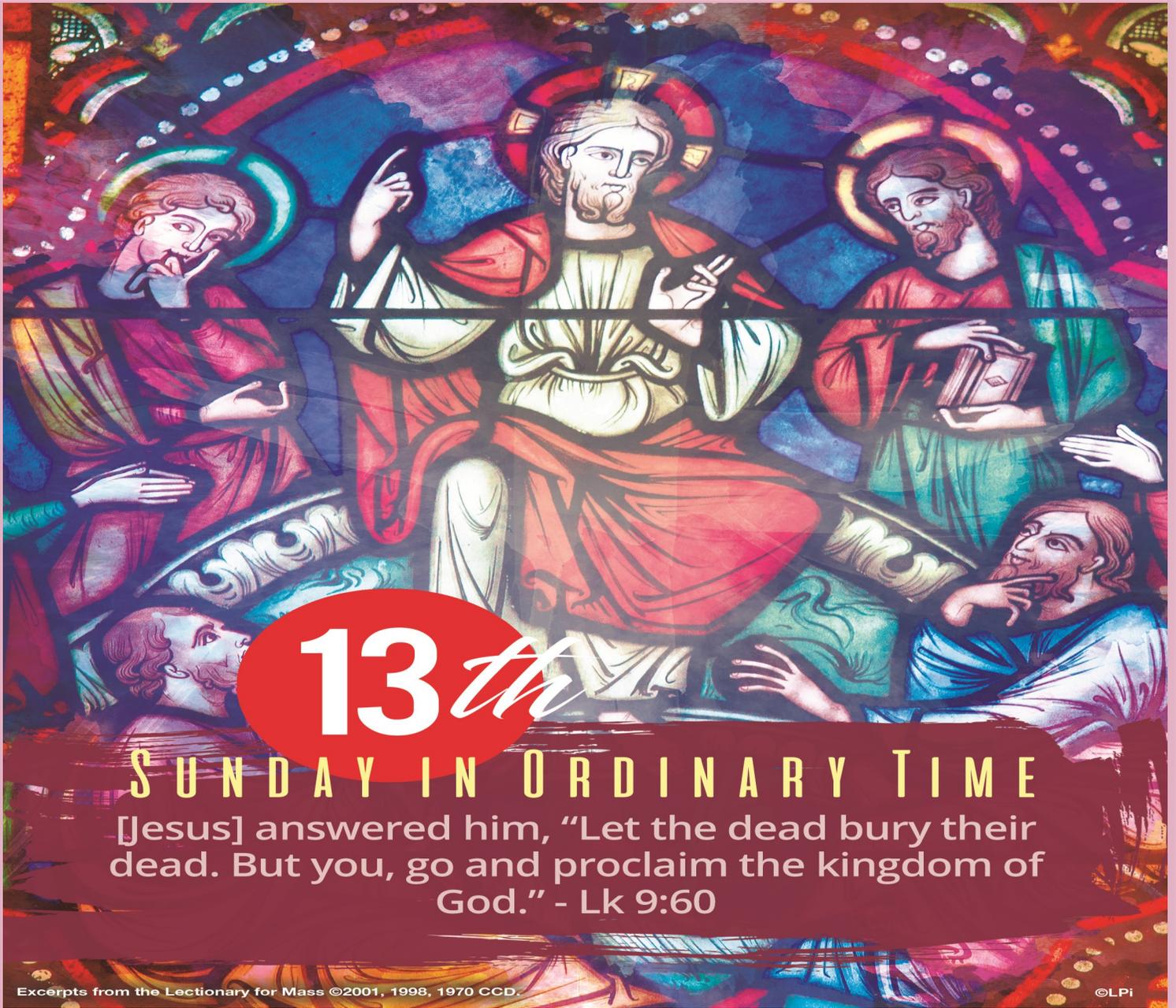




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*June 30, 2019
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*



13th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

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For both Churches

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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., 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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Paul Hoffman

Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams

Nancy Maloney

Margaret Mary Williams

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, July 6, 2019

4:00 - Jessica Madigan — Birthday (living)

Sunday, July 7, 2019

8:00 - John Kenneally — Month's Mind

10:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — Month's Mind

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 29, 2019

4:00 - Jim & Mary Fitzgerald--Memorial

Sunday, June 30, 2019

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino—Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, July 6, 2019

4:00 - Kevin Bates — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, July 7, 2019

8:30 - All the Souls in Purgatory

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, July 8, 2019

9:00 - Mary E. Hasomeris — Memorial



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.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Over thirty years ago, I received my “call” to priesthood. So why, you might ask, am I a priest for only twenty-one years? Well, the short answer is that my first response was “no”! I can remember standing in the sacristy of my home parish church, and my pastor asked me the fateful question, “Paul, have you ever thought about being a priest?” I must admit, sheepishly, that I literally laughed in the man’s face! Looking back now, how mortified he must have been at my response. When I realized he was serious, I composed myself and told him I hadn’t really ever thought about it. This inquiry was followed by two others (from a great-aunt who was a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, and from my high school chaplain) over the course of six months. Independent of one another, they all saw something in me that I didn’t (until later) see in myself.

I sense it must have been the same for Elisha (in today’s first reading) and to the ones who were called by Jesus – one who said that he would follow Jesus, but may have been put off by Jesus’ response and the other two who had commitments which they felt they had to attend to first. Jesus’ (and Elijah’s) response to their needs may seem harsh (especially “let the dead bury their dead” (Lk 9:60)), but Jesus’ reasoning is sound. For one to follow Jesus, all else must come second. The same is true for us. Whatever commitments we might have in life (family, work, school) have to come behind our following God. This doesn’t necessarily mean that we abandon all we know/have/are, but it does mean that all else comes second (and sometimes a far second). In this way, God can have His due and we can focus in on what is true, lasting and of real value.

When Elisha is called by Elijah to be anointed and to be his attendant, he has a life which is, most likely, fulfilling; it’s not like he has nothing going for him. The call to Elisha from Elijah, however, isn’t from Elijah – it is from God. This is why Elijah’s response is so strong. Elijah realizes that God sees in Elisha something that he doesn’t see himself (I know the feeling!). I think the same is true for all of us. We are all called by God to take a part in the mission of the Church. We, like Elisha, may feel that we have other, more pressing matters. These matters, however important, can never supersede our call from God. If it is a true calling from God, it will be “in line” with the life which God is calling us to live. Sometimes this means a radical shift in our way of life, sometimes not. Sometimes it just means a little “adjustment” to what we are doing and how we are living. In any case, we need to be open to hear God’s call in our lives.

May we have the courage to be “open” to hear God’s call, in whatever form it may come. When that call comes, may we respond with immediacy and surety. May this call, enriching our lives, be a fulfillment of all that we our in our own lives, and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. May we know and believe that this call, from God, will both fulfill our “mission” in the Church, and the mission of the Church itself – to call all to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
OFFERTORY 616/19	\$3,190	\$3,680	\$7,777	\$5,625
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
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

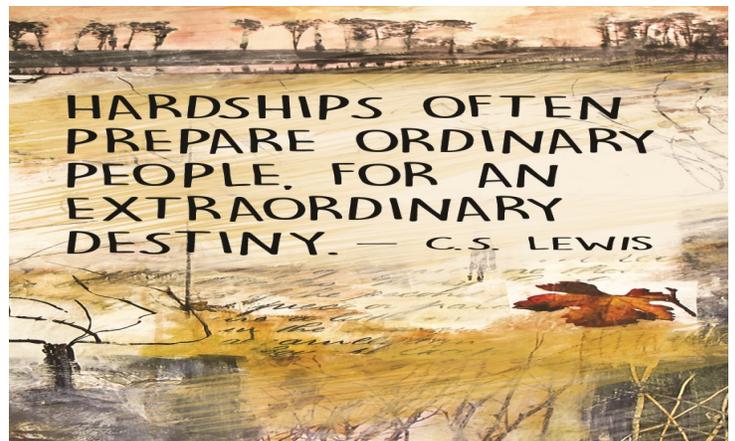
June 30, 2019
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Some conversion stories people tell are so profound and meaningful that they make you want to invent a story for yourself. Some of us have these type of stories to tell, but most of us can only tell stories of slowly coming into a greater maturity of faith over many years and many mistakes. I personally was baptized as an infant, grew up in the Church, and never experienced a time when I was fully the prodigal son. I have sinned quite often throughout my years, but I never drifted so far away where I needed that moment of truth to help me see the light.

However, that does not diminish the fact that I have been made new in Christ and I need to live in a way that leaves the old me behind. If you are like me, you must admit there are times when that former self comes into view. There are times when we fall into our sin to the point where no one would believe we were baptized disciples of Jesus. Thank God there is forgiveness through the sacraments. When we fall, we can always recover and be made new again.

So maybe it is not true that people like me don't have a profound conversion story. Maybe the truth is we simply have MANY conversion stories. As we continually strive to pick up our crosses and follow Him, we fall away and need to come back to Him. Each time, we have a new story. Each time, God's love and healing are profound. Each time, we have something new to tell.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED THURS, JULY 4TH

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

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
Rectory.
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. 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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OFFERING COUNTERS

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 Rectory.



**FIRST COMMUNION
PICTURES ARE IN!!!
PICK THEM UP AT THE
RECTORY
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 Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters & 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
RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURS, JULY 4

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
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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..

June 30: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others

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.

SEASONAL REFLECTION

June 30, 2019
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

**THANK YOU TO
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
FOR THEIR DONATION
TO HAVE THE PARKIING LOTS
SEALED AND LINED.**



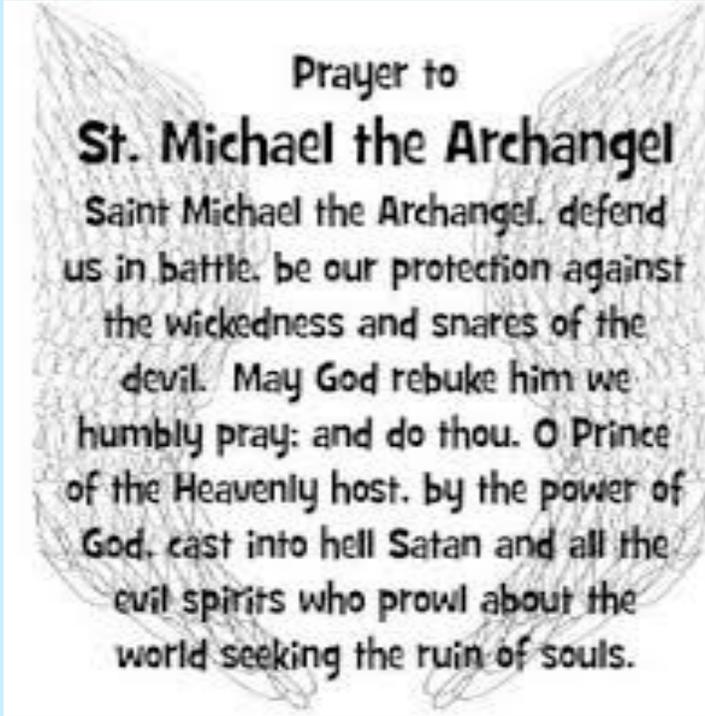
Thank you to the people at Mark-a-Lot for doing such a great job. It looks great!

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 Sept. 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://wwmema.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.



The Spiritual Direction Training Program at St. Anthony Shrine

is accepting applications for the 2019-2021 program beginning in September in Downtown Crossing, Boston. Have you become increasingly interested in developing your own spiritual life, and/or called to the ministry of spiritual companionship to others?

Classes meet on Saturdays, eight times a year for two years. For more information, please contact Carol Mitchell at 727-492-8315 or cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org, or visit [stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan Spiritual Companionship](http://stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan_Spiritual_Companionship) page for further information.