (which is most certainly *not* an “attitude of gratitude”) must end.

Another thing for which we should be grateful is our life of faith here in the Together In Christ Collaborative. In my time here, I have come to know both St. Ann’s and St. John’s as vibrant, caring communities. In times we have been called to help to our neighbor (such as the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive), we have responded with generosity and love. We are called, each day, to reach out to one another in a spirit of charity, humility and love. Let us do just that, so as to foster a community where one can live out one’s baptismal call to serve all those who come to us.

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)    October 20, 2019 — World Mission Sunday

| 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            |
|                        | 9/22/10   | \$ 3,155                                  | \$3,412   | \$ 5,333            |
|                        |           |   |           | \$ 4,544            |
|                        |           |   |           | \$ 5,333            |



The Archangel is known for his ability to assist those who are in need of illumination.

Nearly everyone has doubts about their faith at some point in their lives. Some have more severe doubts and if they are not addressed, will quickly lead to a complete loss of faith.

If you are at this point in your life and are living by a small thread of faith, consider praying to God through the intercession of St. Gabriel. Angels have been appointed by God to be messengers to us and an aid in our every need. In particular, St. Gabriel is often associated with topics of knowledge and clear those doubts away.

Here is a short prayer that should be prayed with a contrite heart, asking God to illuminate the darkness in your mind. The prayer is based on a private revelation approved by the Church that was received by Franciscan sister named Mother Mariana on January 20, 1620 in Ecuador.

*Dear St. Gabriel, celestial ambassador of the Incarnation of the Divine Word, illuminate my intelligence so that I may know and understand the truths of our Catholic Faith. Erase all of my doubts that I might have in regards to God's mercy and justice. Amen*

Hi there.

We are all members of the Body of Christ, Saint Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians (I Cor. 12:12). Yes, but usually I don't consider myself to be a particularly important part of the Body. I'm kind of an explorer, trekking ahead to learn more about God's presence and healing love, sharing it with those who come along with me. Looking around, however, I see other much more "important" people on the ecclesial scene than myself.



How about you? Do you consider your vocation to be important—necessary, even, for the life and holiness of the Church today? Do you live as though you were certain *you* are the light of the world?

Today's newsletter is about two saints who lived everyday lives in vocations to which God called them. When St. Gianna—wife, mother, beloved pediatrician—was in the office or cooking dinner, she probably wasn't thinking, "I'm contributing to the holiness of the Church." I can't imagine St. Francis saying anything similar in those early years of trying to respond to the call of God (which eventually led to the immense number of women and men in the Franciscan Family today); all he started with was restoring a simple country church.

Yet both these people focused on one thing: responding to the voice of God leading them in their life. They allowed the goodness within them to be unburied, clarified, and to unfold into a life that was beautiful, powerfully attractive, and a gift to the Church and others.

What does St. Gianna have to do with St. Francis? They are united by the joy they took in God's creation, and united too in rising to the challenges set before them.

My friend, *you* are as necessary in the life and holiness of the Church as they are. If we don't believe this, we will not rise to the challenges that are specific to our day and age. You and I have been put here at this time by God because we have some work to do, some gift to give. St. Gianna and St. Francis teach us that it is the fidelity to our vocations that hones that gift and makes it possible to accomplish the work that is ours with serenity and grace.

May we all rise—not to the *occasion*—but in our own *personal* response to the voice of God who calls us individually and all together with Christ to be the light of the world today.

Blessings,  
Sr Kathryn

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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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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, November 6th at 7 PM.

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.



#### 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](mailto: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

#### To Give of Oneself

In the South, the use of "Yes, Sir," "Yes, Ma'am," and "Thank you," have been drilled into many a little person's brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green & 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.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.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**

### 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 13: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

**To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

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.

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FOR THE**



**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!

**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).

### **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](http://www.bostoncursillo.org). You may also phone

\_\_\_\_\_ (team member) at

\_\_\_\_\_ (phone #).

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. I AM THE Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.