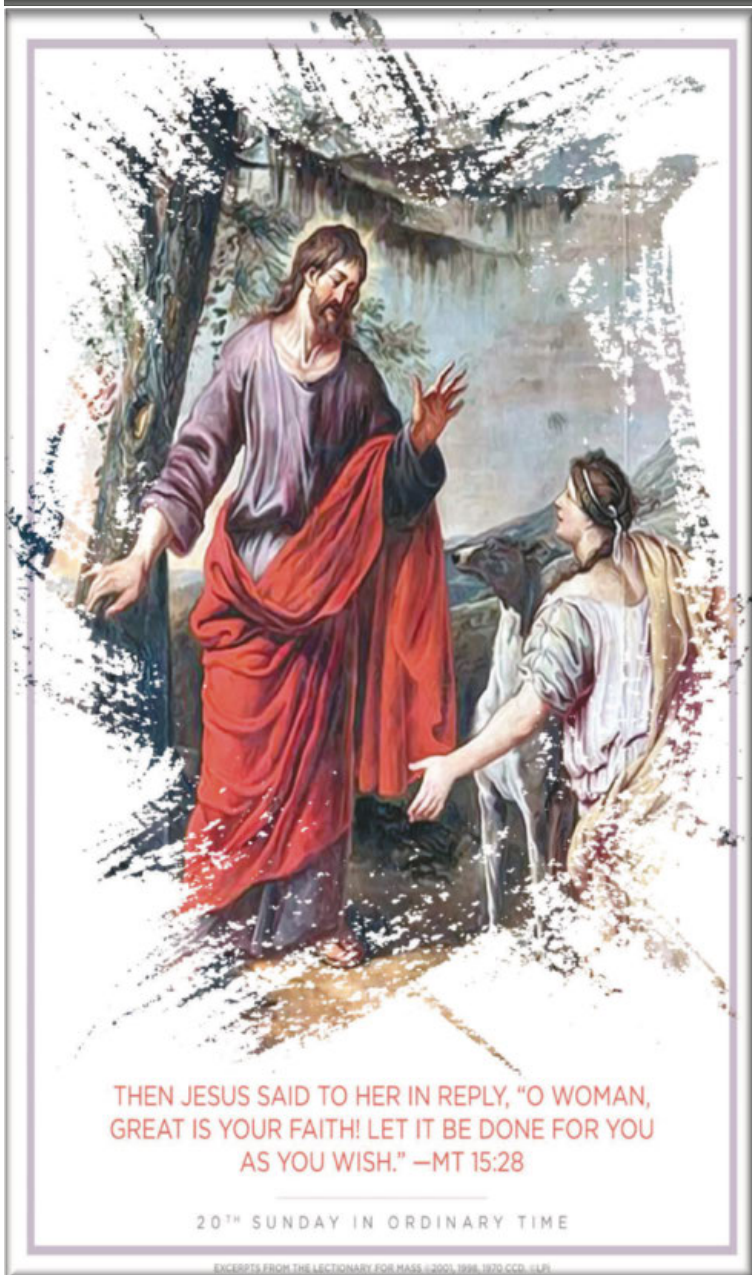




*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
August 20, 2023*



*20th 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.

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
9:00-3:00 M-TH  
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**E-MAIL: [stjohnnebridge@comcast.net](mailto:stjohnnebridge@comcast.net)  
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**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:

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**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**

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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK



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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:00 - Diane Ribiero — Birthday Remembrance  
& Frances Riel — Memorial

#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

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

#### Saturday, August 26, 2023 -

4:00 - Louis Percio — 50th Anniversary  
Loretta Young — 15th Anniversary

#### Sunday, August 27, 2023

9:30 - Kerry Masefield — 25th Anniversary

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 - Christiano D'Ottavio — Birthday Remem.  
11:30 - Patricia & Michael Robichaud  
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

#### Wednesday, August 23, 2023

9:00 - Suellen Hayden — Memorial

#### Sunday August 27, 2023

8:00 - The sick and Homeless  
11:30 - Jessica Thurston — 10th Anniversary  
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative



Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton, Ma is currently hiring a new Chef/Kitchen Manager.

We are looking for someone to serve as the cook for all meals during retreats and to set the tone for a culture of Christian community amongst kitchen volunteers and retreat participants. For a complete job description visit our website at: <https://www.retreathouse.org> or call Nancy Smith at 508-238-2051 or email [nsmith@holycrossusa.org](mailto:nsmith@holycrossusa.org).



*St John's*

*Flowers Memorial  
this week is for:*

*Patricia Robichaud  
&  
Michael Robichaud*



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I know all about begging dogs. Those of you who know me know my faithful canine companion, Nellie (the “parish pup”, as she was once called). She is a master at “puppy dog eyes”, that look that a dog can give that will make you “cave in” to anything! She will sit patiently (for the most part) waiting for any little scrap or morsel to fall from your utensil, ready to grab it (often before it hits the floor!) and claim it for his own.

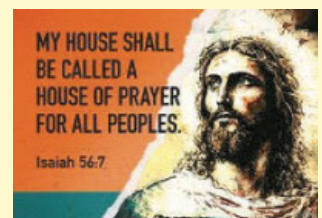
Jesus uses the image of a dog begging for scraps to describe those people who, initially, He wasn't called to save. Jesus even goes so far as to openly deny them a “place at table”. In the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He made it clear that He came to save “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt 15:24); it, seemingly, wasn't in the plan of salvation to save anyone else. In this encounter with the Canaanite woman, Jesus' mission takes a different sort of turn. The woman (whose faith is evident) doesn't seem afraid to challenge Jesus in His thought process; she doesn't move Jesus from this analogous thinking, but gets Him to “expand” His thoughts and, perhaps, His heart.

There are times in our lives when we might feel, to some degree, like that Canaanite woman. We may feel the need to reach out to Jesus but, unlike this bold woman, might be afraid of approaching the Lord, fearful of rejection. We must know in our heart that we have a God who loves us fully, One who knows us to the core of our being, One who can move us from a place of doubt and fear to surety and confidence. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus fully aware of whom He is; when she refers to Him as “Son of David”, she is acknowledging Jesus' place in the kingly lineage of Joseph's ancestor, King David. She not only knows *about* Him, she knows *Him*. It is this knowledge, and Jesus understanding and acceptance of the Canaanite woman's faith that brings about this moment of healing.

May we have the courage to approach the Throne of Grace upon which Jesus sits. May we come to trust that we, despite our own unworthiness, are made worthy by the One who calls us to relationship with Himself. May we believe that healing, in whatever way needed, will be ours. May we share this knowledge with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



Please keep Fr. Peter Francis and his family in your prayers. Fr.'s brother Benedict recently passed away to the Lord and his mother has been very ill as well.

## MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto: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 <u>Grades 4, 6-8</u>	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		

### **Catechists Wanted!**

As we prepare for the new faith formation year in the fall, catechists are needed for all grades.

The only requirements are love of Christ and a willingness to work with our children.

**No experience needed** - we will train you and give you all the materials you need.

If interested, please contact Matt Brady.

[Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### **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:**

**Saturday, 8/19: Inside Out — 7 pm INSIDE at St. John**

**Wednesday, 8/23: Shrek 2 — 7 pm INSIDE at St. Ann's Parish Center**

### **August Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

Every month we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul to take with him when he volunteers in Boston with Capuchin Mobile Ministries to serve the homeless. This month's date and time is:

**Monday the 28th at 6:30 pm at St. Ann.**

Please sign up here if you plan on helping: <https://forms.gle/GVyBxJg2uqHysShM8>. This link will also be posted on the parish websites.



Fun was had by all at the showing of Zootopia on August 9th at St. Ann's  
Great movie, popcorn, cookies, chips & water  
Cupcakes & balloons



### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel centers around the mission of Jesus and its expansion beyond the "Chosen People" (i.e., Israelite community). Jesus is approached by a Canaanite woman whose daughter is being tormented by a demon. At first, Jesus dismisses the request because of the fact that the woman (and her daughter) are not part of the "chosen people". Jesus even goes so far as to compare the honoring of the woman's request to throwing good food to dogs. This may seem harsh, but Jesus always has something in mind and this encounter with the Canaanite woman is no exception. Ultimately, Jesus sees the woman's humble faith as worthy of honoring her plea, and the woman's daughter is healed.

The Franciscans know about begging. They are, by definition, a "mendicant order", one which "owns" nothing and holds everything in common for all in the Order. They are also reliant on the kindness of others, soliciting donations to support and further the mission of their Order. Usually, one or two within a community are responsible for supplying the needs of the others in the community. Often times, this is done by begging, sometimes overtly and sometimes in more subtle ways. In either case, the reliance on others for their well-being is a well-known trait of the Franciscan Order (as well as other religious orders).

When it comes to begging, however, many assume that the Franciscan perspective on almsgiving is largely connected to its perspective on poverty. But the focus of almsgiving is actually on giving, not receiving. In the *Early Rule* of Franciscan life, the chapter titled "Manner of Serving and Working" placed the priority on work. Work was the means to be with and among the people, the support the common life among the friars, and to have the means to support the poor by almsgiving. Only when a friar is unable to work or find work, may a friar beg for alms. Even then, those very alms were, in part, destined for almsgiving. Even in the instance when a friar was seeking to provide on the behalf of others, work took a priority over begging. So consistent is this view that Francis expressed it in *The Testament*, a final written exhortation for his brothers as he lay dying. In Francis' perspective, alms were not a means of supporting the Franciscan way of life of poverty, but were the means to serve and draw closer to God. In the same *Earlier Rule*, in Chapter 10, *Begging Alms*, the practice is described as following the humility and poverty of Jesus, but in the sense that the purpose was to serve the poor. "Alms are a legacy and justice due to the poor that our Lord Jesus Christ acquired for us."

So let us be like St. Francis, and allow ourselves to be placed closer to the Lord through our humility. May our association with the Canaanite woman help us to see Jesus for who He is – healer, consoler, and Lord.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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**First Friday Visits, 5:00 PM**

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**September 1, 2023**

**October 6, 2023**

**November 3, 2023**

**December 1, 2023**

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### **Snow Plowing and Heating**

Last winter we were very fortunate not to have a lot of snow and the temperatures were fortunately rather mild.

I hope that we are as fortunate this winter as we were last year.

However, in order to prepare, the second collection on the last weekend of every month will be to save for heating and snow removal for both parishes.

The money you contribute **WILL** be set aside in a savings account.

An update as to the funds collected and spent will be included in the monthly financial report included in the bulletin.

Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated!



## 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](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.

### 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, 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, Matthew Owings, Kayla Perry, Fr. Pater Francis's Mother, Barbara, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti & 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 or added, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.***



**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



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For more info contact our music director, Rich at [richcesarini@gmail.com](mailto:richcesarini@gmail.com).

**Today's Second Collection is to cover Utility Costs.**



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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and cookies.

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**PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY**

**508-245-5481**

**P O Box 474  
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**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
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PO Box 544**

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

**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, August 7, 2023*  
*Monday, August 21, 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

## NEWS



PROPOSED BOYS' DORMITORY BILLS OF QUANTITIES				
MAIN SUMMARY				
1.0	BILL NO.1 PRELIMINARIES			6,000,000
2.0	BILL NO.2 BUILDING WORKS			
2.1	Element A: Substructure			190,285,100
2.2	Element B: Superstructure			
	Ground Floor			171,915,900
	First Floor			85,897,500
2.3	Element C: Staircase			14,218,000
2.4	Element D: Roof and ceiling construction			53,800,000
2.5	Element E: Windows			20,255,000
2.6	Element F: Doors			40,320,700
2.7	Element G: Floor finishes			66,815,000
2.8	Element H: Wall finishes			50,180,500
2.9	Element I: Ceiling finishes			11,490,500
3.0	Element J: Electrical and mechanical works			35,000,000
	<b>Grand Total (Ug Shs)</b>			<b>745,179,200</b>
	<b>Grand Total (Dollars)</b>			<b>195,074</b>

Dear Parishioners of St. John's and St. Ann, peace. Accept my sincere greetings from St. Benedict School. These two parishes are my home away from home. I thank your Pastor for the good spirit towards the poor. Thank you all for your continuous support.

As you can see in the picture, the boys' dormitory you begun last year is in progress. Your donation was put to good use. Thank you very much.

The project costs USD19,5074. More support still highly needed. If finished, over 200 boys will be able to sleep in that dormitory. Kindly help these boys who are walking long distance of 6 to 8 miles to school. We thank God the girls have a dormitory. There no houses to take students to school.

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