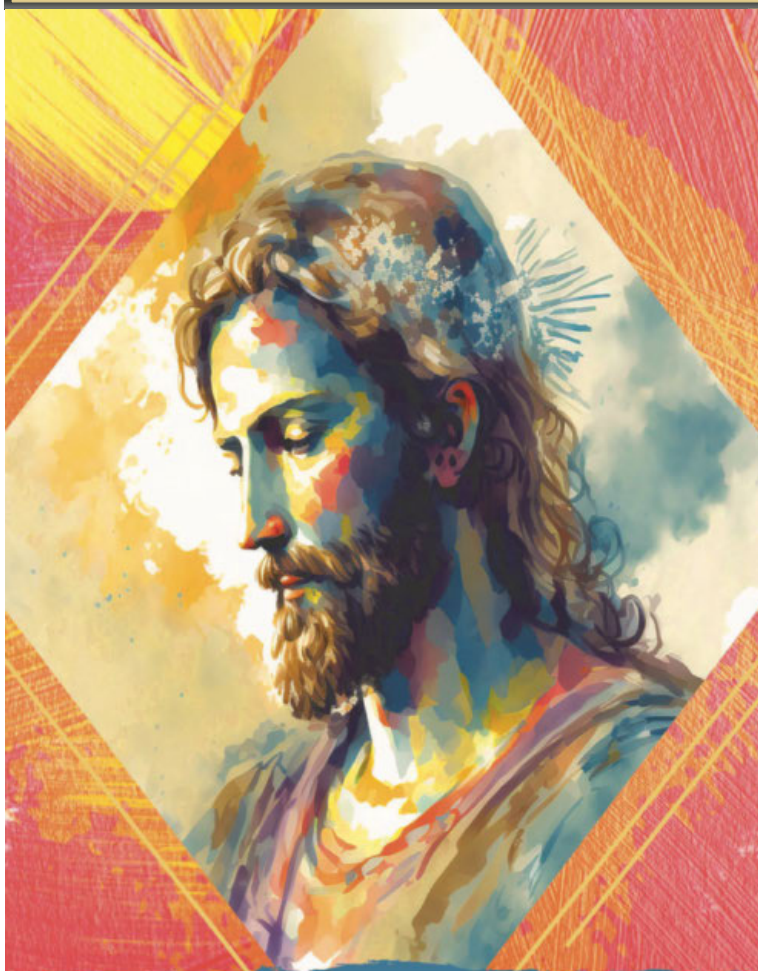




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
September 3, 2023*



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

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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
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Fr. Paul's Facebook Page —
Paul Ring Ofs**

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

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deaconbrendan@comcast.net

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cconnelly@rcab.org

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

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 2, 2023

4:00 - Dennis Rando — Memorial

Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

Saturday, September 9, 2023 -

4:00 - Willie DeIuleo — Memorial

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:30 - Brisco Paula — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:00 - Tony & Lu Cruz

11:30 - All our children starting school

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday September 10, 2023

8:00 - Leonard & Lena Shepard — Memorial

11:30 - Anna Biagi — 28th Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



A few years back, there was a country song put out, popularized by Kenny Chesney, called “Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven” which says that “everybody wants to go to heaven...but nobody want to go now”. It speaks to the fact that many folks want to enter into the Kingdom, but few (if anyone) want to go before they’ve lived all the life they feel that have coming. There’s only one thing wrong with that kind of thinking – it’s not up to us!

Peter speaks up in today’s gospel, voicing this kind of thinking. When he pulls Jesus aside and cautions against the kind of talk Jesus is uttering, he is thinking in human terms and loses sight of the mission of Jesus – the Kingdom. Jesus rebukes Peter (rightfully so), as the mission of Jesus is to end in His death. Jesus knows this and is not afraid to face the reality of this. Jesus realizes that He must die so that we might have life – Eternal Life. This is the “end goal” of Jesus’ mission here on earth, that we might see the Kingdom. This is the mission of each one of us as Catholic-Christians as well, that of the Kingdom.

The reality of the Christian life is that we must die to self so that Christ might live in us. This is a hard reality for many, for it goes “against the grain” of the thinking in modern society. We live in a world that seeks to preserve and prolong life, which is not a bad thing, necessarily. Another issue of recent years has been the push for assisted suicide (euphemistically called “physician-assisted death”). The problem with these ways of thinking come when it gets in the way of God’s plan for us and for the world. God’s desire is for us to have life, life eternal in the Kingdom. This isn’t possible if we strive to live forever in this present reality. We are not meant to live forever in this reality; one day, we are meant to enter into the Kingdom. As it is with Jesus, the “timeline” for this is not up to us; it is for our Heavenly Father to decide. It is God who knows “the day and the hour” of our going home to the Kingdom.

May we have the courage to give ourselves over to God’s plan. May we come to know that plan in our lives and may we strive to live that plan as best as we can. May we have the strength to unite our will over to God, not relinquishing the free will God gives us but aligning it with the plan which God has for us – life eternal in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

HOLY CROSS RETREAT HOUSE

RETREAT FALL KICK-OFF

September 17th

ENJOY REFRESHMENTS, TOURS, INFORMATION TABLES

490 WASHINGTON STREET EASTON MA
4:00-6:00 PM

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE ARTIST-EXTRAORDINAIRE, ROB SURETTE, PERFORMING FOR OUR COMMUNITY! ROB HAS APPEARED ON THE TODAY SHOW, AND HE IS A TOP-TIER MASTER FINE ARTIST FOR DISNEY! THE WHOLE FAMILY WILL BE INSPIRED!

To RSVP OR TO LEARN MORE
Email: nsmith@holycrossusa.org www.retreathouse.org

Please welcome Fr. Peter Francis home this weekend.

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at 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

Fellowship Hour: Saturday 9/23

Join us after the 4 pm Mass on 9/23 for a Fellowship period to connect with fellow parishioners before you head out to dinner. There will be crackers and cheese, fruit and drinks so it's the perfect (and a free) appetizer! We will be set up in the rose garden between the church and the rectory. Sponsored by our Disciples of Hospitality.

Volunteer Drive

After all the Masses on the weekends of September 23-24 and 30-October 1 we will be holding a Volunteer Drive. As we work to expand our ministries and revive some that have been dormant since the Covid shutdown, we need many more volunteers to make this possible. Please stop by the table to learn about the ways in which you can help our collaborative better minister to all those whom we serve.

In the next few weeks, we will be running a ministry spotlight in the bulletin so you learn more about our ministries.

All current volunteers should plan on stopping by the table so that they can fill out their paperwork for this fiscal year.

Reminder:

Effective October 1st, the 6:15 Mass will be held at St. Ann.

Ministry Spotlight: **Disciples of Hospitality**

Our Disciples of Hospitality are our collaborative's social life ministry. They plan and staff the Fellowship Hours after Mass, including the monthly Family Mass and organize other social events during the course of the year.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

On Pentecost Sunday of 2015 (5/24/15) Pope Francis promulgated “Laudato Si’ (On Care For Our Common Home)”. This powerful encyclical laid out challenges that we face and need to address, as well as suggestions of what we could do to ensure that our planet, our earthly home, could be cared for better.

This document was certainly in line with Pope Francis’ ethos, as well as how St. Francis of Assisi (from whom the Pope drew his name) saw the earth. In his “Canticle of the Sun”, St. Francis’ anthropomorphizing of natural elements elevated them to gifts from God, gifts of which we need take care.

On September 1, 2023, Pope Francis called for the recognition of a “Season of Creation”, taking place from 1 September-4 October (not coincidentally the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). Along with the Pope’s call for the celebration of this Season of Creation, the Laudato Si’ Movement (www.laudatosimovement.org) is spear-heading things that we can do to highlight this Season. This is something that St. Francis would most certainly be behind, as he saw the earth as not only a place to reside, but truly a gift from God which is to be cared for, nurtured, and protected. The Church calls upon us to be “stewards of creation”, something which our “first parents” (Adam and Eve) failed to do, and something at which we could be better. When one looks around at the overall condition of the planet, one could make a fair assumption that we have “dropped the ball” when it comes to this stewardship. Certainly, we have things like Earth Day (on 22 April) but truly each day is meant to be “earth day” as this “common home” (as Pope Francis would call it in his encyclical) is the only one we have until we reach the Kingdom.

I leave you with the prayer for our earth, with which Pope Francis concludes Laudato Si’, composed by His Holiness, Pope Francis, and I pray that our stewardship of our “common home” may be done prudently, wisely, and well. Here is said prayer:

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

September 2/3. at all Masses

There will be a special collection to support the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) relief efforts for local community members affected by the Maui wildfires.

Please address your checks to the parish, with “Maui Relief” in the memo. We will then send **one check** from the Collaborative.

Protecting God's Children Training

This training, also known as Virtus, is required for all parish staff and volunteers regardless of role. You are only required to attend this training once, so if you have previously attended this training you can receive credit for it. In conjunction with the Volunteer Drive, all current volunteers will receive an email about their status and info on how to sign up. We are hosting 2 trainings here:

Saturday 9/30 at 10 am at St. Ann

Saturday 10/14 at 9:30 am at St. John

For questions please contact Matt Brady.



Please welcome the following children into our Collaborative. Pray that this is the first step in a wonderful journey with God.



Riley Grace Peck
Henry James Eldeb



Please remember in your prayers:

*Madeline F. Ferretti
Charles Kadis
Daniel G. O'Connor*

May they rest in peace, and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

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. 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:

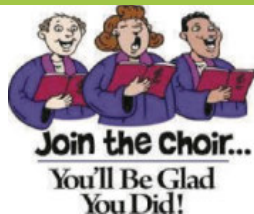
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Today's Second Collection the victims in Hawaii.



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West Bridgewater

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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.

***Tuesday September 5 2023
Monday, September 18, 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			171,915,900
	Ground Floor			85,897,500
	First Floor			14,218,000
2.3	Element C: Staircase			53,800,000
2.4	Element D: Roof and ceiling construction			20,255,000
2.5	Element E: Windows			40,320,700
2.6	Element F: Doors			66,816,000
2.7	Element G: Floor finishes			50,180,500
2.8	Element H: Wall finishes			11,490,500
2.9	Element I: Ceiling finishes			35,000,000
3.0	Element J: Electrical and mechanical works			745,179,200
Grand Total (Ug Shs)				195,074
Grand Total (Dollars)				

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 USD\$195,074. 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.

How can you donate? Write a check to St. John's or St. Ann. In the memo indicate St. Benedict Uganda. Money will be wired to Uganda. Thank you so much.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba

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