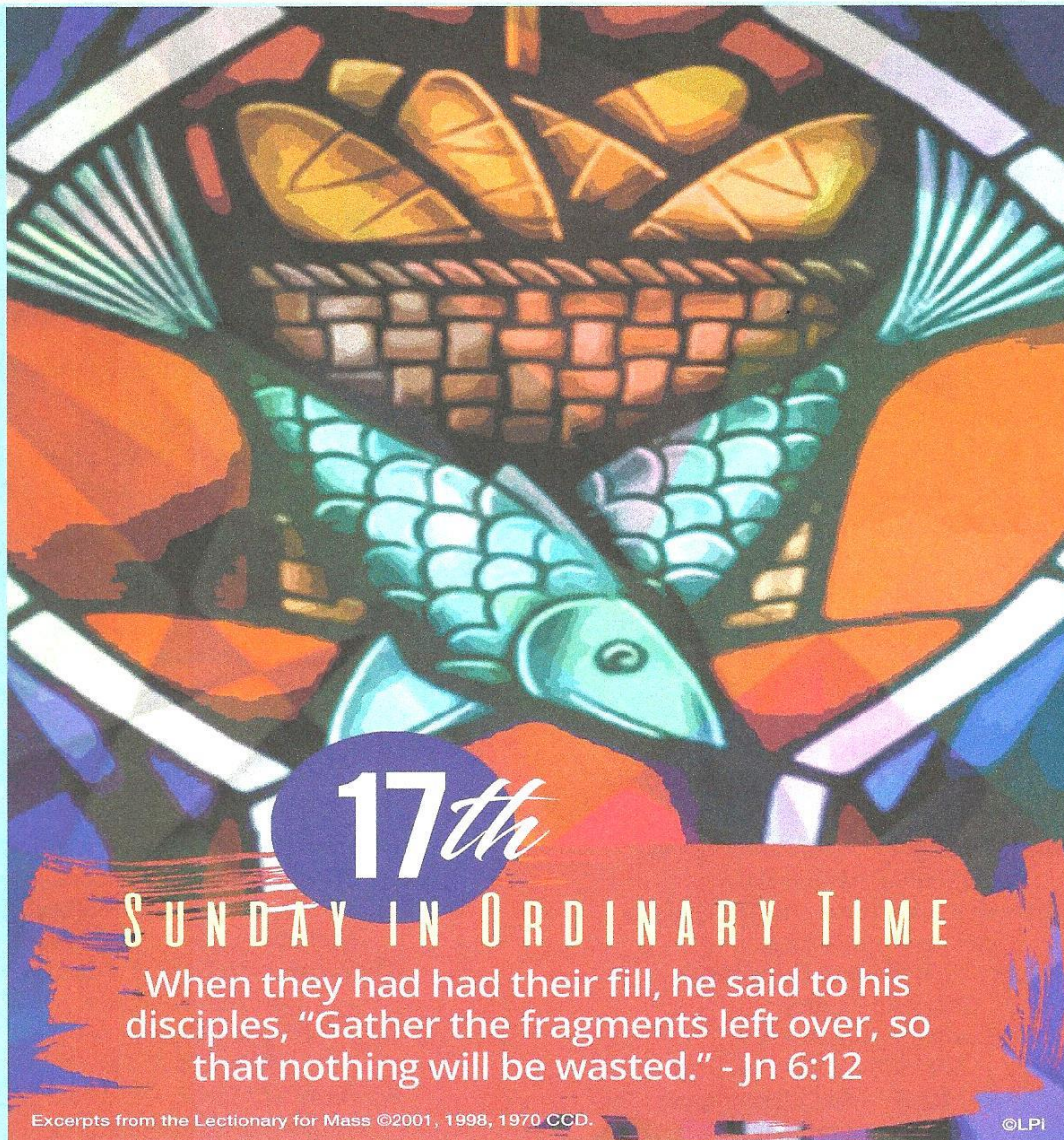


*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*

July 29, 2018



17th Sunday in Ordinary time



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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. TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday- Friday:
9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's

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Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
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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 Tuesday 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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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 28, 2018

4:00 - Jeannette LaVoie — Memorial

Sunday, July 29, 2018

8:00 - Maria C. Ponte — 25th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

9:00 — William Monahan — Birthday Remem.

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:00 — William McEnaney — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Rick Hutchins — 6th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 28, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 29, 2018

8:30 - Carolyn Oliviere — Memorial

10:30 - Gertrude L. O'Keefe — Month's Mind

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:00 - Laurre Avitabile — 18th Anniversary

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:30 - The souls in Purgatory

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACON BRENDAN'S CORNER

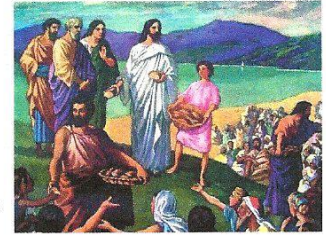
The Rite of Baptism continues. After the celebrant anoints each child with the Oil of Sacred Chrism, he gives the parents a white garment which is put on the child. He says, "See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. Bring that dignity unstained into everlasting life of heaven." Upon receiving a light from the Easter candle, he addresses the parents and godparents with these words, "this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He (she) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart...."

Before the final blessing and dismissal, the celebrant turns to the mothers of the newly baptized and prays, "May God the Father bless the mothers of these children as they thank God for the gift of their child. May she be one with her child in thanking God for ever in heaven, in Christ our Lord." He then turns to the fathers of the children. "May He bless the fathers of these children. They and their wives will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith. May they be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they **say and do**, in Christ Jesus our Lord. He then blesses the congregation and all are dismissed.

*May we acknowledge to the parents our joy that their child has joined or faith community. It is our duty to be examples of faithful Christians by what we **say and do**.*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

C.S. Lewis, one of my favorite authors, was once quoted as saying that "miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see". What Lewis meant, I believe, is that when something miraculous occurs it points us to a larger truth. The "miracle event", in essence, isn't the "be all to end all", but a "means to an end". We can look at a miracle and try and "unpack" it, explain it (or explain it away) or try and figure it out; that would be a mistake. Miracles aren't to be explained, but something into which we must enter. In doing this, we come to see the larger reality at work. This is important because miracles, at face value, are hard to decipher. We need to ponder them, pray about them and let God reveal Himself in them.



Today's readings deal with miracles on different levels. The first reading has us encounter Elisha, feeding the one hundred gathered with but twenty loaves of bread (which I don't consider a lot since I've been known to eat an entire basket of rolls at one sitting at Bertucci's!). In our gospel today, Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish. In both cases, the feeding isn't just physical, it's spiritual. The crowd's souls are "fed" by the generosity of God through the actions of Elisha and Jesus. The difference between the two readings is that in Jesus' case, he is "foreshadowing" the Eucharist; notice how He takes the bread, gives thanks (i.e. blesses) and distributes it. In doing this, Jesus is showing to the crowd and His disciples what He will do at the Last Supper. We know this because of our knowledge of the Holy Thursday/Passover event.

In our second reading, a miracle of sorts happens as well. In the ministry of St. Paul, the idea of the crowd at Ephesus living and acting with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit" (Eph 4:2-4). To do this, to maintain this and to sustain this is nothing less than a miracle! This was a pagan territory, challenging to Paul and his companions in so many ways. He perseveres through his faith in God; it is not through his own doing that this is being accomplished, but it is God working in and through him.

Where are we with miracles? Do we see them? Do we acknowledge them and call them what they are? Do we "brush them off", explaining them away? Let us trust that God is working miracles in our lives. Let us see the miraculous for what it truly is: an opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection Not until September!!!!

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's		Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	7/1/19	7/8/18		7/1/18	6/8/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,108	\$ 3,201	\$3,680	\$5,195	\$4,826	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL		\$15,920	\$32,000		\$26,420	\$32,000

Last Saturday evening, Jeana and I returned from Israel, the Holy Land. When we take groups to Israel, we always offer to pray for others in the Garden of Gethsemane.

So, on Tuesday morning, July 10, in rapid fire before the Lord, we called out the personal needs of a few hundred people who sent requests. When we finished this hour in the Garden of Gethsemane, I told Jeana I was absolutely exhausted. Even though it was not even mid-morning, the process of prayer exhausted me. Why? Prayer is hard work, especially when you carry the burdens of so many. Jeana said I was exhausted because I preached my praying that day, calling out to God with such great intensity.

Going through this list reminded me of the dire need to pray for others.

When We Pray for Others, the Walls Begin to Fall Down

Attending and speaking at the 2018 Epicenter Prayer Summit in Jerusalem on July 11 and 12 also reminded me of the powerful need for and the experience of praying for others.

As I listened to and prayed with and for leaders who are Palestinian Christians and Messianic Jews, I heard and witnessed powerful stories of how prayer has torn the walls down between their people and their desire to make a difference in Israel, the Middle East, and beyond. When we pray for the needs of others, including the needs of their churches, the walls of division come down.

[Tweet "When we pray for the needs of others, the walls of division come down."]

This kind of praying takes us beyond ourselves and onto the needs of others. Therefore friend, pray for the needs of others.

Pastors, Church Leaders, and Laypeople, Move Your Church to Pray for the Needs of Others More Effectively

This is something each of us can do better. Not only personally, but in our own church. I have great interest in how my own church can learn to do this more effectively.

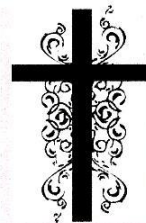
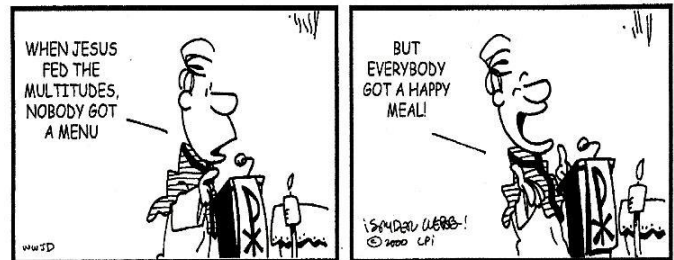
Therefore, I am taking this challenge. I am asking my staff team to take this challenge. I am asking our church leaders to take this challenge. I am asking you to take this challenge. Let's develop intentional and effective ways to pray for the needs of others.

This is what Jesus would do. Let's be like Jesus today.

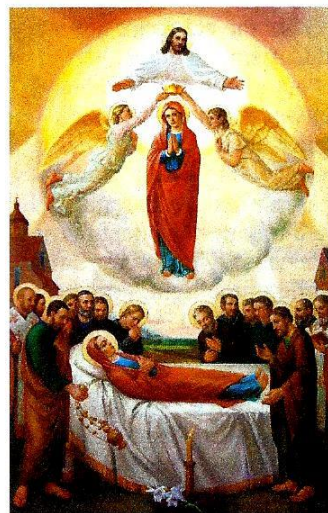
Now is the Time to Lead,

Ronnie W. Floyd

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, as well as parts of Anglicanism, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assumption_of_Mary)

Date: August 15

Masses: St. John 9 AM
St. Ann 7 PM



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**MEAT RAFFLE
SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM**

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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BROCKTON ROX GAMES

AUGUST 1st @ 6:30

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Please call the Rectory Office if you would like to attend. **LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS.**

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he will reign in the world."

That's St. Louis de Montfort teaching about the relationship between devotion to the Queen of Apostles and devotion to her son Jesus Christ: the more one is consecrated to Mary, he argues, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.

by Jeannette de Beauvoir

"Our entire perfection," he writes, "consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, his Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ."

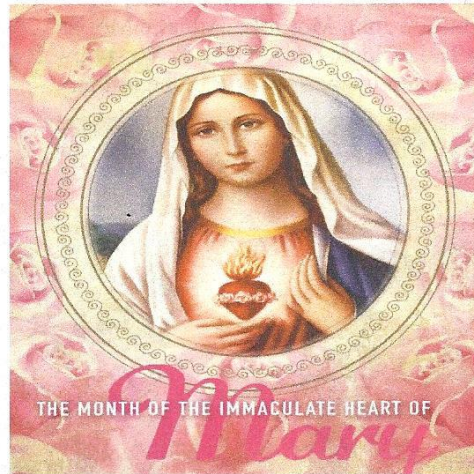
Like Mary, de Montfort experienced challenges in his efforts to follow Jesus. Opposed at times in his preaching as well as in his other ministries, he knew that "neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). He understood clearly that any attempt to succeed by worldly standards runs the risk of betraying the Good News of Jesus, and that challenges are an integral part of the journey, whether to Calvary, the resurrection, or the Kingdom of God.

Mary is "the first and most perfect disciple," as Sulpician Raymond Brown described her. And as such, she is most clearly and truly the Mother of Apostles. The end of de Montfort's Marian devotion is "being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus."



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.



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

Saint Ann's will be hosting an Electronic Recycle Day in the Fall. Please read the bulletin for up-coming details of this event.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Martha Bundeffer, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Jim Cullen, Mary Jane Coakley, Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Karen Parenteau, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Tim Lehane, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



DIAKONIA: A REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS

The glue that binds families together

DEACON CHRISTOPHER CONNELLY

EXCERPTS FROM THE PILOT:
Written by Deacon Chris Connelly

Families are places where love is received and love is exchanged. They are places where husbands and wives learn the ways of sacrificial love. In this love, they are invited to cooperate in God's life by loving children into creation. Parents share in God's providential love by the many ways they care, support, and educate their children. Families are places where children discover their worth and enjoy the freedom of being children in their parents' house. Families are places where we can know that we belong. Diakonia is the glue that binds families together in love.

Simply defined, "diakonia" is the table service that many parents and grandparents provide for their children and grandchildren and their extended family and friends. Those of us who have attended a fancy wedding or hosted a large gathering at home are acutely aware of this type of service. This service seeks to ensure that everything the guest needs is provided. A good servant anticipates the needs of the guests and presents the guest with what he or she needs even before the guest knows he or she is in need. This is the service that sustains and nurtures family life. . . .

The rest of the article is in the July 20th issue of the Pilot.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

July 30 — Rosary — 10 AM

August 12 — Shawl Meeting

AUGUST 26 — PICNIC — FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

St. John's Conference

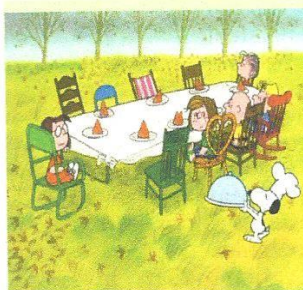


In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.

Call the St. Vincent de Paul HOTLINE at 508- 378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



SAINT JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

AUGUST 26TH THIS YEAR.
(following the 10:30 Mass)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Various Salads, Corn on the Cob, Homemade sweets and Watermelon are on the menu.

Tickets are now on sale after all the Masses

It is really helpful if people purchase tickets early, so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

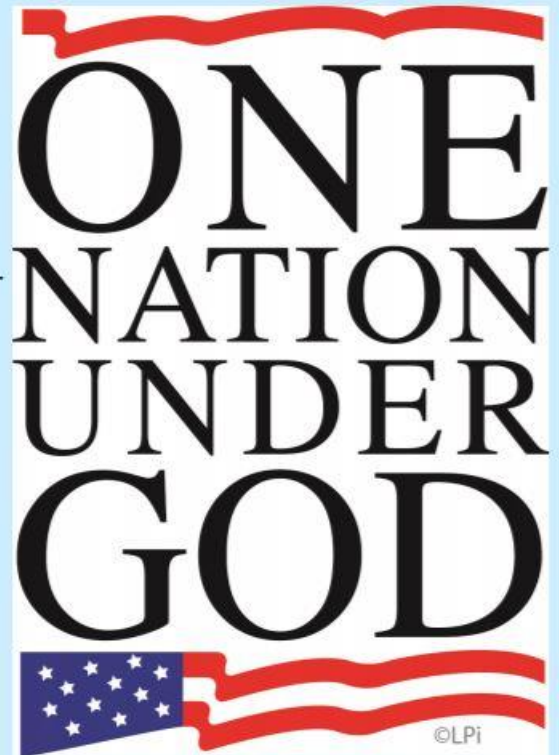
Thank you for your support and cooperation!

“Religious freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizen, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

Pope Francis, “Address on the South Lawn of the White House, September 23, 2015.

“Gracious Father, I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church.”

“Trust in God’s mercy”



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