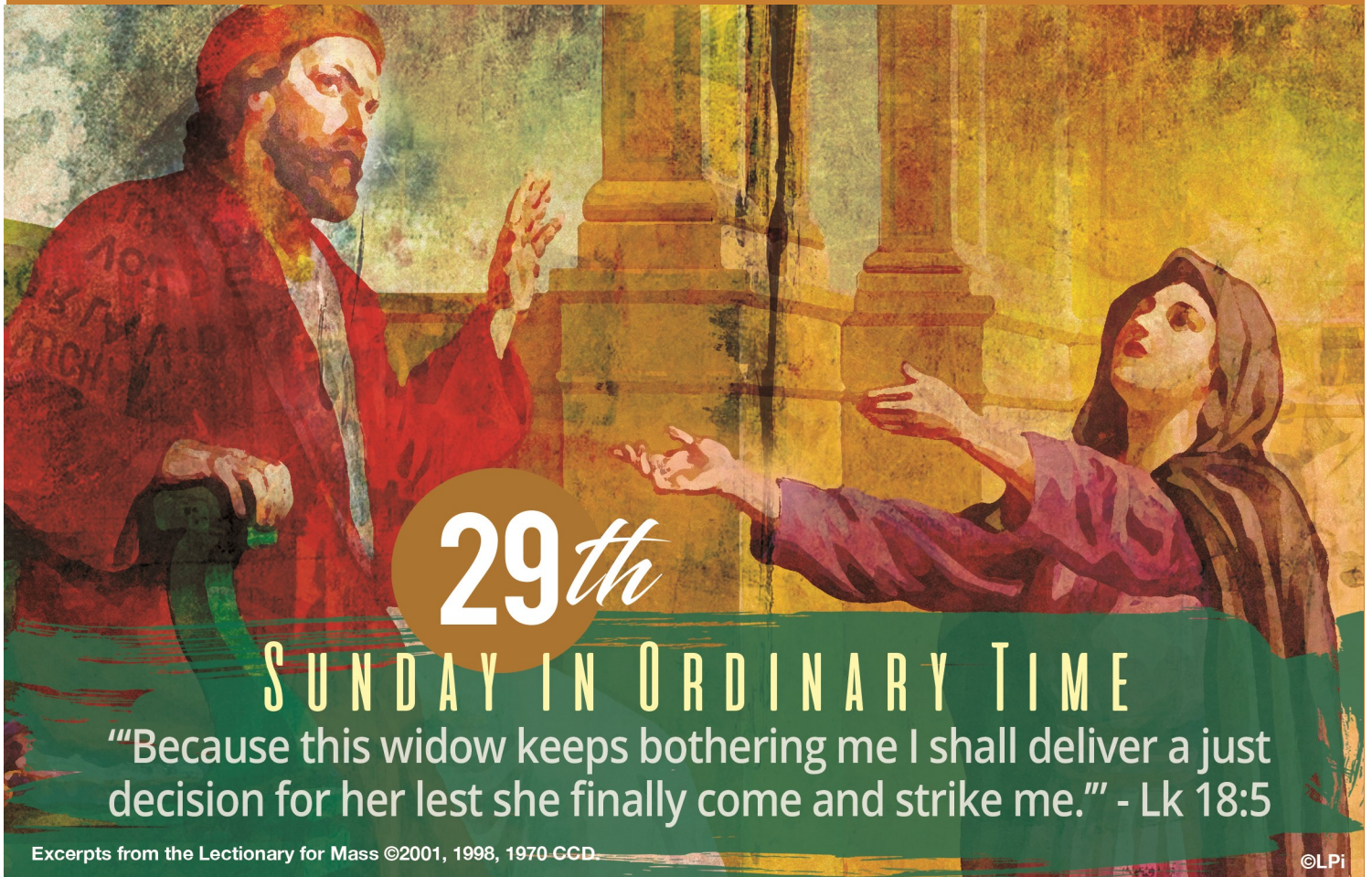




*Together in Christ Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 October 20, 2019  
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**29<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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 For both Churches



# 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 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

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

4:00 - James & Leona DeCoste — Memorial

**Sunday, October 27, 2019**

8:00 - Sheila Connelly— 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Mary & Elmer Proffitt — Memorial

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

4:00 - Lisa Kearney Elias — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, October 13, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Paul Sheedy — 3rd Anniversary

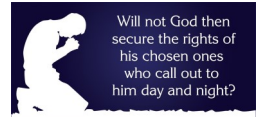


Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated at Saint John’s on Thanksgiving Morning at 8:00 AM

December 8th falls on a Sunday this year. We normally celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year it will be celebrated on December 9th And is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation; however, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 at Saint Ann’s



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Hal Borland, the American author, was once quoted as saying that “knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience; knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence”. What he speaks of regarding trees and grass can be said about prayer. The elements of both patience and persistence are found in a good, rich prayer life. One may not see one’s prayers answered in the time frame or fashion that they would like, but that doesn’t mean that those prayers go unanswered. I once heard a priest say that “God answers all prayers – sometimes that answer is ‘no’”. God knows what we need to grow in faith, hope and love. God also knows those things that we *need* (as opposed to praying for or expecting only those things we *want*).

In today’s gospel, Jesus recounts the parable of the persistent woman and the dishonest judge. The woman is persistent in her prayer and the judge fears that her persistence will be transformed into anger or, worse yet, violence. It is by this persistence that the woman has her “day in court” (literally and figuratively). She is heard not because of any fear the judge has for God or people, but out of fear that the judge has in potentially losing his life. At the center of this “change of heart” is the persistence of the woman; she is relentless in her pursuit of a just verdict. Her persistence wins her the day.

Jesus tells us to take a lesson from this parable, namely to be persistent in prayer. Jesus’ challenge to the hearer of this parable comes from both His desire for people to develop a relationship with God and His fear that people will lose faith if they don’t remain diligent in their prayer. Jesus wonders aloud that when He comes back “will he find faith on earth?” (Lk 18:8). Jesus knows how easily people’s faith can be shaken. Jesus has seen this doubt and fear in others and He will see it in His own disciples (at the end of His earthly days). Jesus knows the only way that people can be ready for trials and tribulations is by developing and maintaining a solid prayer life. This requires both persistence and patience.

This persistence and patience can overcome spiritual fatigue. In the first reading, as Joshua leads the Israelites into battle, with Moses leading the “spiritual warfare”. As long as Moses was persistent, and didn’t let weariness overcome him (with a little “assist” from Aaron and Hur), the Israelites had the better of the fight. The same can be true of us, as there are sometimes when we need support for our prayers. Thank God we have a community of believers, a family of faith to whom we can turn for such support (or whom we can support). In this way, we all grow closer to God in prayer and life. May we have the courage to be persistent in prayer, diligent in life. May we know that God is with us, hearing our prayers and giving us what we need 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 20, 2019 — World Mission Sunday

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
	<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
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.				

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT — FROM THE VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Our ministry is dedicated to trying to create a “culture of vocations” in our Together in Christ Collaborative since we are all called to work on discerning our vocations throughout our lives.

No matter what our age or what we are currently doing with our lives, we should be asking what God is calling us to do next. We all belong to God and everything we have is from God. So we should always be asking Him what He desires us to do with this gift of life he has given us.

We will be working in the months and years ahead to bring information and programs to our Collaborative to help all of us to work on discerning what vocations God is calling us to fulfill.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” Pslam 95

Rosary for Vocations — Saturday, November 9, 2019 — Noon — at Saint Ann's

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

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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:

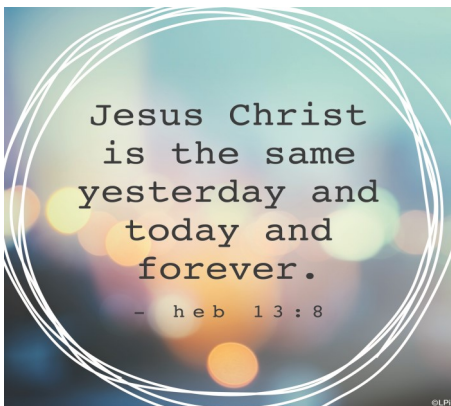
Grade 1 — 1 Aide  
Grade 2 — 2 Aides  
Grade 3 — 1 Aide  
Grade 6 — 1 Aide

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.



#### 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

#### Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

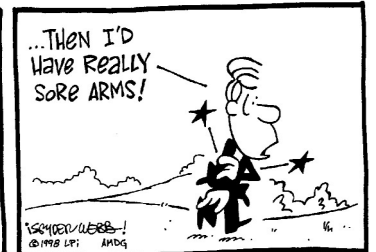
The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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



## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

## 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 20: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

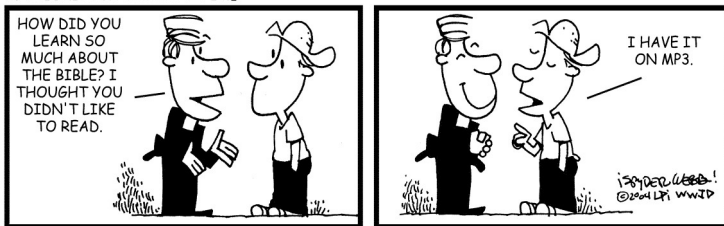
In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary., indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.**

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.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. CORI'S NEED TO BE DONE.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO HAVE YOUR CORI DONE:

LORRAINE — LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
PAUL HOFFMAN — CHOIRS  
DEBBIE — COUNTERS, CLEANERS  
VINCE ADORNATO — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

VIRTUS TRAINING IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 6TH AT SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER AT 7 PM.

Virtus Training is needed only once. But your training must be on file with the Archdiocese.

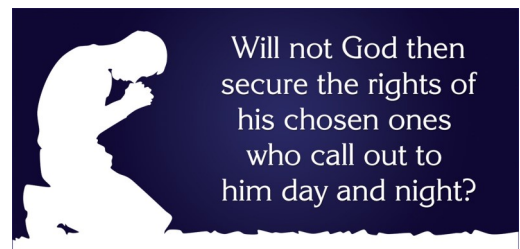
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS:

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR:**

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY CLASSES**

**& 9TH GRADE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.**

**PLEASE CALL LORRAINE IF YOU CAN HELP!**



This 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 the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and 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.

**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 #).

### 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

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