



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



*November 4, 2018
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*" Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward will be
great in heaven. "*
- Mt 5:12a



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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, November 3, 2018

4:00 - Robert Gale — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:00 - Bob Solakoff — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 - East Bridgewater Police Department

10:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:00 - Louis & Mary Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Vincent & Concetta Colombo & Family

Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:00 - William King — Memorial

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:30 - Deceased Parishioners of Saint Ann's

10:30 - Rodger Furey — Memorial

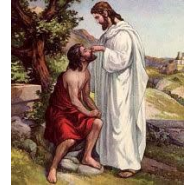
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Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is this decided?

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Priests joke about how transfers are decided. Answers range from “a huge dartboard in the chancery” to pick and win a parish. But managing personnel, especially now when numbers shift and the average age increases, is no easy task. Priests are moved for any number of reasons. The priest himself might want a change; or he may be looking for a different type or place of ministry. Special needs in one place might require particular talents and abilities. Perhaps the priest has acquired enough experience that he can manage a larger assignment. Family concerns, illness, or personal issues might require a change as well. Interestingly enough, these are many ways that a diocese may approach the process. Some have open placement where a priest interviews for a position, or in the case of a pastor, looks the parish over and then makes his interest known to the bishop. Other places use a committee to make recommendations on transfers. Others might post openings and allow the priest themselves to reach an agreement. Like any other institutions or businesses, moving personnel around is done to best suit the church and the priest.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Growing up in my neighborhood, there was THAT neighbor, which I suspect every neighborhood had. We had a neighbor who, perhaps because of his schedule or perhaps because of his own whims, decided that 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning was the perfect time to run the power washer, leaf blower, snow blower, or lawn mower (depending on the season). One particular Saturday morning, it seemed like the snow blower was louder than usual. I was just about to go out and “give him a piece of my mind” when, in looking outside, I noticed that he was snowblowing OUR driveway! I went out and asked him why, and his response both took me aback and cut me to the quick: he was doing it because he heard that my father (who always took it upon himself to start the shoveling) was sick and he thought he’d be neighborly and lend a hand. It gave me a different perspective about what a “neighbor” was, as well as what type of neighbor this gentleman was.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is asked which of the commandments was “first”. Now, mind you, in Jewish tradition, there are 613 commandments (and to think that we have trouble with ten, sometimes!), so to put one first was a tall order. If Jesus was to do this, He would be implying that this “first” commandment was the most important one. This was a trap, and Jesus knew it. Jesus knew that the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees were often trying to trap Him, and He never fell into any of these traps. In this case, Jesus avoids the trap by “synthesizing” the commandments into two: Love of God, Love of Neighbor. In regard to my story above, I often think that Love of God is far easier than Love of Neighbor, but that isn’t always the case. While it can be challenging to love our neighbor, loving God takes effort as well. Often times, God will do something or allow something that leaves us perplexed, amazed, and often times angry. We can’t always see into the mind and heart of God, and many times the “permissive will of God” (when God allows something to happen) that confuses, frustrates and angers us. It is in those times that the grace of “trust” is needed, trust that God knows what He is doing and that, ultimately, He is in charge. Even when we have that trust, that doesn’t mean that it is easy; it is often a hard won trust, coming over a period of time – sometimes months, or even years.

May we come to trust that God, who is in charge, knows what is best. May we come to trust that God has our best interest at heart. May we come to trust that, in the end, all will be well. May we look to God for all things, especially His mercy, His grace, and His love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

November 18, 2108 — Retired Religious Sisters

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available	10/21/18		10/21/18	
OFFERTORY		\$	\$3,680	\$	\$ 5,700
HOLY FATHER COLLECTION		\$		\$	
GRAND ANNUAL		\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

Friday, October 19, 2018

Good afternoon,

You may have heard news reports that the United States Justice Department has begun an investigation in Pennsylvania involving the abuse crisis and associated speculation that their activity may expand to the church in other states. We have not heard from anyone in the Justice Department regarding their interest in the Archdiocese of Boston. We cannot predict whether or not we will hear from them in the future.

Given the public attention to this we wanted to share some facts with you regarding our work with law enforcement agencies in the past.

The Archdiocese of Boston has undergone a more thorough investigation and review of its files and historical treatment of sexual abuse of minors by clergy than any other diocese in the United States.

For the past sixteen years we have worked in partnership with all levels of law enforcement; local, state and federal to maintain the highest levels of child protection. Outcomes of working in partnership include Agreements with both the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (2003) and the US Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts with regard to priests in federal and military service (2005). We continue to stand by both Agreements.

We report all allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy as a first step in every case. We implemented annual audits of the effectiveness of our policies and publish those results. We began disclosing the identity of publicly accused priests of the Archdiocese of Boston in 2011. It is important to note that there have been no new allegations of abuse occurring since 2006.

Also, as we recently announced, we have hired former U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern and others at his law firm to lead the review of our seminaries to meet the public's expected levels of transparency and accountability - and certainly with respect for the commitment by all those associated with our seminaries to the highest standards of integrity, respect and safety for our seminarians, faculty and staff.

As you all are aware, our recognition of the trauma of the heinous crimes committed by clergy makes the leaders of this Archdiocese committed to the survivors in many ways - none of which can ever erase the crimes of the past but seek to sincerely assist in their healing. The Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO) was established and funded in 2002 and each year approximately 300 survivors and, in some cases their family members, are served by the staff of OPSO including connecting and supporting their therapeutic relationships and other services ([OPSO link](#)).

Our commitment to survivors and all Catholics includes protection and prevention measures to keep all children safe. Since 2000, all clergy, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese of Boston - central administration, parishes and related agencies must submit to annual CORI checks (approximately 50,000 checks annually) and more than 100,000 adults have been trained in the Protecting God's Children Program.

The summary of this information is presented here to provide you with some of the facts that evidence the sincerity of our commitment to transparency, prevention and healing. There is always more work to do and we will continue with heartfelt anguish over the failures of the Church and with recognition that our anguish pales in comparison to the pain of the trauma of crimes experienced by survivors.

We hope this information is helpful to you in your ministry and in being able to answer any questions or concerns you may encounter.

Thank you.

For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.

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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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 has experienced some flooding in the basement of the Rectory. The Belolli Company has made

some adjustments and the situation has improved. More steps will be taken to resolve the problem.

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. A reporting of the money raised will be forthcoming.



More about the water issues at Saint Ann.

We seem to have solved the issues creating the flooded cellar at the Rectory. We are in the process of moving forward with the repairs necessary to correct that problem.

In the meantime, we noticed that we also have a problem with the down spouts of the church. We have

connected with the Belolli Co. who is working on the flooding issue to correct this problem, as well.

You know what that means \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. Your generosity is imperative!!!!!! Thank you in advance.

ALL SAINTS



Project Rachel Post - Abortion Healing Retreats (11/10)

“Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.”– A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Remaining fall dates are October 27 and November 10. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com



*Let's Give thanks this Thanksgiving.
Give to the less fortunate.*

Please bring in a can of vegetables or a can of soup for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th
NOVEMBER 18th



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.

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, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac & 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 Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM
 Sunday, November 11 — Shawl Meeting — 2 PM
 Wednesday November 14 — CWC meeting — 12:30
 Sunday, November 25 — Rosary — 10 AM
 Sunday, December 9 — Shawl Meeting — 2 PM
 Wednesday, December 12 — CWC Christmas Party — Noon

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please think to bring an extra something for the Food Pantry.



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 Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
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 East Bridgewater, MA 02333

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of 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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Saint John's has been trying to get the parking lot lined. We are still working on this project. We also have issues with the doors of the church that need to be addressed. These projects require money that we don't have. So we are installing a quarterly collection. This will be implemented this weekend.




31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOUR VOTE *Matters* ©LPI

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.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

-Amen

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



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann	Saint John
October 14	October 28
December 9	January 27
January 13	March 24
February 10	April 14
March 10	

In the month of November, the prayer to Saint Michael will be included in all the Masses.