



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 16, 2023*



The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



We, The Together in Christ Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John the Evangelist, welcome and engage all ages to become the disciples that Jesus is calling all of us to be. United by faith and in the Celebration of the Mass, we embrace the call of Jesus to live our mission to "Go forth and make disciples." Through evangelization, education, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we will grow together as One Body of Christ.

Church of Saint Ann

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
9:00-3:00 M-TH
Friday the Office is closed**

Saint John the Evangelist

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Fr. Paul's Facebook Page —Paul Ring**

MASS TIMES

St Ann

**Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM**

St John

**Sunday, 8:00 AM
Sunday, 11:30 AM
Sunday, 6:15 PM**

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring
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Priests In Residence

Fr. Peter Francis
Fr. Michael Diochi

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
&
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

Please 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano
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Administrative Assistant: Deborah Conrad
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Music Minister: Erica Vinton

**THE OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAYS**

**DURING THE
MONTHS OF
JUNE
JULY
AUGUST**

**DUE TO FISCAL
CONSTRAINTS**

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 15, 2023 -

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Sunday, July 23, 2023

9:30 - Christine Cole - 10th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - For all the people in the world without faith

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday July 23, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

11:30 - John J. McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Remem.

6:15 - Mass for the Unborn

Friday, July 28, 2023

9:00 - Salvatore Gaziano - Memorial

The second Collection this weekend is for

Fr. John's Mission for Parish Projects

Fr. John is currently working on getting running water to his parish.

Something we take for Granted.

Please help as much as you can!



Please remember in your prayers:

*Margaret L. Conniff &
Diane R. Cashman*

May they rest in peace, and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old expression that states that one is to “grow where you are planted”. If one were to “Google” this phrase, they would come up with over sixteen *million* entries (16.3, to be exact!)? A quick scan of the topic shows that most of them have to do with gardening, giving the best “tips” on how to get the most out of your plants, fruits, and vegetables; some, however, speak on what Jesus is getting at, that for one to grow and flourish in one’s faith, good “soil” is needed.

Jesus explains the parable effectively enough to His disciples (and to those whose ears are open to hearing what He has to say) that it would be foolish for me to “re-invent the wheel”, as it were and try and “top” Jesus. So, where does one go from here? I think if this parable (or any parable, for that matter) is to have any meaning for us, we have to apply it to the “here and now”. In our modern age, we can think that we know all there is to know about “the Evil One”, as Satan is referred to in this passage. That would be a mistake, and a deadly one at that! The challenge with Satan is that he is always “reinventing” himself to suit the present age. The tricks, ruses and guises that he used back in the time of Jesus are not, of course, the same ones he uses today, for he knows that they wouldn’t work on us. The temptations which Satan uses are, in theory, the same; it is the mode and methods he uses which change. Take the internet, for example. The world-wide web can be an effective tool for communication, teaching and learning. The fact that my bulletin column is available online is proof of that! That same form of transmitting knowledge, however, can be used for less-than-noble purposes – thus the dilemma. Do we *not* use the web? Of course not; for most that would be highly impractical. We would do well to be careful, however, in how we use this tool to its most effective manner. It can be that “good ground” (which bears good fruit), but it can also be that “rocky” or “thorny” soil (which “chokes off” any good which is found in the good seed of faith).

Jesus invites “whoever has ears ought to hear” (Mt 13:9), meaning you and I. May we have open ears, and hearts, to take in the gospel message. May we be that “rich soil” (Mt 13:8), receptive to the Word of God, taking in the “good seed” that is the Word. May we have the courage to share the Good News with all whom we meet!

Have a “Fruitful” Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation 2023-2024 is now open!

I am happy to announce that registration for faith formation for the fall is now open! Classes will begin on Sunday 9/24 and run through the first week of May. The schedule remains roughly the same, but there are some adjustments based on your feedback and the current Mass schedule. The 2023-2024 schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9 and 10
Sundays 8:20-9:20 @ St. Ann	Sundays 5:00-6:00 @ St. Ann	Sundays 7:15-8:15 @ St. Ann
Mondays 4:30-5:30 @ St. Ann	Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John	(Grades 9 and 10 meet on alternate weeks)
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John		

The registration form can be found on the Faith Formation pages of both parishes' websites or emailed to you by contacting Matt Brady

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Celebration of St. Ann's Feast Day

Wednesday, July 26th 6-8 pm at St. Ann

Join us as we celebrate the feast day of St. Ann, the patron saint of our church in West Bridgewater, with a party!

There will be lawn games, board games and a whole bunch of crafts. All the activities are free, and we will be selling a meal of a hot dog, chips, water, and cookie for \$5. If you prefer, you can get 2 waters, 2 chips or 2 cookies or any combination there of for \$1.

The money raised will support our collaborative's Disciples of Hospitality, who plan and organize the social activities for our parishes.

Gone to the Dogs

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not, we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why did ya' not tell me the dog was Catholic?"

August Movie Nights

We will be hosting 4 movie nights over the course of the summer, 2 at each parish. There will be free popcorn and other snacks available for purchase.

Schedule:

8/5: Encanto

8/9: Zootopia

8/19: Inside Out

8/23: Shrek 2

7 pm outside at St. John (inside if it's bad weather)

7 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Our readings today speak very much in “earth tones” - not the color, but the actually earth! These earthly images would certainly resonate with St. Francis of Assisi. He was one very much attuned to the natural world, seeing it as an extension of God. Francis anthropomorphized much of nature. He did as much in his “Canticle of the Creatures”. And so, I leave you with St. Francis’ view of the world and how it connects us the God of our understanding, the Living God who “plants” His love within our hearts, and that love is meant to bear GREAT FRUIT!

Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

*Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all
blessing,*

*To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the
stars,
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and
beautiful.*

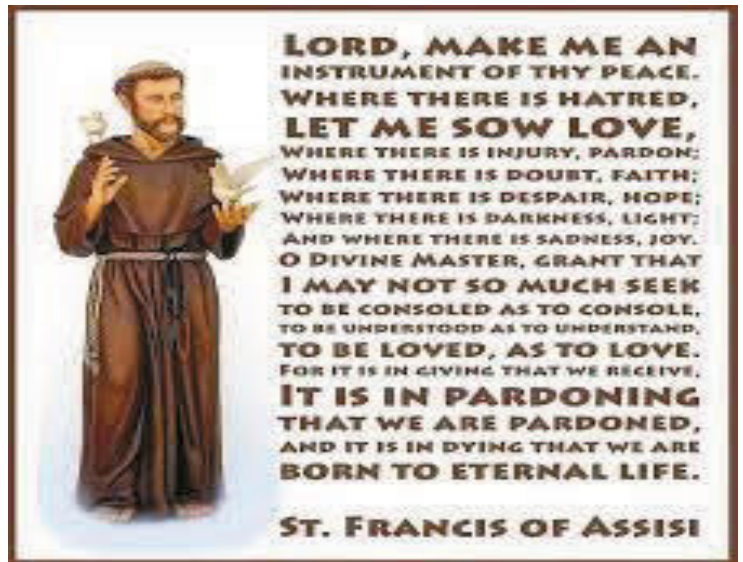
*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of
weather,
through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and
herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most
High, shall they be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy
will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.*

Pax et Bonum,



Summer Lunch

The St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Ann's is again providing grocery cards for the summer to families in town who are on free lunch. We are asking for donations of grocery gift cards in the amount of \$25. They can be put into the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church. If you know anyone who needs help, please contact Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org.

A Prayer of Gratitude

"Lord God, let me never forget all that you do for me on a daily basis. Sustain me with the hope of my salvation and the other countless blessings you provide with your continuous presence in my life. Lead me to live my life in testimony to your incredible blessings, that your love may be known and experienced by all those I serve, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Joy Ryan, President/CEO
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S



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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. *If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.*



West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

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Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544**

East Bridgewater MA 02333
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760



Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP

**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's
Bingo**
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE
WEEK — \$30+**



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
Increasing to \$85+

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY** from **3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

Monday, July 3, 2023
Monday, July 17, 2023

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.



**Please remember to fill out
the Registration Form to
update our databases.**

NEWS



Fr. John Fisher from Uganda is the Pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Buyambi Parish. He is currently trying to bring clean drinking water to his community.

This requires getting a solar-powered well that would deliver clean water to storage tanks where the students and villagers could come and get clean water more easily.

Any help you can provide would be extremely appreciated. If you want to donate to this cause, please write a check to St. John's or St. Ann's and put Clean Water Project on the memo line. Cash should be in an envelope marked for the Clean Water Project. Fr. Paul will collect and mail your donations.



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