



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27, 2017*



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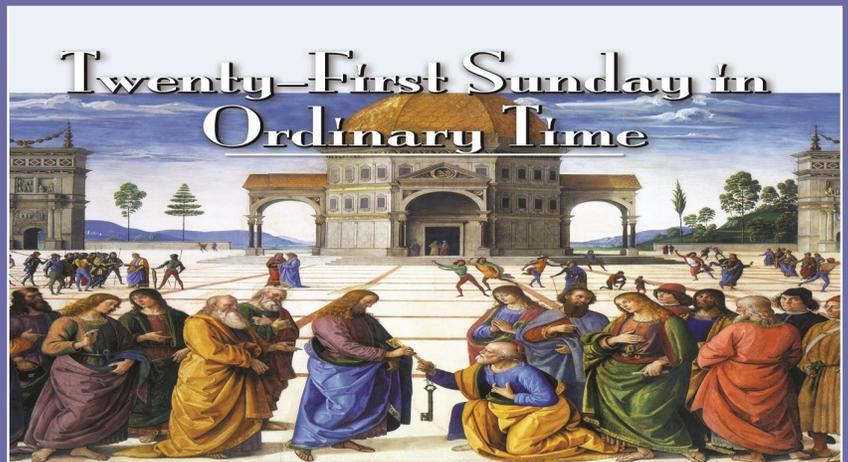
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He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."  
— Mt 16:15-17

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**EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**St John's**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.— 9:00 a.m.

**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 for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

**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 of the month 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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

August 27, 2017—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, August 26, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:00 — Patricia Robichaud — 6th Anniv. &  
Michael Robichaud — 16th Anniversary

10:30 — All the children of the parish

Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00 — Dennis P. Rando — Memorial

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — All the souls in Purgatory

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, August 26, 2017

4:00 - Ralph & Marie Lindsey — Anniversary

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Claire Sullivan Perrotti — 1st Anniv.

Monday, August 28, 2017

9:00 — Anna Margaret Ritucci — Memorial

Saturday, September 2, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 3, 2017

8:30 - All the children of the Parish

10:30 - All the souls in Purgatory



My Dear Friends in Christ,

“Who is Jesus?” is, at once, a simple yet complex question. It is simple in the fact that we read about Jesus, we read His words and know His deeds. In all of this, we know *of* Him. The complexity of the question comes in moments such as the ones we see in today’s gospel. When Jesus asks His disciples about Himself, Jesus isn’t taking a poll, or gathering information. Jesus, in posing the questions that He does, wants to know if the people *get it*. Jesus wants to know if His disciples (and the people) understand His message, His mission and Him.

The second question posed in today’s gospel (“who do you say that I am?” (Mt 16:15)) is one which we must answer for ourselves. The answer which is given will, most likely, depend on where we are on our journey of faith. It is an answer which is ours and ours alone. There may be many people with the same answer, but it is still unique to us. We are on different points, each one of us, on the road to the Kingdom. We are unique in that our lives of faith center on our own personal relationship with God. The answer which we give to the question may also vary depending on our age, gender or state of life; this is what makes the answer unique.

Peter answers the question posed to Jesus in a very astute way. Peter recognizes Jesus for who He is – The Christ. He recognizes Jesus as the Son of God, the one who’s coming the prophets foretold. Peter speaks first (as he so often does!) and does so with conviction. It is for this reason that Jesus gives him the “charge” that He does - that of the “keys to the Kingdom”. In this moment, Peter is put in charge of the Church from its beginnings. It is at this moment that Peter is also given the power to “bind and loose”, which is the origin of what we would come to know as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For each one of us, the questions posed today will have vast and varied answers, and this is a good thing. It shows the diversity of the Church. The answers which we give will also have a unity, in that the all should point to the Christ, the Son of the Living God. It is Peter’s statement which “sets in motion” the movements of the early Church. It is up to us to continue this momentum, and to recognize that in our answers we give life and hope to the future of the Church. May we have the courage to answer the questions posed today with courage and conviction. May we not just *know of* Jesus, but may we *know* Jesus for who He is – Lord and Savior of the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## DEACONS’ CORNER By Deacon Joe

This week I will start my article with a quote from St. Faustina’s Diary (1160). “When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me. *‘I have eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize this time of my visitation. My daughter, secretary of My mercy, your duty is not only to write about and proclaim My mercy, but also to beg for this grace for them, so that they too may glorify My mercy.’* I have been asked by some individuals lately why evil is in this world and seems to prosper. I have shared that God gave us freewill out of love for all of us and some choose to abuse this gift and live a life not in conformance with God’s desire for us. We can see from St. Faustina’s Diary that our God is a patient God and wishes to give us as much time as we need to follow him. Obviously the sooner we choose to live our lives with right judgement the better. In the meantime, we are all called to pray for God’s great gift of mercy for those that are in need of this grace. I think it is safe to say that we all could use this great gift of mercy. Know that God loves each of us. Let us draw nearer to God’s mercy each day.

May God Bless  
Deacon Joe Hopgood

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S



### SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Tickets on Sale beginning August 5th after each Mass up until the date of the picnic. Ticket \$5 Each.

### Collaborative Golf Tournament

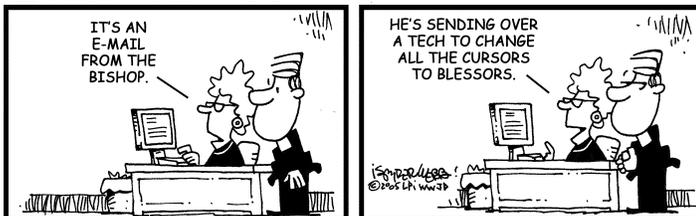
After prayerful consideration, the Together In Christ Collaborative Golf Committee has decided to postpone our Golf Tournament. This was a wonderful fundraiser meant to support both St. John and St. Ann and we hope to reschedule at another time. We are sure there are many reasons our Parishioners were unable to support this fall fundraiser at this time and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions so that when we reschedule on behalf of the Parish we have the best tools for success!

There are several people to thank for their work on getting this Golf Tournament organized. Your passion for our Parishes and your willingness to share your gifts and talents is heartwarming. Please join us in thanking Russ Champoux, our Golf Professional, and Rebecca Dawson, our golf tournament web-site designer. We would also like to thank River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater for being willing to partner with our Parishes to host the golf tournament. Please consider heading over for a round of Golf.

The Golf Committee would like to thank Prophet-Chapman, Cole and Gleason Funeral Home for agreeing to be our first sponsor for our Tournament. Your support is very much appreciated and a blessing!



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Masses of Intention

Can be taken for any daily mass,

However, if you want the Mass

Celebrated in Saint Ann's or Saint John's

You need to remember the new daily

Mass Schedule.

Saint Ann's is Mon, Tues, and Fri.

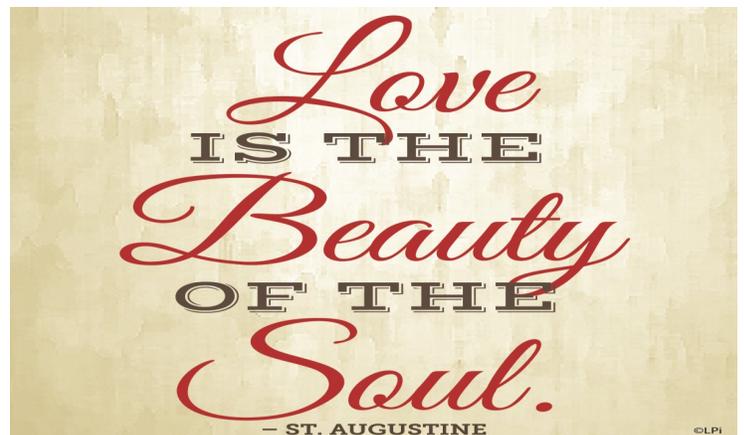
Saint John's Wed., Thurs, and Fri.

### THE CRUCIFIX VS. THE RISEN CHRIST

In the upcoming weeks, you will see a crucifix in Saint Ann's church because the rubrics require that we have a crucifix displayed at Mass. A resurrected Jesus should only be used as general decor provided that it does not supplant nor overshadow the crucifix (which ours did).

Number 308 of the General Instructions of the Roman Missal states "there is also to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified on it, visible not only during Mass but at all times recalling for the faithful the saving passion of the Lord and remaining near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations.

The focal point of our faith is that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. Thus, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting to have a crucifix prominently displayed.



**THE CALENDAR FOR PYM  
IS COMING TOGETHER!**



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE  
US TO PLAN FOR  
2017-2018!**

Parish and Youth Ministry will be back in a couple of weeks with lots of news! Summer of 2017 had over 200 Parishioners of all ages participate in our various programs. It was a wonderful summer filled with faith, fun and friendship. Our new programs will begin in mid-September! Give us a call or email with your ideas! 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



Volunteers are needed for the Run for Jess Race/Walk. Help is needed to hand-out water, help with children's games, and cheer racers on. Please contact Nancy at nhenn71@hotmail.com

## 4th Annual RUN FOR JESS

**5k road race / 1 mile walk**

BBQ, DJ, Raffle Prizes and Games to Follow!

**Saturday, September 2**

East Bridgewater Commercial Club  
10:00am

Register online by August 5th to  
guarantee a free t-shirt!

[www.runforjess.racewire.com](http://www.runforjess.racewire.com)



Proceeds will go to the  
Jessica C. Thurston Memorial Fund to support breast  
cancer research and a high school scholarship.

Additional donations can be made on our website.  
[www.jessicathurstonmemorialfund.org](http://www.jessicathurstonmemorialfund.org)

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Ministries Gets Half!**



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## Cursillo Schedule

**Men**

**October 26-29, 2017**

**January 25-28, 2018**

**March 22-25, 2018**

**Women**

**November 16-19, 2017**

**February 22-25, 2018**

**April 19-22, 2018**



*Make a friend,  
Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ.*

**This schedule is for the Retreat House in Easton. If this schedule does not work for you, there are two other locations for Cursillo in Massachusetts. The website for the Retreat House is <http://www.retreathouse.org>**

Dear Friends,

One of the hallmarks of Fr. Paul's vision for the Parish and Youth Ministry is a joyful welcome of everyone exactly where each one of us is on our faith journey. The important part is we are all a work in progress, growing in faith, and that includes me! In order to process the many moments of faith this summer and prepare for the new year to begin in mid-September, I have decided to personally invest in a Retreat from September 8-10 at the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton to grow in my faith journey to better serve the Ministry. It is a silent retreat run by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. (Some of you may remember Fr. Tom Carzon visited our Parish several times last year.) I am a little nervous in hopes I can be quiet, not only in words, but also in thought, enough to listen to our God. I ask for your prayers that my heart may be open to the experience, and as is always the case the Collaborative's families, parishioners, youth, and staff will be with me in prayer while on retreat. Nancy Smith



## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

### St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

August 20, 2017 — \$3,015  
 Special Parish Collection for the Roof — \$928

Thank you for your continued contribution.

### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!**

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

AT

SAINT ANN'S

FOLLOWING 9 AM MASS  
 CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION  
 AT 10:30 AM



### 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.

### PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The very first collection of the Propagation of the Faith in 1822 supported the vast diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, as well as the Missions of Kentucky and China. The Propagation of the Faith continues to seek prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,100 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious Communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

FR. SEAN MCGILLICUDDY

WILL BE AT

SAINT ANN'S THIS WEEKEND

And will be at Saint John's in October.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who are "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, AUG 26 & SUNDAY, AUG 27, 2017

#### LECTORS

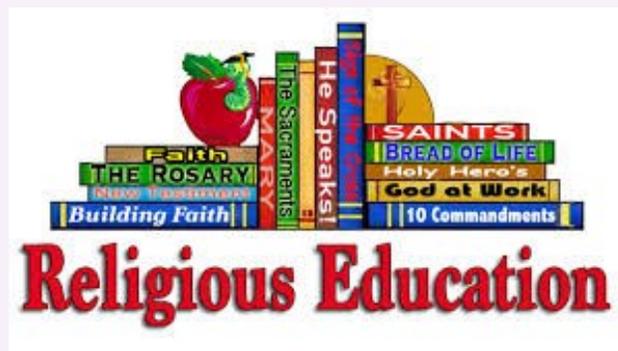
4 PM—Lynn Lindsey  
 8:30 —Terry Daly  
 10:30—Benjamin Williams

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey  
 Marylou Boyd  
 Deacon Brendan

8:30 — Linda Santry  
 Jo Ann Kennedy  
 Deacon Brendan

10:30 — Chris Baker  
 Colette Yeo  
 Deacon Brendan



Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.

**Religious Education Classes will begin September 17th.**



Every Thursday night  
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
 Doors Open at 5:00

## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

*St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900*

August 20, 2017 \$4,616.50  
Thank you to all.

August 27, 2017 — SPC — Elevator bill  
September 3, 2017 — Catholic University

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

**The monetary and food donations you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help many families and individuals in East Bridgewater.**

If you know anyone who needs food or other assistance, please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. We don't take a vacation!



Father Stephen Lusiba would appreciate any help you can offer for Saint Benedict School in Uganda.

All donations can be made to their new go-fund-me page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/saint-benedicts-high-school>

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

WILL BEGIN THE YEAR WITH THEIR  
FIRST MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017  
NOON MASS  
PIZZA TO FOLLOW IN THE CHAPEL  
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. 8/7 — Religious Education Registration Began  
Weds. 9/6 — PPC Meeting @ St. John's  
Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic  
Mon. 9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe  
Sat. 9/16 — EBBA on the Common—Come visit St. John's Booth

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED  
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.**



## Religious Education

**WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY  
FOR CONFIRMATION**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUG. 7TH**

Register on line or in person with Mrs. Hopgood in the Religious Education Office

Tuition can be paid by cash, check, or on-line  
The On-Line Fund is **Religious Education Tuition**

Registration fees are **\$150 for one child; \$200 for two children and \$250 for 3 or more children in a family.**

There is an **additional fee for the sacramental program years:**  
(2nd grade - 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$50)  
Confirmation program -(9th grade - \$75) & (10th grade - \$50

We would prefer that full payment is made at time of registration but we will accept a deposit of \$25 per child. **We now accept credit and debit cards!** We are offering a payment plan to any family that has a need to pay in installments. Please make checks payable to "St. John Parish - CCD

**This is the schedule of classes:**

Grades 1 - 6 (Tue, Wed, Thu, 4:30-5:30 and Sat. mornings 9:00 - 10:00).

Grade 7 & 8 will meet either Wed from 6:00 to 7:00 or Thu from 7:00 to 8:00.

Grades 9 and Grade 10 will meet on **Monday evenings**. Grade 9 will be from 6:00-7:00 and Grade 10 will be from 7:00-8:00. We will have a special meeting for parents and students on September 25th at 6:00pm to explain the program and requirements.

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