

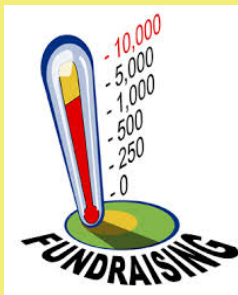
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The Life of Our Parish

October 7th, 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.



Our Sincere Thanks!

Fr. Paul and I would like to thank-you for your financial support last weekend with the second collection. Between the two parishes almost \$2,500 was collected. This is a wonderful start towards our estimated goal of \$20,000. The Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry is funded by donations, fundraisers and registration costs of the programs. Neither Parish has room in the Parish Operating Budget to support this wonderful Ministry. We can only continue to offer these programs with your participation, prayers, and financial support.



Blessing of the Animals in Honor of St. Francis will take place
with Fr. Paul and Nellie on Saturday, October 8th at Noon
at St. John's Parking lot
210 Central Street, East Bridgewater.
All animals are welcome!



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!

St. John Calendar

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

St. Ann Calendar

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

Paint Night Fundraiser

**Ultreya: Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 pm
St. John Chapel
Mass and Group Sharing**



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; and in so doing, we each come away renewed in our quest to 'walk the talk'. Simply put, an Ultreya is the coming together of the Cursillo community to share their piety, study, and action with each other. We are so excited to be hosting a local Ultreya at our Parishes! All Cursillistas are welcome!

Volunteers Needed

Registration on Wednesday
October 12th between 6:00-7:00 pm
St. Ann Parish Hall



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.)

- Harvest Breakfast at St. Ann- we need a team of volunteers throughout the morning to cook, serve and clean. (Oct 16th- 6:00 am-1:00 pm)
- 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)



**Wednesday
October 12th at 7:00 pm
St. Ann Parish Hall
103 North Main Street, West
Bridgewater
\$25.00
Wood Craft**

Join our Host Jackie Lydon for this fun fall craft!

Please RSVP so that we can have enough supplies to
nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490.

We accept cash, checks or credit/debit cards.

Harvest Pancake Breakfast

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



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

The Love of Christ in a Priest's Heart

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

To learn more about any of these opportunities, please stop by next Wednesday or email Nancy at nhenn71@hotmail.com.

Pancakes with the Pastor

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



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

Each month will have a different theme.

Example:

What is the significance of the Vestments a Priest wears at Mass?

Why do I need to bless myself coming in to the Church? and one month will feature your questions.

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

Contact Us

Nancy Smith
Director of Parish and Youth Ministry for the Collaborative
508-838-8490
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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.



Join Our Mailing List

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](#)

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](#)

Lift Ministry is Coming to our 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!



Lift Ministry



We have been on the waiting list for two years and we are so excited to bring Lift Ministries to St. John and St. Ann.

Lift Ministry is a great night of Praise and Worship for all members of your family! The night will include music, adoration, a speaker, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of

Confession. The event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston and will be open to anyone that would like to join us.

Our speaker will be: Dave VanVickle



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.

Upcoming Cursillo

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](#)

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 Catholi



c 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!

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 Ministry.

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 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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[St Ann Website](#)
[St John Website](#)

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

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