



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*



*St. Ann & St. John
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017*

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Prayer for
FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,
let your Spirit be with us today.
Hear our prayers,
and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith
as we use the opportunities of our democracy
to shape a society more respectful
of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person,
especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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.

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 for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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 of the month 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

November 5, 2017—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00 — Donald Brems — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00 — Raymond R. Breton — 1st Anniversary

10:30 — Donald & Lorraine Kerrigan — Memorial

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:00 — Betty Cereci — Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:00 — Ed Giampeitro — Memorial

10:30 — Sandra Carigman — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00 — Mary & Louis Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:30 - N. Patricia Flynn — 6 Month Anniversary

10:30 - Arthur Rix — 21st Anniversary

Friday, November 10, 2017

9:00 — Jason Owens — Happy Birthday

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:00 - Elizabeth & George Smith — Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:30 - Elizabeth Jakubowska — Birthday

10:30 - Regina Calbone — 12th Anniversary

DEACON'S CORNER BY DEACON JOE

**In meditation
we find the
STRENGTH
to bring Christ
to birth in
OURSELVES
AND IN OTHERS.**

- ST. CHARLES BORROMEO



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I work with parents with regards to the children's religious education, I always caution them not to be the type who falls under the axiom, "do as I say, not as I do". I encourage them to lead by example, and to model a pattern of faith that is both active and engaging. If they attend Mass, pray regularly, and follow Christian principles through the Church's teaching, they not only "practice what they preach" but they also enrich their own lives. Finally, in saying all of this, I caution them not to be too hard on themselves. If they have been out of practice when it comes to these things, it may take a while to "get up to speed". I encourage them to take "baby steps" and not do too much, too soon. In all of this, I offer my own word of encouragement and support, letting them know that I am here for them in whatever way they need.

The scribes and Pharisees, the leaders and law givers of Jesus' day, are being called out in no uncertain terms here by Jesus. He is telling His disciples to "do as they say, not as they do". He is cautioning His disciples because the scribes and Pharisees are "talking the talk" but aren't "walking the walk"; their words and their actions are out of sync with one another. It is for this reason that Jesus tells them to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example" (Mt 23:3). Jesus often called them out for their hypocrisy, and He proceeds to tell His disciples the ways that they are not acting, speaking, and living in a way that is in accordance to the teachings of the Law. The primary way that Jesus led His disciples is by way of "servant leadership". Jesus came, He tells us, to serve and not be served. In this way, the "other" (the one being served) can then "pay it forward" by serving another. It is this type of leadership that is present in the ministry of Jesus, and it is the type that should be present in any ministry we perform in the Church. If we are called to engage ourselves in a ministry (that was either placed upon our hearts by God or called forth by one in the Church), then we should do so with an eye towards what we can do for others, not what others can do for us or what we can get out of it.

There is "but one teacher...one Father...one master" (Mt 23:8-10); we, for our part, are students...children, and servants of that One. It is God who calls us to relationship and to service. May we have the courage to enter into that relationship with full and open hearts. May we have the courage to enter into service with an eye towards the other, especially the poor, marginalized, and downtrodden. May we know God's love, and share it with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week * Campaign for Human Development

Next week * SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION — ST. JOHN - ELECTRICAL NEEDS, ST. ANN - WATER ISSUES IN THE RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSROOMS

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 10/1 - 10/7	St. Ann's	St. John's	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/29-17	10/29/17	
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,195	\$3,720	
*On-Line		662	
*Mail-ins			\$7,577
MONIES FOR PRIOR WEEKS WILL BE REPORTED IN THE BULLETIN OF NOV 12 .			
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH		\$1,743	
TOTAL	\$3,195	\$4,382	\$7,577



A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of marriage and family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.

Amen

**St John's Catholic Women's Club
8th Annual Craft Fair
Saturday, November 25th -
9 am to 2 pm
In the Church Hall**



The signs are out — the ads are written, calls are being made, time to sign up for the Craft Fair.

If anyone would like to make gift baskets for the raffles, we welcome your talents. Also help is needed sorting our the treasures for the Attic.

Large donations can be brought to the barn, not the garage the week of November 20,

Smaller items can be left on the stage for sorting.

Thank you & God Bless

Call Mary Ann Boyle, 508=378-4704.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FRI., NOVEMBER 10TH

1:00—6:00 pm

American Red Cross

SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER



Parish and Youth Ministry

Our mission is to offer resources that support, build community, and demonstrate love, so that each of us can strengthen the roots of our faith, our families, our friendships, and our Parishes.

Parish Advent Mission

December 3rd-4th

We are thrilled to introduce Jaymie Stewart Wolf who will be walking with us along our Advent Parish Mission. Watch for full details on our websites.

Jaymie Stewart Wolfe welcome message on her website: Loaves and Fishes:

"You feed them." Luke 9:13

I am a Catholic convert and lay evangelist sharing faith in Jesus Christ through both word and song. Drawing from the riches of Scripture and Tradition, my purpose is to echo God's call to holiness, and help others answer it in authentic discipleship.

Through Loaves and Fishes Ministry, I hope to inspire others to seek and recognize God's Presence in their daily lives. I undertake all I do in the Name of Jesus Christ, for His glory, and in union with what the Holy Spirit has revealed through the teachings of the Catholic Church. I trust in the prayers of Mary—Loom of the Incarnation, Help of Christians, and Undoer of Knots—to guide each one of us to her Son.



Calendar

- 11/9: Ultreya @ 7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Pasta with the Pastor from 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Youth Committee Meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Family Night from 7:00-9:00 at St. John
- 11/17: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 am at St. Ann
- 11/19: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann
- 11/26: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 at St. John
- 11/30: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm at St. John.
- 12/1: Church Dinner from 5:30-6:30 at St. Ann's Hall followed by Adoration and Confession

Contact US:

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Mary Statue Program

Families or individuals may sign-up to take Mary home for a week and pray with her. Mary comes with prayer suggestions and Rosary beads.

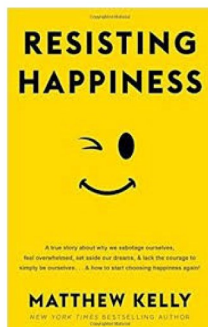


It's not too late to join!

"Discover how to recognize and conquer resistance in your life so you can become the-best-version-of-yourself and experience true happiness."

Cost of Book: \$3.00

Contact Nancy to join our book club!



Christmas Pageant

Children of all ages are welcome and our teens are welcome to help our little ones on stage. This year our Pageant will be presented as the kick-off to our Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, December 3rd after the Family Mass at St. John.

* Our Collaborative is blessed to have two Pageants. Please see the bulletin for details on St. Ann's Pageant



Ultreya

The word 'ultreya' is a Spanish word meaning 'onward', or 'let's go'. It is a cry of encouragement for Cursillistas to persevere on their Fourth Day journey. We come to an Ultreya to share our Christian walk with each other. Ultreya is the coming together of the Cursillo community to share their piety, study, and action with each other.

Join us on the second Thursday of every month at St. John beginning at 7:00 pm.

Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above)

The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory: will now be displayed on the Collaborative page.

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry would be people from the parish who would be willing to meet with people who just lost loved one and are planning their funeral.

The Bereavement Ministry offers these people a source of solice and support. Many times the loved ones have fallen away from the Church and do not know how to plan the Funeral Mass. Our job is to gently guide them through this process and offer any comfort while doing so.

If you are interested in offering your service in this way, please contact Arlene Stefano at the Rectory. 508-568-4880



NOVEMBER 5TH — DON'T FORGET

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help.

Each year we provide clothing and toys to children age 16 and younger in needy families. The families must meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, or email her, linda@santry.org.

All information is kept in strict confidence.



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.

Programs for your enjoyment!

Bible Study — Monday evenings — 7 PM — St John's — lead by Deacon Joe.

Adoration — Tuesday Evenings — 7 PM — St. John's

All are welcome.

MOVING FORWARD

As you know, St. Ann's is now involved in the Increased Offertory Campaign, an increased giving campaign our parish.

In recent weeks our parish has been preparing for the Program by recruiting volunteer leadership, updating parish records and producing program materials. Soon all members of St. Ann Parish will be invited to participate in the Increased Offertory Campaign. We hope you will respond positively and with generosity.

In the coming weeks you will receive a letter from Father Ring describing the Increased Offertory Campaign and how our parish will benefit. It is an opportunity for all of us to take an active role in the growth and stabilization of our parish and for each parishioner to practice the principle of stewardship — giving back a portion of our blessings to God.

On November 19th, each parishioner will be asked to make a commitment to evaluate and increase — if they are able — what they give to the parish's weekly offertory collections. Please pray



a **Stewardship Link:** 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."



STAY TUNED, MORE FORMATION TO COME.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, Bob Solakof, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto & The residents of SACHEM & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!
Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director for details.

"The Pastoral Plan Writing Team (consisting of both staff and parishioners of both parishes) has been meeting regularly since this summer and is hard at work formulating a "Local Pastoral Plan". This "Plan", which is reflective of our needs, goals, and desires as the "Together in Christ Collaborative", has been using the results from the Disciple Maker Index survey that our communities participated in this past winter, and has proven to be an invaluable resource in this work. We hope to bring forward a "Vision Statement" soon, which will "set the tone" for our ongoing work here in the Collaborative. Your prayers, good wishes, and input are all greatly sought and appreciated."

Anyone needing VIRTUS TRAINING to continue their ministry with any program involving children at Saint Ann's or Saint John's should attend the training scheduled for:

**TUES. NOVEMBER 14TH @ 7 PM
IN SAINT JOHN'S HALL**

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference



In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

As we approach the holiday season your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help your neighbors here in East Bridgewater. Please pray for those neighbors, many who have no one to pray for them.

We are here to help with food and other assistance! Please call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.**

GRAND ANNUAL IN-PEW PLEDGE CAMPAIGN TO TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH

My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old story about a pastor who needs to raise money for a new roof. He tells his congregation that, "I have bad news, good news, and bad news". "The bad news", he says, "is that we need a new roof." "The good news", he continues, "is that we have all the money we need". "The bad news", he concludes, "is that it's in your pockets". A little humor to convey an important truth about stewardship and sacrificial giving.

It is in this spirit that I come to you to ask for your help in this year's Grand Annual Collection. This collection is vital to the fiscal health of St. John's Parish, as there is really no significant fundraising income. This year I, along with our Parish Finance Council and Jackie Buccigross (our Finance and Operations Manager), have set a goal of \$32,000. Last year we raised over \$31,000 (which was down from last year, but this is a new year!), so I am confident that, through the hard work of every family here at St. John's, and a contribution of \$250 per family, we can reach this goal. I am painfully aware of the condition of our present economy. In asking for this offering, I do so fully cognizant that not everyone can fulfill this request I make of you. I believe, however, that you will do what you can, to the degree you can, to help us make this goal. My confidence in coming to you with this request isn't just some "pie in the sky wish"; it is based on the historical generosity which you have exhibited in recent past history, evidenced in the increased giving to the Grand Annual over the last three years.

You can make your donation in either one payment or over several weeks. You may use one of the envelopes found at the usher's table (in the church). You also have the option of an "online" donation; simply consult the user's guide found on the parish website (www.stjohneb.org) or call Debbie at the Parish Office and she will walk you through the process. The money collected from the Grand Annual Collection will be used to keep the budget in balance and if possible for some improvements to the physical plant. One "dream project", for but one example, is painting the exterior of our church which serves as a beacon of hope for so many in our community!

As you prayerfully consider making this "free-will offering", as I like to call it, let us all remember that St. John's is our "second home", a place of peace and refuge from a world of challenge and chaos. We have over 1200 people who worship with us, who come to St. John's to find "food for the journey" in both Word and Sacrament. We have a vibrant Religious Education program, a faith-filled Vacation Bible School, and a lively Parish and Family Ministry (with a variety of programs offered each month!), leading our people - of all ages - to a deepened faith. We have a dedicated staff and corps of volunteers who keep us moving forward towards the Kingdom. From our Religious Education Catechists, to St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, to the Catholic Women's Club of East Bridgewater, to our Parish and Youth Ministry Leadership Teams, to our Sacramental Ministers, we have people of every generation assisting us in this endeavor. It is in this spirit that I ask for your contribution to our Grand Annual Collection. Please be assured of my prayers for you and yours as you continue to worship, walk and pray with us, now and into the future. Asking God's continued blessings I am, and remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul

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