



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCHARISTIC 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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Teen Mass—6:30, TBA

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 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 31, 2019

4:00 - Dennis Rondo — Memorial

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00 - Patricia Robichaud
Michael Robichaud

10:30 - Deceased members of the Hanley Family

Saturday, September 7, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:00 - Nancy Saya — 18th Anniversary
10:30 - Jessica Thurston — 6th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 31, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
10:30 - All the children of the Parish going back to school

Saturday, September 7, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:30 - Eugene Stull — Memorial
10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Monday, September 9, 2019

9:00 - John Buckley — 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

9:00 - Mamie Marochino — Birthday Remem

PRAYER TO MARY

By Berthe Petit

Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, dwelling pure and holy, cover my soul with your maternal protection, so that being ever faithful to the voice of Jesus, it responds to His love and obeys His Divine 'will.

I wish, O my Mother, to keep unceasingly before me your co-redemption in order to live intimately with your heart that is totally united to the Heart of your Divine Son.

Fasten me to this Heart by your own virtues and sorrows. Protect me always.

Amen



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I enjoy going to wedding receptions; I think being Irish, I enjoy a good party! I have a standard rule, however, when it comes to these invites – I ask to never be sat at the head table. I’ve had occasions when either I’ve been left alone and thus put “on display”, or I’ve been seated next to the flower girl and been asked (by her) to cut her meat! Obviously, in both cases it is not as “ideal” a seat as one might imagine!

The parable which Jesus tells illustrates the point that we must be humble in our dealings with one another. We can never presume (as in the case of taking a place of honor) a place of honor, or assume (as in the case of holding a lunch or dinner) that we will be repaid. In either case, as host or guest, we must be free of expectations. The same is true of the Christian life. Anything we receive in life, we receive as a “gift” (yes, even the challenges of life can be seen as a “gift”) – a gift freely given by God. God gives us all that we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

Sirach emphasizes this point in today’s first reading, which also deals with humility. In this missive, the author reminds the reader that in everything that is done in God’s name is to be done with humility and an appreciation of and attentiveness to who God is calling us to be. We are to use those God-given talents and abilities to serve our brothers and sisters in love. When we do this, we are indeed serving God.

May we have the courage to look within our hearts to see who it is God is calling us to be. May we know that when we use those gifts, talents and abilities we are serving not only one another, but God. May we live humbly, approach God confidently and serve faithfully. May we strive to build up our community of faith, assist our brothers and sisters in their faith and always strive for the greater glory of God.

Have a Blessed Week,

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</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY 8/11/19	\$ 3,014	\$ 3,412	\$ 5,329	\$ 5,333

The summer is coming to a close and it's time to think about some of the programs at the Together in Christ Collaborative.

First the Bible Study will be restarting after the Summer Break. This year we will be digging into Paul's Letter to the Romans. This group is open to any level of biblical knowledge. It is a safe and supportive group to share your thoughts without judgement. I hope you will consider joining us. We meet every Monday evening from 7– 8 pm. If you are interested, please contact me at DeaconJoeH@comcast.net We will be starting the Monday after Labor day and I will need to know the headcount so I may order enough books.

For those Adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, we will be beginning RCIA Classes in September. I would like to know of anyone interested in this program so that I may order the study materials. We will decide upon the best meeting times when I know the schedules of those who are interested. RCIA is for those adults who have never received 1st Communion and Confirmation as well as possibly not having been baptized at this time. If you are interested please contact me at DeaconJoeH@comcast.net

Adult Confirmation is scheduled for December 7th this year. We will be having classes to prepare for this sacrament beginning in October and will entail six classes. We currently have three candidates and would love to have more. Perhaps you never completed Religious Ed as a child and now wish to be Confirmed. Here is your opportunity. If you are interested please contact me at DeaconJoeH@comcast.net. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, so that I may order the study materials.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE BUSINESSES IN
WEST BRIDGEWATER BEING IMPACTED BY
THE SEPTIC WORK IN THEIR PARKING LOT.

THE SUCCESS OF THEIR BUSINESS
DEPENDS ON YOUR PRAYERS AND
SUPPORT.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15

SUNDAY 9:30 - 10:15 Grades 1—6
(Kindergarten will be Every other week. Begin. 9/22/19)
SUNDAY 6:00 — 7:00 PM GRADES 7, 8 & 9
SUNDAY 7:30 — 8:30 PM GRADE 10

All classes will begin Sept 15th for grades 1-8

Classes will begin Oct. 6th at St. Ann's Parish Center for
grades 9 & 10

Confirmation Classes will be combining with Saint John's
students and will meet in St. Ann's Parish Center. Their first
Teen Mass will be on Sept 15th at St. John's Church at 6:00
PM. With a meal for confirmation students and parents to
follow.

SAINT ANN'S NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

Please silence your phones during Mass.

If you take a bulletin before Mass, please don't leave
them in the pews.

And finally, please place the missles back in the
holders on the back of the pews.

We appreciate your help!!!

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. John Religious Education

Registration for 2019 - 2020

It is time to start our registration process for our 2019 - 2020 year.

There are two ways to register:

Use our website www.stjohnsb.org to find the registration forms or Come to the CCD office (in the basement of the church) Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 - 4:00.

Our classes begin the week of October 15th.

Schedule of Class:

Grades 1-6 T,W, Th — 4:30—5:30 & Sat 9-10 a.m.

Grades 7 & 8 Weds.— 6-7 pm or Thurs. 7-8 p.m.

Confirmation Classes, grades 9 & 10 will be combined with St. Ann's this year. They will meet on Sunday nights at St. Ann's Parish Center.

Teen Mass is September 15th and classes begin Oct 6th.

Grade 9 - 6:00—7:00 p.m. and Grade 10 - 7:30—8:30 p.m.

We will have a Required meeting for parents and students after the Teen Mass on Sunday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John Church to explain the program and requirements.

St Vincent de Paul Society of St John will be having their **annual food drive** on **Sat, September 21st** and **Sunday Sept 22nd**. We will be distributing SVdP bags after Mass on the 14 & 15th.

Non-perishable food items such as pasta, tuna, soups, rice and canned vegetables are greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul

Saint John's Conference

PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333

September 1: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

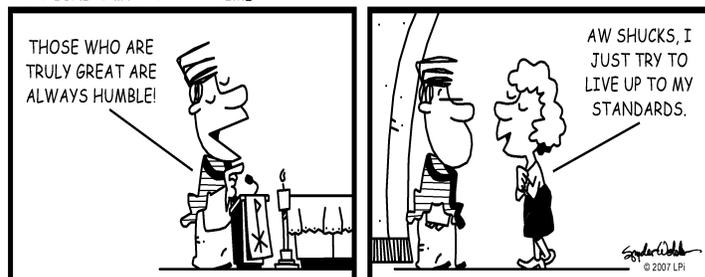
Catholic Women's Club will celebrate its opening season with the Holy Sacrament of the Mass at 12:00 followed by a pizza lunch in the chapel.

Welcome to new members as we start our exciting new year!!!

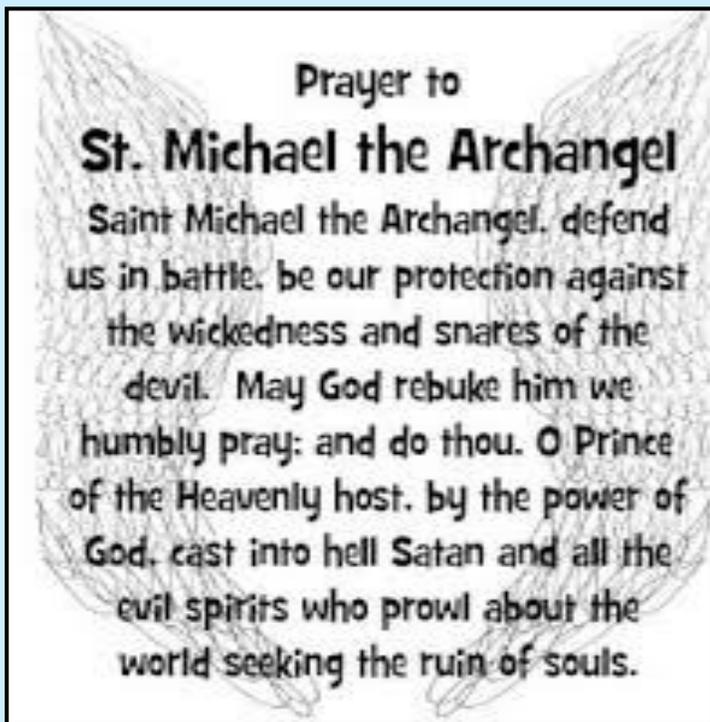
Family Healing and Recovery Ministry presents an Addiction Healing retreat with Irish Speaker – Jim Browne: Sept 27th-29th at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Halifax MA.

For info go to www.rosary4recovery.org or call Pauline Yax (774)454-7988 or Karen McWilliams (603) 682-7933

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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.



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