

L.O.O.P

The Life of Our Parish

October 14th, 2016

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry

Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable, masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

Spotlight: Pancakes with the Pastor

Sunday, October 23rd
9:00-10:00 am
St. John Parish Hall

Topic: Personal Call to Discipleship in our Collaborative



No matter our age, we are all in need to grow in our understanding of our Faith.

All are welcome to join Fr. Paul for breakfast. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole community to dig deeper in their understanding of our faith.

Each month will have a different theme.

We will have coloring pages for the little ones but this opportunity is perfect for all!

Lift Ministry is Coming to our

Youth Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday,
October 15th



After the 4:00 pm Mass
in the Parish Hall at St. John's

Our Youth Leadership Team is uniquely made up of all ages that are excited and willing to take an active part in our Ministry. Youth of all ages are welcome to join us to have a voice in planning our upcoming events and programs!

Harvest Pancake Breakfast

Join us in this fall
celebration of our new
Collaboration!

Collaborative!

**Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm
at St. John Parish**

Are you wondering what Lift is all about? Watch this video to learn more. Please mark your calendar because this is night your whole family will love!



Adoration



Witness



Music

**Sunday, October 16th:
from 7:00 am -12:00 pm**



**at St. Ann's Parish Center
Freewill Offering**

**When meeting with St. Ann
Parishioners, a Pancake
Breakfast was one of the
most requested ideas!**

St. John Calendar

[Click for St. John's Parish Calendar](#)

St. Ann Calendar

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Program Booklet

Our 2016-2017
Program Booklets are ready!
Click on the link or get your hard copy at the
back of each Parish

[Parish and Youth Ministry Program Booklet](#)

The Love of Christ in a Priest's Heart

Please enjoy this four minute insight into
Fr. Paul's call to Priesthood.



Fun Friday- Spooky Halloween Fun!



**Saturday, October 23rd
6:30-9:00
St. Ann Parish Hall**

This was one of our favorite events last year!

Please join us for our Halloween Party that is being planned by our Youth Leadership Team. (This month is being held on Saturday so that everyone can enjoy the Football game.) This month's celebration will include a Halloween Spooky Theme.

We will have crafts, games, music and tacos for all ages. The little ones are welcome to come in costume. If you have ideas for games or crafts you would like to be included, please let me know.

It would be helpful to have an idea of how many are coming so that we can plan accordingly but all are welcome. Please email me at nhenn71@hotmail.com.

There is no admission charge but we will have a basket for goodwill donations to help us build our Ministry budget to eventually allow us to offer these events at no cost.

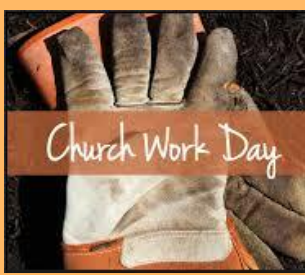
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

You do not have to be member of St. John's Parish or St. Ann to attend. Bring friends!!

Watch Facebook for more event details. It is possible the night will include Trunk or Treat hosted by the West Bridgewater Lions Club.

**Rain Postponed our Clean-up
Service Saturday
Prayer Garden Clean-up**

**Saturday, October 15th
8:00-11:00 am**



Eagle Scout, Jon Hamilton did a great job laying the foundation for a wonderful sitting area in the backyard of St. John. The area needs some addition work this fall and in the spring to be completed. We are so blessed to have Paul Meehan of Sequoia Landscapers acting as Project Manager for us. Eventually, using materials already on the

property we hope to make a path from the Rectory Driveway to the Garden and add a Fire Pit for summer fun. But for now there is more clearing and cleaning that needs to be done this fall.

We are asking for 20-30 volunteers to help! Please bring a rake, gloves or any other helpful tools you have. Come for an hour, two or the whole morning.

We are also very grateful to Melinda LaCourse and her Girl Scout Troop for offering to work on the garden outside the Rectory Garage.

Special Youth Events

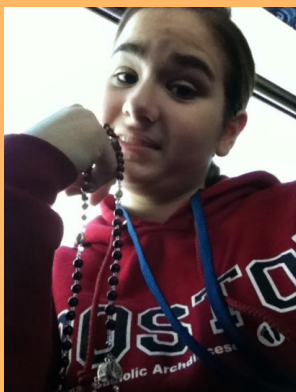
March for Life

St. John and St. Ann Parish and Youth Ministry is proud to offer the life changing opportunity to join the March for Life 2017



Middle School Track High School Track
Young Adult Track Family Track Chaperons Needed

Thursday, January 26th -Saturday, January 28th
Washington DC



"I attended Witness to Life in January of 2013, the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and the March for Life was a life changing experience for me. I used to hold the personal believe that 'abortion is wrong, but who am I to say that it was wrong for someone else.' It's a topic I did not want to think about, but by closing the door to a conversation that is difficult, you also close the door to understanding. Not just understanding what abortion is exactly, but also an empathetic understanding to why it exists." "There are lots of reasons to why we march, but I march to remember the one quarter of MY generation that are only known to God."

Libby Connell, age 21

Founding Young Adult Member of our Parish and Youth Ministry, 2014 Graduate of East Bridgewater High School, (2) Year Member of our Mission Team

So why do we march?

- We march to remember the 57 million lives of little girls and boys that have been lost to abortion

- We march to demand legislative action to protect every life.
- We march to revive a culture of life across our country.
- We march to share the truth that abortion harms women physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- We march to share the truth that there is hope and healing after abortion.
- We march because each and every life is a gift.
- We march to be a voice for the voiceless.

\$300

Includes Coach Bus, Lodging (Quad Room) and Expenses

\$75 Deposit due by November 1st

The Archdiocese of Boston has scholarships available. Please speak with Fr. Paul or I by October 27 in order to meet the November 1st deadline.



Our vision is a world where every human life is valued and protected.



PJ Anderson, Catholic Musician and Inspiration Speaker



January 6th-8th 2017

"He can write songs that touch those places deep down in your heart where joy and pain reside in harmony. His heartfelt lyrics strike a chord and draw out those emotions that are waiting to be uncovered. His worship opens hearts to the love of the Lord, and helps every worshipper enter into the presence of God.

PJ learned to play guitar from a nun, Sister Charita, in 5th grade. He landed a role in the high school musical, Grease and started a band in college that opened up doors to writing his own songs. After college, he was a Youth Minister and played in worship bands until he made the move from Chicago to Nashville. PJ now travels the country inspiring youth, playing concerts, leading worship at conferences and retreats, and encouraging youth through his prayerful form of worship. Most notable, PJ has led music at Mega Workshops at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in 2015 and 2013 as well as leading worship at Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) for the past 6 summers. He also headlined the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC for 30,000 youth in 2016."

PJ has become a dear friend of the Parish and Youth Ministry. The Anderson Family's Faith is a very special example of how important making time for our faiths is to our families. Our weekend with PJ will include opportunities for all of our Parishioners to journey along their

own faith path with their entire family.

Friday, January 6th @ 7:00 pm
A Night of Music, Praise and Worship for all



Saturday, January 7th - Sunday, January 8th
A weekend of Retreat from 3:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Cost: \$75 (includes three meals, accommodations, and retreat) La Salette Retreat Center, Attleboro. Our High School Students and College Students will have the opportunity to participate in an overnight faith experience.

We will be hosting an unforgettable retreat weekend filled with faith, fellowship, time for personal prayer and reflection, recreation and games, relationship-building, great talks, small and large group sharing, ample opportunity to receive the sacraments- mass, reconciliation, and adoration, formation and leadership training, great food, some solid leisure time, and who knows maybe even a talent show or two - all in all its going to be EPIC. And we want YOU to join us! The retreat is open for anyone and everyone in High School and we will have a second track for College and Young Adults.



4th Annual Mission Trip



Catholic Heart Work Camp
Announcing a new location:
Richmond, Virginia
June 24th- July 1st

Back by popular demand: We will be traveling by Amtrak Train!
Our Mission Trip is open to all students entering 9th Grade in the fall of 2017 and up.

Cost: \$630

This cost includes accommodations, travel arrangement to Richmond and during the week of service, food and program costs. This amount is based on the cost of the train tickets as of September 25th. The cost may change. Each year we actively fundraise to cover some of this cost. Refunds will be issued one week before the trip. Fr. Paul and I feel very strongly that cost should never be the reason someone does not attend. There are many arrangements that can be made, please speak with either one of us.

A deposit of \$90 is required to reserve your spot.

We accept cash, checks (made payable to St. John) or credit or debit cards. We ask families to make monthly payments and total payment is due by March 29th. Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like to invite. All participants will be required to fill out all paperwork, including our Commitment form to the Mission Team.

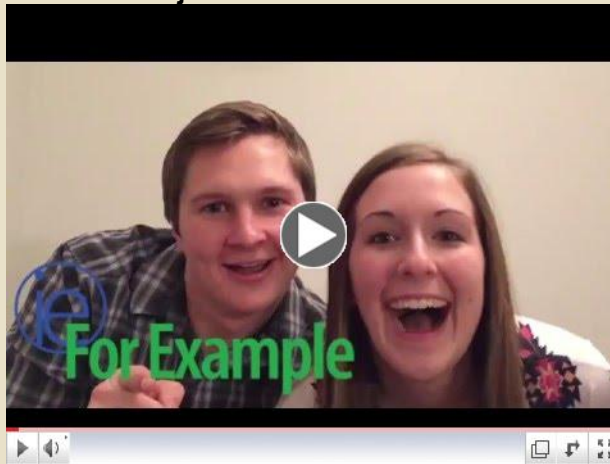
If you any questions or concerns or to reserve your spot, please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com. We also have two Young Adults who worked on staff of Catholic Heart Work Camp and three mission teams that would be happy to speak with you about their experience. This is a wonderful week of faith, service and fun!



Here is our flyer to share with friends. Spots are limited, so sign up early!

[Flyer for Mission Trip](#)

Here are the top 5 Reasons to join us from two of the staff members we have met!



We need you to be part of our team!

Volunteers Needed

Please note that in order to volunteer for any Parish events at either St. Ann or St John, volunteers must complete a Cori and attend a Virtus Training. (A Cori form needs to be completed every year, but the Virtus Training only needs to be attended once.)



- Pancakes with the Pastor at St. John-- we need 5 people to prepare and serve the pancake breakfast. (4th Sunday of each month)
- Auction Committee- we are planning a major fundraiser for the Spring. Many hands are needed to make this a success. (ongoing until Spring)
- Reboot Live Training Committee- Real-Life Catholic offers six months of training to prepare for Chris Stefanick's arrival in May. They would like this event to be transforming for our Parish and not just a two hour witness talk. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith. (Once a month meeting for 6 months)

To learn more about any of these opportunities, email Nancy at nhenn71@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Cursillo- Is God Calling you to this Special Weekend?

There is no substitute for the personal witness from one of our Parishioners but here is a wonderful explanation of what Cursillo is from the National Committee.



What is a Cursillo?

The Cursillo Season is about to start. Consider giving yourself a wonderful gift this fall by taking a few days to explore your Christian Faith at one of the beautiful locations for this special weekend.

Cursillo: Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning a short course. It is an abbreviated form of Cursillo de Cristiandad (short course to prepare Christians). It is not a theoretical course, nor is it a retreat. It is first and foremost an experience. It must be lived. It is a life-changing experience, which brings with it the discovery of the basis of Christianity and its fundamental significance to our lives. To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo is at best, difficult. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special / unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo Retreats are held in several locations including locally at the Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton. We encourage anyone twenty one years or older to contact Fr. Paul or Nancy Smith to learn more about these amazing weekends. There are several parishioners that have lived their Cursillo, including Fr. Paul and Nancy, that would be happy to explain these beautiful weekends. While Cursillo Retreats follow the same general format each location offers slight differences which offers choices for you. We are blessed to have a Parishioners that lived their weekends at any one of these locations.

Click on any of these link to go directly to each site to learn more or contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information.

Easton: [Holy Cross Retreat House](#)

Weston: [Boston Cursillo](#)

Metheun: [St Basil](#)

News from our Parishes

Disciples in Mission



Disciples in Mission
Archdiocese of Boston

All parishioners are encouraged and invited to take part in the training offered by the Archdiocese of Boston to learn more about the New Evangelization. This is a wonderful way to take an active role in the Collaboration Process. This training will offer an insight into the blue print we will be following as we work together over the coming months.

The Basics

Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or two-evening session that will support all those involved in a Collaborative to develop a common language and skill set for the work of the New Evangelization. During the session, participants will learn how to share personal testimony and form disciples, develop an understanding of what makes evangelizing parishes, and discuss practical ways to evangelize in parish life.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday & Thursday, November 16 & 17, 5:30pm-9pm (dinner included) Resurrection Parish, Hingham

Click on this link to learn more.

[Visit the website for more information](#)

Parish Ministries Need Your Support



What Gifts is God Calling Your Heart to Share?

Both St. John and St. Ann are in desperate need of Parishioners of all ages to volunteer for our various Ministries. Each one of us has the ability to help grow our Ministries, no matter our age. Please don't feel like you don't have the talent or faith deep enough to volunteer for one or several of our Ministries. Training and Support is offered for all positions. If you are unsure what would be a "good fit" speak with Fr. Paul or Fr. Mike to help discern your calling.

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lectors
- Adult Choir Members
- Children's Choir Members
- Mass Ushers and Greeters
- Collection Counters
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Religious Education Volunteers
- Bereavement Team Members
- Catholic Women's Club
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Family Life Ministry
- Church Cleaners
- and more!

Please contact Debbie at St. John's Rectory at 508-378-4207 or Arlene at St. Ann's Rectory at 508-586-4880. They will direct you to our Deacons, Staff Members or volunteers in charge of a specific

Our Faith Family



**Where are you on your faith journey?
We are here to welcome you!**

Has it been a while since you have participated in your faith or are you are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about our faith?

You are welcome in our Parish!

We also have programs if you are a baptized adult who has not yet completed preparation for Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Please contact us to learn more about our Faith and our Parish.

Our doors are open to all no matter where you are on your faith journey.

St. Ann's Rectory

508-586-4880

St. John's Rectory

508-378-4207

Weekend Mass Times

St Ann

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

St. John

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

St. John

Monday-Friday @ 9:00 am

St. Ann

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
@ 9:00 am

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Join Our Mailing List

Please visit both web-sites to learn more about what is going on in our Parish Community!

[Visit St. John's Website](#)

[Visit St. Ann's Website](#)

The Parish and Youth Ministry is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ann and St. John. Programs will be offered at both St. Ann's Parish and St. John's Parish and will be open to all. As our new Collaborative Ministry grows more activities and events will be added and the location of current events may change.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or ideas! The Ministry will only grow and flourish with your involvement.