



*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 27, 2019
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HUMILITY

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ ” - Lk 18:13

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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

Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:00 - James & Leona DeCoste — Memorial

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:00 - Sheila Connolly— 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Mary & Elmer Proffitt — Memorial

Saturday, November 2, 2019

4:00 - All the Faithfully Departed

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:00 - Bob Solakoff — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - William Fitts, Jr. — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:00 - Lisa Kearney Elias — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Paul Sheedy — 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, November 2, 2019

4:00 - All the Faithfully Departed

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:30 - William Freitas — Memorial

10:30 - Vincent & Concetta Colombo, Sr. & Family

**ALL SAINTS DAY — Friday, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 —
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS AT 9 AM AT SAINT ANN
MASS AT 7 PM AT SAINT JOHN**



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,



Growing up in a family of five, one of the “pressing questions” we often had for my mother centered on who the favorite was. There were times, growing up, that it seemed that one of us would be favored over the others (if only for that moment) which added “fuel to the fire”, as it were. When we pushed her to answer the question, her answer was always the same: “I love you all the same...I just love you differently”. While this never seemed to satisfy me/us, I/we have come to realize what that answer meant. There were different times in our lives when we, more than the other siblings, needed her attention – and we got it, even if only for that one instance. At other times, other siblings got the attention. My mother seemed to know, instinctively, when that was.

The same can be said of our relationship with God. While it has been said that “God doesn’t play favorites”, there are times when God puts His attention towards those in need, especially those who approach with humility. This is the case with the tax collector in today’s gospel. Unlike the Pharisee, who “blows his own horn” ad nauseam, the tax collector approaches God with such humility that he can’t even bring himself to raise his eyes heavenward. All he does, in approaching the Almighty, is offer what has become known as “The Sinner’s Prayer”: “O God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Lk 18:13). This approach would be well imitated by me and you, for it is in humility that we are to reach out to God. In return, God casts His gaze on us and with the love of a parent who knows our needs (even before we do), gives us what we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

St. Paul speaks to this reality, of realizing that everything we have from God is a gift. Paul speaks in terms of being awarded a “crown of righteousness” (2 Tim 4:8) for having “kept the faith” (2 Tim 4:7). For his part, Paul allows himself to be “poured out like a libation” (2 Tim 4:6); in other words, Paul allows God to work through him to achieve the goal of spreading the gospel. Paul, through conversion, has come to see God as a “just judge” (2 Tim 4:8). He realizes that he will be judged, but it will be done so on how he has lived his life overall, not just the times before his conversion. Each one of us, for our part, must come to a point of conversion. If we are there, let us keep our hearts focused on God and Kingdom; if we are not there, let us not waste a moment to “put our house in order”.

May we know God’s love for us. May we know that God is at work in our lives, bringing us to conversion and helping us to deepen our relationship with Him. May we never fail to approach God for those things we need, but let us do so with humility. May we always be open to receiving those gifts from God that help us grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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, November 6th at 7 PM.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Learn how to be humble in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 17-19, 2020 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.



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.

SAINT ANN — COMING UP

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

Bags will be passed at Mass the weekend of
November 2 & 3

Food will be collected the following weekend
November 9 & 10

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Kick off — the weekend of
December 7 & 8.

More information to follow.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, October 26, 2019
1—3 PM
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

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
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
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

Saint John's Ministry Fair

November 9th and 10th

In the Chapel after each Mass

Please come and join all the people working in a Ministry for Saint John's. Learn about what is available for you to use your time and talents to do God's work at our parish making Saint John's an even stronger faith community. A parish is only as strong as it's parishioners' commitment to that parish.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that “where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst” (MT 18:20). In that same way, when we gather to minister to God's people, Jesus is there with us.

Each ministry will be represented with someone who can tell you the mission of the ministry and answer any questions that you might have regarding that ministry.



October is the month of the Rosary — No one takes that more seriously than Maryann Boyle who heard the call to make rosaries in 2002 from watching the “Mother Angelica Live” tv program. Maryann called Rose Penney and they gathered up a few more friends, Jean Berrigan, Ginny Connell, Claire Vass, Theresa Shuman (rip) and Tina Masciarelli (rip) and formed the East Bridgewater division of Our Lady's Rosary Makers. The group has grown over the last 18 years including Helen Bomar, Charles Davis, Kay Levasko, Roxanne Caputo, Ann Bortelotta, Sheila McLaughlin, Pat Bernardinelli, and Tina Masciarelli. They have been able to make **63,000** sets of rosary beads that have been sent all over the world. These ladies are going strong — doing God's work. **BRAVO**

Remember to pray the Rosary this month.

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, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Training for the Race

If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready.

Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race.

The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. Outside those doors, the race is on!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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 27: Thirtieth-Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, the tax collector's prayer allows God to be God and so allows God to pour mercy into his heart. When we pray and give alms to the poor, we allow God's mercy to be poured into their hearts.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS:

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

WEDNESDAY 6 - 7 PM CLASSES

& 9TH GRADE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.

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

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



**NOVEMBER
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2019**

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 #).

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

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