



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



*October 14, 2018
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*All things
are possible
for God.*

- MK 10:27

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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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 13, 2018

4:00 - Linda Fontaine — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Hutchins—McLaughlin Families — Mem.

Thursday, October 18, 2018

9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, October 20, 2018

4:00 - East Bridgewater Police

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:00 - Doc & Marion Wood — Memorial

10:30 - Margarida De Jesus — 1st Anniversary

Thursday, October 25, 2018

9:00 - Robert Robichaud — Birthday Remem.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 13, 2018

4:00 - Kay & George Flaherty — Memorial

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carl W. Hanson — 20th Anniversary

Saturday, October 20, 2018

4:00 - Thomas Garrity — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Fire, Police, & First Responders

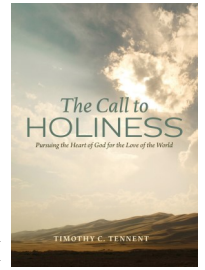
October 14, 2018 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed -- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

My Dear Friends in Christ,



When I was in seminary, I wrote a paper for an ethics class (which I was taking over at Boston College) entitled, "Is Being Good, Good Enough?" In the paper I hypothesized that while there was an element of "goodness" in one's life of faith, it was not enough if one was to call themselves a Christian. To be a Christian, I ultimately concluded, meant that one not only must be *good*, but *holy* as well. Holiness was essential to the Christian life because Jesus stated, in scripture, that one was to "be perfect, as my Father in heaven is perfect" (Mt 5:48). This "perfection" comes, I believe, when one is not only good (which anyone can be) but holy (as the Christian is called to be). The holiness for which we are called to strive takes out any ulterior motive, and need for repayment or any desire for glory. Holiness for the Christian comes when one puts their needs, wants and desires second to that of their brothers and sisters.

Jesus establishes this holiness in today's gospel by first eschewing any notion of being good as a virtue in and of itself, shunning any attempt for anyone to call Him "good". Only God is good, Jesus surmises, and the key to Eternal Life is not only following the Commandments but also not relying on the world and its goods. In this way, one can achieve holiness and perfection. This is a challenging edict, especially in our consumerist society. The goal of acquiring as many "goods" (i.e. physical items, that is, not virtues) as possible is key in our society. The old adage, "the one with the most toys at the end, wins", comes to mind here.

Jesus helps the listener to understand how this can be achieved. If one relies on God, for "all things are possible for God" (Mk 10:27), then one can reach this state of holiness, of perfection. This reliance on God, of course, requires a trust on the listener's part. It doesn't just "happen" that one trusts God; it comes over time, over a period of "trial and error" (often times God's "trial" and our "error"!). It was once said (by American humorist Will Rogers) that "good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that (experience) comes from bad judgment" – how true!

May we have the courage to trust in God so that His light may shine through us. May we come to share that courage by what we do and say in the world. May we always believe that the experiences we have in life – both the good and the bad – can be of benefit for us to achieve not only goodness, but holiness. May this holiness, one day, see us into the Kingdom, sharing Everlasting Life.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection
 October 14, 2018 — Holy Father's Missionary Efforts
 October 21, 2018 — Quarterly collection for major repairs

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	9/30/18		9/30/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,121	\$3,680	\$3,934	\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000



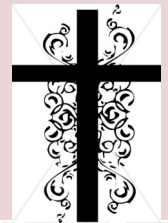
Saint Ann's and Saint John's is committed to keeping our promise to keep God's Children Safe.

As most of you are aware, all parish volunteers are required by the Archdiocese to attend a class in VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) Each and every volunteer and staff member must attend at least one training session. If you have already attended but want to refresh your training, you are welcome as well.

For those of you have not attended a VIRTUS training session, one will be held at Saint Ann's Parish Center on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The training generally last an hour to an hour and a half depending on questions by participants

Please remember Saint Ann's and Saint John's When doing your Estate Planning!



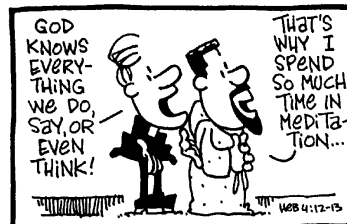
TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann's Teen Masses will be the 2nd Sunday of each month

And

Saint John's Teen Masses will be the 4th Sunday of each month

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you are in need of Rosary Beads, our Rosary Makers have them available at the doors of each church.

Please help yourself.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!!!!

Saint Ann's is currently experiencing some flooding in the basement of the Rectory. We are currently working

with the Archdiocese to remedy this situation. However, every plan of action requires money.

The offertory has been very low lately and barely covers the monthly bills. Therefore, we find it necessary to add a second collection quarterly to address some of the capital issues. As you can imagine, the quarterly collection this quarter will be for the water issues. This collection will be The weekend of October 20 & 21.

Electronic Recycling Fundraiser

Saint Ann's — October 13th — 9:00—2:00

ALL TOWNS WELCOME

Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in West Bridgewater
Location: Saint Ann's, 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA
Parking lot beside Rectory.

(Rain or Shine).
Cash or personal checks accepted)

Bring these items to the parking lot:
Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)
Laptops ...\$5 ea.

Dishwasher, Dryers, Stoves, Microwaves, Ex. Equipment, Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Vacuum, Small Engine Items, etc...\$10 ea.

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$15 ea.

TV's: 15-35

Air Conditioners...\$15, Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators..\$20-\$30

Scrap/Junk Metal...\$10 car load.

Empty propane tank..\$10

Cables, Keyboards, Car Batteries, Cell Phones...No Fee

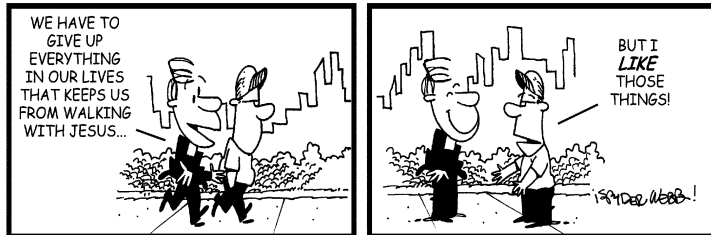
Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.

Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX Cruiser, Old/New, Kids, etc. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

(We can pick up bicycles if you cannot get them there)

Questions: Please contact Dennis Wood 508 277 7513.

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRE SAFETY WEEK BEGINS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018 THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018



Check your smoke alarms, Establish an exit plan, Replace candles with battery operated candles, Have a fire extinguisher on every floor and especially in the kitchen. Know how to use it. Be sure your children are educated on fire prevention and fire safety.

SAINT ANN'S is bringing back the
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC AFTER ALL THE MASSES
THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.

We are in need of certified nurses or nursing assistants to help with this mission.

Please call the rectory and leave a message if you can help.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

Join Our Choirs!

Welcoming new members for children's, adult and teen choirs! Weekly, seasonal, and Teen Mass opportunities. No audition required. Instrumentalists also welcome! Children must have received First Holy Communion in order to participate. Contact Paul Hoffman, Saint John's Music Director, for more information and schedule.

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

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul **HOTLINE** at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

Teachers and Helpers needed for CCD Classes for 2018/2019

We are in need of Teachers and Helpers for the grades 1 - 6. We have classes for grades 1-6 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4:30-5:30. We have grades 1-6 on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00.

We also need two 8th grade teachers for Wednesdays from 6-7.

I also have the need for three 9th grade teachers for Mondays from 6-7. These are the young adults that are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 10th grade.

All materials will be supplied and I can meet with you to go over the materials (lessons) on 10/2, 10/3 & 10/4 from 4:30-5:30.

We can not run our program without the help of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish.

Classes begin October 9th for weekday classes, October 13th for the Saturday classes and October 15th for Monday classes.

If you would like to teach or help out in any way, please call Lorraine at 508-378-1521 and let us know which day and grade level you would like.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, 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, 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, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**Don't miss out!!!!
We are taking reservations for our:**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 24TH

9AM—3 PM

**\$30 FOR SPACE WITH A TABLE
\$25 FOR SPACE WITHOUT A TABLE**

CALL MARY ANN BOYLE—508-378-4704

THE DECORATING COMMITTEE IS HAVING A



**BAKE SALE
(in the Chapel)
ON**

**OCTOBER 13 & 14
After all the Masses**

Proceeds will be used to decorate the Church.

**OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25
At 4:30 PM**

The Religious Education Program
Will be conducting
Parent Meetings with Fr. Paul and Mrs. Hopgood

Please make every effort to attend.

SAINT JOHN'S WILL BE HAVING A MINISTRY FAIR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 13 & 14 IN THE CHAPEL

Some of the ministries to join are:

Adult Choir, Altar Servers, Bereavement Ministry, Bible Study Group, Building & Maintenance Commission, Catholic Women's Club, Children's Choir, Cleaners Ministry, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Family Life Commission, Fundraising Commission, Holy Stickers, Hospitality/Greeters Ministry, Lectors, Ministry for the Homebound, Prayer Shawls, Pro-Life Commission, RCIA, Rosary Makers, Social Commission, St Vincent de Paul, Teen Choir, & Ushers.

Please think of dedicating your time and talents.

National Fire Prevention Week

Fire was the great scourge of American cities in the 19th century. As the country's population grew, compressed tenements and multistory factories posed a growing risk to life and property if fire struck.

Insurers and municipalities worked together to protect public safety. Even with the vastly improved building codes of today, fire safety remains a concern. Protect your family by following these simple steps:

- 1) Install working smoke alarms in your home, AND change the batteries twice a year.
- 2) Do not overload circuits by the use of multiple extension cords. Always inspect extension cords for wear and never place them under rugs or mats.
- 3) Do not leave burning candles unattended. Always extinguish them when you leave a room.
- 4) When cooking, do not leave stoves unattended.
- 5) Never barbecue in a garage or other enclosed structure.
- 6) Have a home fire extinguisher; know how to use it; and check it regularly to ensure that it is still charged.
- 7) Always call 911 in the event of a fire. Never presume that you can handle it yourself.