



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*September 15, 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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“There will be more joy in
heaven over one sinner who
repents than over ninety-nine
righteous people who have
no need of repentance.”

- Lk 15:7b

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For both Churches

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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., See Schedule

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 p.m., See Schedule

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

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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 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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PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 14, 2019
 4:00 - Leonard & Lena Shepard — Memorial
Sunday, September 15, 2019
 8:00 - Parishioners of St. John
 10:30 - Frederick H. Mitchell — 3rd Anniversary
Thursday, September 19, 2019
 9:00 - Antonio Moura & Parents — Memorial
Saturday, September 21, 2019
 4:00 - Richard Venesky — 12th Anniversary
Sunday, September 22, 2019
 8:00 - Carol Fitzgerald — 2nd Anniversary
 Susan Fitzgerald — 5th Anniversary
 10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 14, 2019
 4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
Sunday, September 15, 2019
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
Monday, September 16, 2019
 9:00 - Mary R. Short & George E. Short, Jr
 Birthday Remembrances
Saturday, September 21, 2019
 4:00 - Vincent Hallisey — 5th Anniversary
Sunday, September 22, 2019
 8:30 - Joseph F. Linehan — 15th Anniversary
 10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.
 Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the earth.
 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice; for they shall obtain mercy.
 Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called children of God.
 Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice's sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and speaking falsely, all manner of evil against you, for My sake.

Recently there has been a phishing expedition by a computer hacker using priests names — **this is not valid.**
 Please check with the Rectory Offices if you receive emails asking for help, services, or products from any of our priests and report it to us.

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's gospel offers us three parables. Parables were story-telling "tools" that the speaker used to convey a greater point. While Jesus was not alone in using parables, He certainly is known for using them, relating these images to greater realities such as salvation and the Kingdom of God. In today's gospel, Jesus is speaking of the "sin and repentance" aspect of our faith by speaking of "The Lost Sheep", "The Lost Coin" and "The Prodigal Son". The first two parables "set up" the third, which brings the point home.

The story of the "Prodigal Son" can be looked at in many different ways. While we tend to look at the "wayward" son as the center of the story, we can also take the tale from the perspective of the father or even of the second ("faithful") son. Depending where we are on our journey of faith, we may be able to relate to any one of these three characters. Some may focus on the "prodigal son", insofar as his journey from sin to forgiveness. The prodigal son gives us a vivid picture not only of the perils of sin, but also the power of forgiving love. The prodigal son, coming to his senses and realizing the error of his ways, goes to the father not expecting anything more than to be treated like a hired hand. The treatment he receives "mirrors" the treatment we receive from God when, with contrite hearts, we approach God seeking – and receiving! – forgiveness. It is a riveting image of the power of God's forgiving love.

We can also look at this story from the perspective of the father. Perhaps in our life there is someone who has "wronged" us, and they approach seeking forgiveness. The father in today's story is a model for us, a way of approaching that encounter. We can hold back that forgiveness, "lording over" the offending party the transgression committed; this is not, however, how God wishes us to act. The father in today's gospel shows us that "to err is human, to forgive, divine". When we forgive, we bring God's grace into the moment, raising it up so that God may bless BOTH parties, healing the wounds of sin and division.

Finally, we can look at the story from the viewpoint of the son. Perhaps we have been faithful to God's teaching, yet we don't feel that we have been given our "due" (i.e. the "young goat" that the "faithful" son feels that he deserves). We might become resentful when we see others who have transgressed getting "rewarded" (i.e., the Prodigal Son), forgetting that God sees all and will deal with them accordingly (probably affording them far more mercy than we would!). We should come to realize that God will deal with us – in His own time and His own way - for "we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Cor 5:10). It has been said that "whoever brings a sinner back from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins" (Jas 5:20). May we have the courage to seek out the "lost" and bring them back into God's good grace by inviting them back into relationship with God. May we know the grace God has waiting for us and may we share that grace with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,
 Fr. Paul



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

The Next Second Collection

September 21/22, 2019 — Bahama Relief Collection; September 28/29, 2019 — St. Benedict's Dormitory

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i>		
OFFERTORY	8/25/19	\$ 3,769	\$ 4,288	\$ 5,333
	9/01/19	\$ 3,492	“	“



A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE DEVESTATION IN THE BAHAMAS IS REQUESTED BY THE CARDINAL

THIS COLLECTION WILL BE THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 21ST & SEPTEMBER 22ND

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

From the Cardinal:
 “Checks should be made out to the “Archdiocese of Boston” and clearly marked on the memo line “Hurricane Dorian Relief”. As information about the destruction and needs becomes known we will work in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services for the Bahamas and Catholic Charities USA for any US diocese that has emergency needs.

The Cardinal also asks that we keep all of our brothers and sisters impacted by the hurricane in our prayers.

Dear Parishioners of St. John and St. Ann's, peace.

I am Fr. Stephen Lusiba from Uganda. You know me well and as I told you, this parish is now a home away from home. I thank so much Fr. Paul, the pastor, for what he is in my life and mission. I am happy to be back.

I bring you greetings and thanx from St Benedict high school, Uganda. Thank you for the donation you gave us last year. We managed to do the roofing as you can see the building in the picture.

Our challenge now is to do the closing, plastering and painting. This will cost us \$22,000.00. I request for individual donation towards this genuine cause.

How to donate? Write your check in the names of St. John's or St. Ann's. In the memo write St. Benedict school, Uganda. We shall also have a second collection for this cause on the weekend of September 28/29.

Thanx so much and many blessings.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba Steven

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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 REQUIRED DINNER MEETING to follow for
Confirmation Students and Parents OUTLINING THE
PROGRAM AND ITS REQUIREMENTS.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

A For Women Only Retreat,
(Sun) September 29, 2019
2:00 – 5:00

“Come to the Harvest”

Retreat Presented by Nancy Smith, *Wings over the Heart-Spiritual Companion.*
Music Minister: Brittany Logeree

Our afternoon together will include time to claim our own individual gifts of our harvest, adoration, prayer, music, and fellowship.

There is no registration fee. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490

Women of all ages are welcome to join us!

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 MOMENT

Patience in All Things

St. Francis De Sales said, “Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself.” Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, “Nobody to blame but me!”

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to the Homebound.

Training will be available for anyone who is interested and

Current Eucharistic Ministers serving who are already trained may want to participate, as well.



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Baby William, John Gilbride, David Warren, Bill Frabetti & 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.

St John's 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 And will begin October 6th. Grade 9 will meet from 6:00—7:00 and Grade 10 from 7:30—8:30

The first Teen Mass is September 15th at St. John's

We will have a Required meeting for Parents and Students from both churches after the Teen Mass on at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall to explain the program and its 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 14th & 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**

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.

TEEN MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
9/15/19	Saint John
10/20/19	Saint Ann
11/17/19	Saint John
12/08/19	Saint Ann

Post on Fridge



A message from Carmen Pearson,
Coordinator of the Parish Picnic:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make our parish picnic a success. Donations were received from Roache Bros., Stop & Shop, Trucchi's and Lipinski's Farm. To Bill Dowling for use of his grill and to Lisa and Jim Motos for transporting the grill, to Loretta Connelly for obtaining the ice, all the grillers and to all those who helped in preparing and serving the foods. John Tibbetts for the music enjoyed by all, Charleen Tibbetts who ran the 50/50 raffle, and the many donations of the delicious desserts. And to the Madigan family who did the tent and table setup and take down.

The picnic was enjoyed by all because so many people helped make it happen—from ticket sales to cleanup.

Join our choirs!

New members welcome for Adult, Teen and Children's Choirs.

Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director, for more information.



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.

September 27 - 29, 2019
Weekend Retreat
Family Healing and Recovery Ministry
Welcomes Internationally Known
Irish Speaker - Jim Browne



"Saint John the Baptist, the Voice of the Word"
Our Lady of the Lake Church
575 Monponsett Street, Halifax, MA
(details on reverse side of flyer)



The Family Healing and Recovery Ministry is happy to present Jim Browne who has helped countless people learn how to recover from obsessions and addictions by the Word, Jesus Christ. Deeply faithful, funny and insightfully gifted, Jim will keep you wanting more. This retreat is designed for anyone who wants to remove obstacles in your life that keep you from having a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join us and have confidence in God's healing mercy on your body, mind and spirit. If you have participated in his previous retreat "Surrender and Accept Jesus' Invitation to the Banquet", you will surely enjoy the newest presentation, "Saint John the Baptist, the Voice of the Word"

Cost of retreat – \$ 115pp
 (\$65/Sat includes Lunch & Dinner and \$50/Sun includes Lunch on Sun.)
 Space is limited, please pre-register early to secure your spot. To register call:
Karen McWilliams at (603) 682-7933 or Pauline Yax - (774) 454-7988

"Saint John the Baptist, the Voice of the Word"
Friday-(Sept 27th) 6pm-8:30pm
 Opening talk, Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
Saturday-(Sept 28th)
 8:30am -10am – Rosary, Holy Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
 10:30am – 9pm -Retreat (includes Eucharistic Healing Service)
Sunday -(Sept 29th) 10:30am -Holy Mass
 11:30 -5:00pm- Retreat
 Detailed Program Schedule will be provided upon arrival

Make checks payable to: Our Lady of The Lake Church
JB September Retreat
c/o Fr. Mike Hobson
Our Lady of the Lake Church
580 Monponsett Street,
Halifax, MA 02338
 IMPORTANTinclude name(s) of participants, mail address, e-mail and phone number

There will be no overnight accommodations available in Halifax however, a limited amount of rooms have been secured (approx. 15 minute drive)at the:
BAYMOUNT INN & SUITES KINGSTON
 149 MAIN ST
 KINGSTON, MA 02364
 PH: 781-565-3831
 *Cook-\$129.00+tax per night
 (2 queen beds per room, breakfast, WiFi, indoor pool incl.)
 *Please book this separately from the retreat cost



***Please note that we want to share this retreat with everyone, especially those suffering with wounded hearts. We have a limited amount of sponsored retreat passes and if finances are a problem, please call Karen McWilliams at (603) 682-7933 or Pauline Yax - (774) 454-7988. God bless you and your families!

Presented by Family Healing and Recovery Ministry
www.rosary4recovery.org