



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 November 3, 2019  
 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### 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

#### Saturday, November 9, 2019

4:00 - Patricia & Lucy Baldassarre — Mem.

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Ruth & Allan Windsor — Memorial

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#### 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

#### Saturday, November 9, 2019

4:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Oriola — Memorial

#### Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:30 - Ann-Marie Clougherty — Month's Mind

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Monday, November 11, 2019

9:00 - Elizabeth & George Smith — Memorial



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  
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, 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,



This past week our neighborhoods were filled with ghosts and goblins (not to mention soldiers, cowboys, princesses and super heroes!), all in the hopes of receiving treats from folks willing to participate in the time-honored traditions of Halloween (or unwilling to have “tricks” put upon them!). I can remember in my younger days this being a special night, one ripe with eager anticipation of obtaining goodies from neighbors and friends. As we get older, however, our desire for “treats” doesn’t lessen but, perhaps, is tempered by a desire for richer and more lasting blessings.

In today’s gospel, Zacchaeus is desirous of just catching a glimpse of Jesus as He passes through Jericho (with no intention of stopping). He has no doubt heard about Jesus and perhaps will feel blessed by just looking at Jesus (who wouldn’t?). As Jesus passes through, Zacchaeus cannot see Him; the “vertically challenged” man goes to the length of climbing a sycamore tree in the hopes of just seeing Jesus pass by on His way. Little did the tax collector (or anyone else, for that matter) know that Jesus would “single out” Zacchaeus, with the ultimate intention of breaking bread with him. What is striking to many is the wording which Jesus uses in speaking to Zacchaeus, telling him that “today I *must* stay at your house” (Lk 19:5; italics added). Jesus doesn’t just *want* to visit with Zacchaeus; it is *imperative* that he does so. Jesus knows who Zacchaeus is, and how he is viewed, as a tax collector. This should not come as a surprise who knows the movements of Jesus. Time and time again, Jesus has stated that He has come to seek out the sinner, those who have lost their way.

This should be good news for us. There are times, no doubt, that we feel like Zacchaeus. Imagine how we would feel if Jesus insisted on staying at our house. Hopefully, we would react like Zacchaeus, and receive the Lord with great joy. We might, at first, react like the crowd and wonder why Jesus would want to stay with me, a sinner. It is this unworthiness that we must constantly combat in our spiritual lives. Whenever I speak with our Eucharistic Ministers, a wonderful group of men and women, dedicated to bring Our Lord to the people (both mobile (churchgoers, that is) and those bound to home, hospital and long-term care facilities) I mention that one of the “hurdles” which we must overcome in undertaking this ministry is our feeling of “unworthiness”. I seek to reassure them that **none of us** (myself included) are worthy of this ministry; it is only the grace of God which makes us worthy of such an important ministry. May we, like Zacchaeus, receive the Lord joyfully. May we overcome any feeling of unworthiness by accepting, humbly, the grace which Our Lord affords us by coming to us in Word and Sacrament. May we have the courage to share this presence with all whom we meet!

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	\$ 5,333
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 5,333
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.				

#### *SOMETHING TO PRAY 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.

\*November 3—9th is National Vocations Week!!\*

Please join us in praying in special ways this week for vocations. Cards will be available at the church doors — please take them home and add this “Family Prayer for Vocation” to your daily prayer life. And PLEASE join us on Saturday 11/9 at noon at St Ann’s when we will come together to pray a special Rosary for Vocations.

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

### The Life of Our Parishes

**The “Life of Our Parishes” will be featured each week. It’s purpose is to highlight the various ministries within the parishes in the hopes that you will find one where your talents could be utilized for the advancement of our parishes. A parish is only as strong as it’s parishioners’ commitment to that parish.**

**We have enough ministries for every age, and every level of family commitment. If you have an idea for an additional ministry, we would love to hear about it.**

**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.**

**What have you done for God lately? Is he calling you and you are not listening?**



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.**



## 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.**

#### 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://wwwmema.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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please join us for a

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

November 24th

At 7 PM — At Saint Ann's



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle  
Saturday, November 30, 2019  
1—3 PM  
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each 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.

**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**

**November 3: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

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.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The Enthusiastic Steward**

Have you ever been at a concert and rushed the stage to get closer to your favorite act? Has your favorite sports team won a championship, and you just wanted to celebrate for hours? For those of us who are parents, have you ever gone to great lengths to get the perfect photo at a first Communion, graduation, or some other ceremony in which your child was involved?

When moments in our life are filled with enthusiasm, we can find ourselves overwhelmed and doing things we might not normally do. I bet Zacchaeus didn't have a regular habit of climbing trees. However, he climbed one so he could see Jesus more clearly. His enthusiasm led him up a tree, an action he probably would not normally do.

Following Jesus Christ is not easy in this world of ours. Trying to do it without feeling any enthusiasm makes it doubly difficult. Enthusiasm is something that can be grown, but we must be the ones who foster it. When we see the fruits of our stewardship, enthusiasm grows. When we spend time in prayer and in God's Word getting to know Jesus better, enthusiasm grows. When we work to make Jesus the most important person in our life, enthusiasm grows. If we find ourselves too often with our feet on the ground and growing in apathy, perhaps it is time to do what it takes to bring on that desire to climb a tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

**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

**HELP**

**WANTED**

**CLEANING TEAMS FOR SAINT JOHN**

**PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE AT THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP.**

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK THE CLOCKS**



**NOVEMBER 3rd 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](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

*Post on Fridge*

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

