



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*June 23, 2019  
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*



**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

THEN TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN,  
HE SAID THE BLESSING OVER THEM, BROKE THEM, AND GAVE THEM TO THE  
DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE CROWD. THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED.  
AND WHEN THE LEFTOVER FRAGMENTS WERE PICKED UP, THEY  
FILLED TWELVE WICKER BASKETS. – LK 9:16-17

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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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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., September—March

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, September—March

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.

9:00 a.m.

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## 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 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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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**  
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Saturday, June 22, 2019  
 4:00 - Fay and McCarthy Families — Memorial  
Sunday, June 23, 2019  
 8:00 - Parishioners of St. John  
 10:30 - Robert Levine — Memorial  
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
 4:00 - Thomas J. O’Day III — 3rd Anniversary  
Sunday, June 30, 2019  
 8:00 - Manuel Luz — 24th Anniversary  
 10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**  
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Saturday, June 22, 2019  
 4:00 - Gert O’Keefe — 1st Anniversary  
Sunday, June 23, 2019  
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
 10:30 - Brian Spillane — Birthday Remembrance  
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
 4:00 - Jim & Mary Fitzgerald — Memorial  
Sunday, June 30, 2019  
 8:30 - Lyndsay Pellegrino — Birthday Remem.  
 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**La Salette Retreat Center**

Sunday, July 14, 2019

**Balancing Prayer and Work:  
 Dancing the Delicate Dance**

Presenter: Michael Boover

Many of us seek to live a life that balances leisure and labor but are hard-pressed to actually do so. This retreat invites participants to explore the “ins and outs” of the spiritual life by opening to inner and outer movements that may prove helpful and hopeful in the daily round of faith. Participants will be invited to integrate needed contemplation with blessed activism in their particular life circumstances.

**9:15 am – 4:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)**  
**Lunch and Mass included in the program.**  
**Suggested Donation: \$45 per person**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we in the Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is appropriate that we celebrate this feast on a Sunday. For many years, it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (which was this Sunday, past). Because it is not a Holy Day of Obligation here in the United States, it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This was done so that the faithful could develop and grow a deeper appreciation of, and devotion to, the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC, 1324). It is also seen by the Church as “the efficacious sign of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being” (CCC, 1325). In a nutshell, it is what we are all about in the Church and world. It is, to a great degree, what makes us “Catholic”. Many of our Christian brothers and sisters celebrate Holy Communion, but see it as a **symbol** of a greater mystery. We in the Catholic Church, on the other hand, see Holy Communion as the **Real Presence of Christ**: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, found in the offering made at the altar each and every Sunday (if not each and every day). This gift of “transubstantiation”, done in memory of Christ, joins heaven to earth; it links the Kingdom of God created here on earth by God’s grace with the Kingdom of God yet to be seen by us. Furthermore, it makes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ real for us, helping us to remember the power in the words offered by Christ at the Last Supper: “this is my Body... this is my Blood” (Mt 26:26, 28; Mk 14:22, 24; Lk 22:19-20).

This “power” translates into action, the action of the people to carry forth the Presence of Christ into the world. We become, in essence, “living tabernacles” - repositories for the Body and Blood of Christ for our brothers and sisters to see. While they cannot see the actual Body and Blood, the world knows that we have partaken in the Eucharistic celebration by how we live our lives. They know by our words and deeds that we are living the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us until He comes again. The reception (both in demeanor and attitude) of this gift, therefore, is important. One should be as “properly disposed” (i.e. in a “state of grace”) as possible, availing oneself to the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and living in union with the Church and Her ways. One should always strive to be in “right relationship” with God, knowing in their heart that they are committed to the principles which Christ, Himself, established – to love God and neighbor. When one does this, one can receive Holy Communion with an open and loving heart, ready to share that love (which comes from God) with all whom they meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection June 23, 2019 — Promoting the Gospel

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
OFFERTORY      6/9/19	\$2,921	\$3,680	\$4,879	\$5,625
SEMINARIANS	\$1,181		\$1,252	
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,588	\$32,000	\$19,734	\$32,000

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



**July 29–August 2**  
**9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**Age 4–entering Grade 6**  
**Cost \$50 per camper, \$125 Family Maximum**

**To register, visit**  
**[www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com)**  
**And download a registration form.**

### **TOGETHER IN CHRIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

#### **ELECTIONS**

#### **TO BE HELD THIS FALL FOR CURRENT VACANCIES**

A Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body in dioceses and parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that serves to advise the parish priest or bishop about pastoral issues.

Meetings are once a month and usually don't extend more than an hour. Members from both churches serve on this Council.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this Council, please call the Rectory.

508-378-4207 OR 508-586-4880

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

June 23, 2019

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

This week's second collection **Promoting the Gospel** supports Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC, the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values.

For more information about these organizations, please visit:

[www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)

[www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm)

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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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.

Summer Lunch Program 2019

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Ann's is working with other town social service organizations to provide extra food this summer for families with children on the free/reduced price lunch at school, or any family in need. We are asking parishioners to donate grocery cards from either Trucchi's or Market Basket to be distributed to families in need. Please place the grocery cards or money in an envelope marked Summer Lunch, in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the doors of the church. The cards will be distributed at the Parish Center on the following Mondays : June 24, July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have a question, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org)

Our Fr. Peter Francis, who is in residence at Saint Ann's and is a Chaplain at the VA Hospital in Brockton, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help patients to and from their rooms to attend Mass on Sundays mornings.

If you are interested in helping, please call the  
Rectorry.  
508-586-4880

**BIG THANK YOU**  
TO

JENNIE MACKIEWICZ

For her dedication to the First Communicants and the Confirmandes each year in making Rosary Beads For each child.



### 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](mailto: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.

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Saint Ann's is looking to build a team of Offertory Counters who will rotate on a 5-6 week rotation.

Counters will be responsible for processing the Offertory Collection from the Masses on the weekends.

Counting will take place on Sunday or Mondays according to the preference of the Team.

Training will be provided.

We are hoping to recruit 5-6 teams of 2 members each. So a total of 10-12 parishioners.

If you are interested, please contact the Rectorry.



**FIRST COMMUNION  
PICTURES ARE IN!!!  
PICK THEM UP AT THE  
RECTORRY  
BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM  
MON—THURS.**

**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, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, & 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)**  
**Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

## June 23: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

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.

### GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

**Time is running out.**

**The fiscal year ends June 30th.**

**If you have not donated to the Grand Annual Collection this year, please consider making a donation soon.**

**\$32,000 was budgeted by the Finance Council as needed but only \$19,734 has come in. We have a \$12,266 deficit..**

**Please make every effort to help us reach our goal!!!**

*Religious Freedom*  
**WEEK**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER**

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

*Let us pray...*

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.  
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear  
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.  
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.  
We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.  
We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.  
**Amen.**

June 22, 2019 — June 29, 2019

**THANK YOU TO  
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB  
FOR THEIR DONATION  
TO HAVE THE PARKING LOTS**

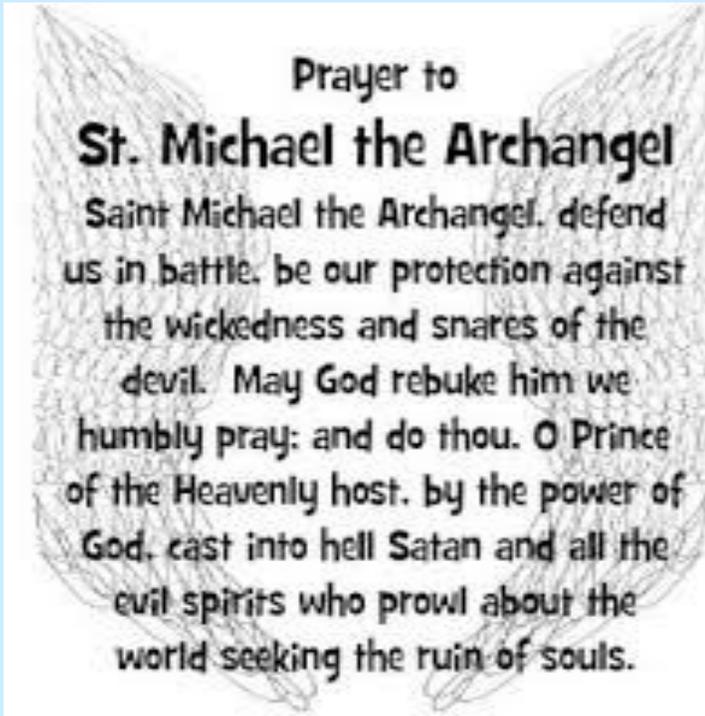


Thank you to the people at Mark-a-Lot for doing such a great job.  
It looks great!

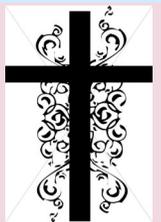
## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let Jesus multiply the love in your marriage. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.

**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).



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



**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 103 Center St. Bridgewater, will host the second of the 2019 season's Candlelight Rosary Processions of Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker for June 13 will be Rev. James Giombetti, Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Bridgewater. The processions, held on the 13th of the month from May through October, are in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. The service includes inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary Procession led by a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Benediction. All are welcome to come to pray for peace in our trouble world and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces. Families are urged to attend. There is ample parking and the church is air conditioned and is handicapped Accessible.