



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*July 21, 2019  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” - Lk 10:41-42

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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood

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Ben Williams

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

4:00 - Betty Cerci — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

8:00 - Michael Catania 2nd Anniversary  
Sheila Creney — Birthday Remem.  
Bread & Wine

10:30 - John J. McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Rem

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

4:00 - Maria C. Bragga Luz — 26th Anniversary

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John  
10:30 - Richard Hutchins, Sr. — 7th Anniversary

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

4:00 - Gertrude Duford — 15th Anniversary

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
10:30 - Christine Cole — 6th Anniversary

**Monday, July 22, 2019**

9:00 - Brenda Craig — Month's Mind

**Saturday, July 27, 2019**

4:00 - Geraldine Kearns — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

8:30 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere — Memorial  
10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**“Why Should I Go To Mass Every Day?”  
“The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!”  
(Pope Paul VI)**

For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a saint to comfort us at death.(revelation of Christ to St. Gertrude the Great)

St Padre Pio, the stigmatic priest, said “Every holy Mass heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know. It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”

St. John Vianney said that if we knew the value of the Mass, we would die of joy.

Your prayers are strongest at the Consecration in Holy Mass (raising of Host and Chalice).

Each time we look at the Most Blessed Sacrament our place in heaven is raised forever (revealed by Our Lord to St. Gertrude the Great.)

“The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death.” (Pope Benedict XV)

Once St. Teresa of Avila was overwhelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord: “How can I thank you?” Our Lord replied, “ATTEND ONE MASS”.

*From the Original Pieta Prayer Book*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The gift of hospitality is a multi-layered one. On one level, there is the act of opening up one's home to family, friends, or strangers (who are usually acquainted with those aforementioned family or friends). On another level, hospitality usually means offering food and/or drink to anyone who comes in. In any event, there is a “burden” put upon the host/hostess when one opens up one's home.

In today's first reading, Abraham has come upon three strangers. Immediately, Abraham offers them all the comforts of home: water, rest, and food. In offering hospitality, Abraham (along with his wife, Sarah) is rewarded with the promise that by that time next year, Abraham and Sarah will be gifted with a son (and they are, their son Isaiah). Hospitality, in this case, has the reward of new life for Abraham and Sarah.

In our gospel passage, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. In this short, but powerful passage, there is a distinct difference in how Martha and Mary act during Jesus' time with them. Martha is the more “active” of the two, but Mary isn't exactly sitting around doing nothing (despite Martha's protestations to the contrary). Mary has, in fact, “chosen the better part” (Lk 10:42) according to Jesus. This admonition by Jesus isn't meant as a rebuke (although some may take it as such) inasmuch as it is a recognition of the importance of the “ministry of presence” in which Mary finds herself engaged. One of my favorite (and one of the most important) things that I do when I'm in front of the Blessed Sacrament (either in church or in my “home chapel”) is to just “be”...to be in the presence of the Lord, not saying or doing anything, but just “being” in God's presence. Mary's gift of being “present” to the Lord isn't unnoticed and is recognized as that “better part” (ibid); what Martha is doing is important, but Mary's attentiveness to Jesus is more important at this moment.

How do we show hospitality to one another? Are we so busy *doing* that we forget that sometimes just *being* is enough of a gift, often times the best gift of all. May we have the courage to listen to that voice of God that says, “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46:10). May we respond to that voice by just being present to one another. May God bless our faithfulness in this “ministry of presence”, and may He reward us with those things that help us to grow in faith, hope, and love.

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection September 15, 2019 — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i>		
OFFERTORY      7/7/19	\$ 3,209	\$ 3,680	\$ 5,752	\$ 5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$21,338	\$32,000	\$20,245	\$32,000

TICKETS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC  
ARE ON SALE!!!!

After each Mass at St. John OR At the Rectory Office  
for St. Ann

THE PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR  
AUGUST 25TH

PLEASE BUY YOUR  
TICKETS EARLY. IT HELPS IN ORDERING THE  
FOOD.



### 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

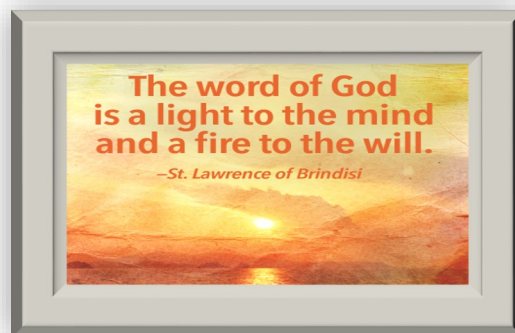
### Everyday Stewardship

When we realize we are going to have company, my family and I swing into motion with a frenzy. No dust shall be present for our guests. The bathrooms will be spotless and toilets worthy of the name "throne." We must run to the store so that an endless supply of refreshments and snacks greet our distinguished guests. We never want to be seen as bad hosts and, of course the real reason for all the commotion, we never want to be seen in our natural habitat of messy rooms and barren kitchens.

But what is real hospitality, a necessity for encouraging good stewardship and developing a sense of belonging? In the Gospel of Luke, Mary knew. Martha was so busy preparing and serving, while Mary simply sat with Jesus and listened to him. This is not to say that she did not prepare for her Guest by making a proper place for gathering. But when a guest is already received, true hospitality begins with being present to and engaging him or her. Part of the message in this story is that we all need to pause and listen to the good news that Jesus preaches, but also we can learn a lesson about good hospitality from it as well.

How many times have we been more concerned with appearances and outward things than what we have inside each of us to share? Christian hospitality calls for the Jesus in me to meet with the Jesus in you. We are called to be fully present to one another, with no distractions of technology or the world standing in our way. This is choosing "the better part." For what does it profit a man if he has all the beer and wine in the world, and a spotless home with the greatest of technology, and loses his attention in the conversation with his brother or sister to the game on television? (Or something like that!)

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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New mailing address:  
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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.



As part of Prophett Funeral Home and  
Pillsbury Florist;

**“Bring our Community Together”**

We are hosting a  
Night at the ROX.  
Come see the Brockton Rox  
Play the Bristol Blues  
TUESDAY, JULY 30TH AT 6:30

Bring the kids.  
Fun for the whole family from St. Ann's & John's

Tickets can be picked up at  
Will Call the night of the game  
**RSVP by JULY 23rd**  
**Call 508-697-4332**  
or Saint Ann's 508-586-4880  
Or Saint John's 508-378-4207

Thank you, Mark, Bill, Maggie, Denise and Carol

**We had a great time last year.**

#### FRIENDS OF THE UNBORN

“We wish to thank you most sincerely for your ongoing charity to our shelter home. We have received your latest Baby Shower donations totaling \$380 and we are most grateful. Presently, we house two baby girls and seven baby boys. We look forward to the upcoming months, as we await the birth of three additional babies that will join our family here. The summer promises to be a very busy and blessed time for “Friends”.

Our residents, staff and Board of Directors wish to thank you most sincerely for partnering with “Friends” in the care of God's little ones, born and unborn.”

#### 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.

16<sup>TH</sup> 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 Monday mornings and should only take an hour or two. Training will be provided.

We are hoping to recruit 5-6 teams of 2 members each. So a total of 10-12 parishioners. **We currently have 4 teams.**

If you are interested in offering your time and talent, please contact the Rectory. It would be a big help!!!!

To the Parishioners of St. Ann's Parish

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, prayers and rides home during my illness.

I don't know what I would have done without you all.

Love and Prayers  
Ann Smith

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Joanne Hanson, Janet Wooters & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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

July 21, 2019  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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

**PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 25, 2019**

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul

Saint John's Conference

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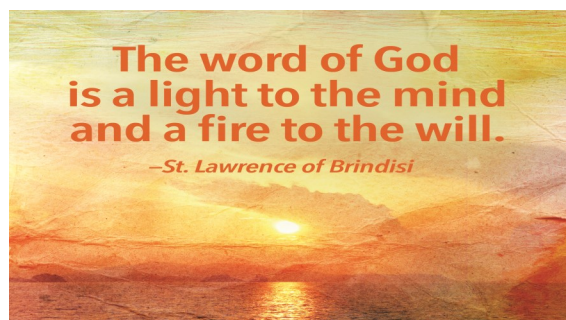
**July 21: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple, We must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give self-less loving service to those who are poor.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for the Poor and forgotten in our parish.**

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.



A special thank you to the anonymous donor at the 10:30 Mass last Sunday for the very generous Offertory donation.

**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).



## 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](mailto:cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org), or visit [stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan Spiritual Companionship](http://stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan_Spiritual_Companionship) page for further information.