



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
September 25, 2022*



*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Pastor:

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#### **Permanent Deacons:**

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday**

### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

**St John's**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

**St Ann's**  
**Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &**  
**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass**  
**w/ Drive up option**

**Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.**  
**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

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

**7:30 - Joan Mondeau— 6th Anniversary**

**11:30 –All Parishioners suffering in any way**

**6:15 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**7:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann**

**11:30 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remem**

**6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**4:00 - Claudette Rochefort — Memorial**

**Sunday September 25, 2022**

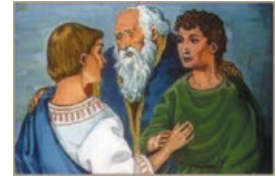
**9:30 - Francis McCarthy — Birthday Remem**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

**4:00 - Alexis Doucette — 18th Birthday Remem**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**9:30 - Kendra Frabretti — Birthday Remem**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As I was reflecting on today's gospel, I couldn't help but think of "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens. Truly, I was, and I'll be happy to explain why (even though Christmas is months away). In "A Christmas Carol", Scrooge is visited by the Three Ghosts (Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future); in today's gospel, the "rich man" featured in the parable presented by Jesus begs Abraham to call forth someone who has risen from the dead to visit his brothers so that their fate does not "mirror" his. This is where the stories "part company", for a bit. Abraham realizes that their minds won't be changed even if someone who has risen from the dead visits them. This is primarily because they (the brothers) have Moses and the prophets to "steer them in the right direction" - they shouldn't need someone to rise from the dead to "get it". We know, from the benefit of two thousand years of salvation history, that God did send someone risen from the dead (Jesus, in His post-resurrection encounters with the disciples) to help His followers "get it". Did they need this? Some did, some didn't. God realized, however, that something "big" had to happen for people to be convinced of Jesus' claim that He was the Son of God.

What did/does/will (depending on where we are on our journey of faith) it take for us to "get it"? Was reading the Old Testament, specifically the books of the prophets, enough for us? Was reading the New Testament, specifically the Gospels, enough for us? Were the resurrection (and post-resurrection) accounts enough for us? Are we still not convinced that God has a plan for us? Each one of us must answer these questions for ourselves, for our faith journeys are just that – ours; no one else can live them for us. We can (and should) be taught dogmas and doctrines, which provide an important "base" from which our beliefs take root and blossom into action. Eventually, however, if our faith is to be a true and lasting faith which bears fruit, we must come to believe on our own, putting our faith into action.

Lazarus was given a share in the Kingdom because God has a special place in His heart (the Church would call it a "preferential option") for the poor. We must have a similar place in our heart for the poor, including not only the physically poor, but the spiritually impoverished (who may actually be more prevalent in our community). The "rich man" would have had a similar place in God's Kingdom if he realized how gifted he was, and took the time to share those gifts. God has gifted us similarly. We would do well to take the time – before it is too late – to assess our own "giftedness", and share these gifts of "time, talent and treasure" with our immediate and biological family, our friends, our family in faith here in the Together In Christ Collaborative, our local communities, our nation and our world.

Have a Blessed Week,

*Fr. Paul*

### NEW MASS SCHEDULE



After consultation with the Parish Council and Staff, we are unveiling a New Mass Schedule.

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2022  
Through Approx. Easter**

#### **SATURDAYS**

**4:00 PM — SAINT JOHN'S**

#### **SUNDAYS**

**7:30 — SAINT ANN'S**

**9:30 — SAINT JOHN'S**

**11:30 — SAINT ANN'S**

**6:15 — SAINT ANN'S**

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

NEXT WEEK'S (OCT 2) SECOND COLLECTION IS TO PAY THE PAST-DUE BILL TO OCP FOR **LAST YEAR'S MISSALS ( BREAKING BREAD) FOR BOTH PARISHES WHICH IS \$1483.**

WE CANNOT ORDER NEW MISSALS FOR THE UP-COMING NEW LITURGICAL YEAR UNTIL AND UNLESS WE PAY THIS BILL. THEY WILL NOT SHIP ANYTHING ELSE TO US UNTIL OUR ACCOUNT IS CAUGHT UP.

WE THEN WILL ALSO HAVE TO PAY FOR THE NEW MISSALS WHICH WILL COST ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR.

SO WE NEED APPROXIMATELY \$3000. TO BE ABLE TO ORDER NEW MISSALS FOR BOTH PARISHES.



Faith Formation Parent Meetings  
Monday, 9/26 at 6 pm in St. John's upper church  
Tuesday 9/27 at 6 pm in St Ann's Parish Center

Please come and meet Matt Brady and hear about the details of this year's faith formation program. Info will also be emailed to all signed up families.

### Registration for Faith Formation is Now Open!

Registration for this year's Faith Formation Program is now open. Registration forms can be found at the back of both churches or on the website. Classes will begin Sunday, October 2nd so please register as soon as possible to allow us to finish getting ready. Cost per student is \$100 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child.

The schedule of classes is below. When registering, please select the class each child in your family will attend. All classes will meet weekly, **except for grades 9 and 10, which will alternate weeks.** Once registrations are processed, you will receive the full schedule of class dates by email.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Matt Brady by email at [directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.tic@gmail.com) or by calling 774-533-2002.

Grades 1-5 Sundays 8:15-9:15 am @ St. John
Grades 1-5 Mondays 4-5 pm @ St. Ann
Grades 6-8 Sundays 5-6 pm @ St. Ann
Grades 6-8 Tuesdays 4-5 pm @ St. Ann
Grade 9 Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm @ St. Ann
Grade 10 Sundays 7:30-8:30 pm @ St. Ann

### OPENINGS FOR CATECHISTS FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

#### SUNDAYS (8:15—9:15) St. John's

Grade 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 2 — Filled

Grade 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 5 \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAYS (5—6 PM) St Ann's

Grade 6 — Filled

Grade 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 8 \_\_\_\_\_

#### MONDAYS (4–5 PM) St. Ann's

Grade 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 5 \_\_\_\_\_

#### TUESDAYS (4– 5 PM) St Ann's

Grade 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 8 \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAYS (3 Catechists needed per grade, grades 9 & 10) 7:30—8:30 PM — St. Ann's

Grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Catechists are needed to teach faith formation for all grades.

If you are interested in serving in this vital role, please contact Matt Brady. He will train you and make sure you are well-prepared for each session.

**774-533-2002**



## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

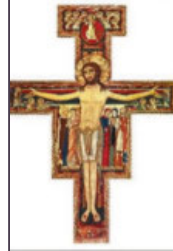
### Miracle of Miracles

In the New Testament we read about many miracles performed by Jesus that demonstrates the power of God's Kingdom over sin and death. Jesus cures the sick by making the deaf hear and the mute speak. He cures lepers and makes those who are paralyzed walk. To feed thousands, Jesus multiplies five loaves of bread and two fish so that all can eat and be satisfied. Jesus demonstrates his divinity by calming the storm and walks on water. He shows his power of evil by expelling demons. He shows his sovereignty over death by restoring Tabitha, Jarius' daughter, and Lazarus to life. By rising from the dead, Jesus restores all of us to eternal life. Many people wonder where the miracles are today. God continues to work miracles for "those who have eyes to see and ears to hear." In our own backyard there are two noteworthy miracles that contributed to the canonizations of two beloved saints. In 1987 a two-year-old Brockton girl accidentally ingested a large amount of Tylenol leading to multiple organ failure. Her parents named her after the Carmelite Nun, Sister Teresa Benedicta (commonly known as Edith Stein). Edith Stein was a Jewish scholar who converted to Catholicism and was killed by the Nazi's at Auschwitz. After learning that their little girl ingested sixteen lethal doses of Tylenol, the family began asking people to ask the Carmelite Nun's intercession for healing. Within a few days thousands of people were asking for a miracle through the intercession of Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta). These same people gave thanks to God when the little girl walked out of the hospital with a red balloon.

In the year 2000, Deacon Jack Sullivan of Pembroke was stricken with a debilitating spinal condition that caused extreme pain his back and legs. Jack was devoted to the life and ministry of John Cardinal Newman and after hearing an invitation to ask for "divine favors" from the late Cardinal, Jack prayed to the Lord through Cardinal Newman's intercession that he would be able to walk and continue his diaconate formation. The next morning, he was without pain, his surgery was cancelled, and he continued his classes. He did not pray for a full healing for fear of being presumptuous. In 2001 he suffered some complications that needed surgery that would require a lengthy recovery. So, Jack made a similar petition to the Lord through Cardinal Newman's intercession. Almost immediately Jack felt a warm sensation run through his body and when he woke up, he was free of pain and with an overwhelming sense of peace and joy. He was able to return to his classes as scheduled and was eventually ordained a deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston. This miracle was verified by Pope Benedict XVI and led to the Cardinal's beatification.

Though most of us do not receive miracles like the two described above, we do get to participate in and receive the "Miracle of Miracles." Every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) we offer bread and wine that becomes for us the Body, Soul, Humanity, and Divinity, of Jesus Christ. The bread and wine become for us the Real Presence of the Living God. In Luke's Gospel, the angel says that Mary is to name Jesus, "Emmanuel" because it means "God is With Us." Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, God is with us and through our communion we are invited to be with him. It is interesting that the Church is filled on Ash Wednesday when the Church gives out ashes. People still come to the Church for the blessing of throats, and people flock to Church on Palm Sunday to get their palms. Yet, on the day the Church consecrates and distributes the greatest miracle of miracles, God himself, our Churches are not full.

Friends, as I conclude these reflections on the Eucharist, may your hearts grow with a holy desire to share and receive the Holy Eucharist. May we come become like the one we receive.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

On Oct. 4, Roman Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian deacon who brought renewal to the Church through his decision to follow Jesus' words as literally as possible. In a January 2010 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI recalled this "giant of holiness" as a "great saint and a joyful man," who taught the Church that "the secret of true happiness" is "to become saints, close to God." The future Saint Francis was born on an uncertain date in the early 1180s, one of the several children born to the wealthy merchant Pietro Bernardone and his wife Pica. He originally received the name Giovanni (or John), but became known as Francesco (or Francis) by his father's choice.

Unlike many medieval saints, St. Francis was neither studious nor pious in his youth. His father's wealth gave him access to a lively social life among the upper classes, where he was known for his flashy clothes and his readiness to burst into song. Later a patron of peacemakers, he aspired to great military feats in his youth and fought in a war with a rival Italian city-state. A period of imprisonment during that conflict turned his mind toward more serious thoughts, as did a recurring dream that suggested his true "army" was not of this world. He returned to Assisi due to illness in 1205, and there began to consider a life of voluntary poverty.

Three major incidents confirmed Francis in this path. In Assisi, he overcame his fear of disease to kiss the hand of a leper. Afterward, he made a pilgrimage to Rome, where he deposited his money at Saint Peter's tomb and exchanged clothes with a beggar. Soon after he returned home, Francis heard Christ tell him in a vision: "Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin." Francis began to use his father's wealth to restore churches. This led to a public quarrel in which the cloth-merchant's son removed his clothing and declared that he had no father except God. He regarded himself as the husband of "Lady Poverty," and resolved to serve Christ as "a herald of the Great King."

During the year 1208, the "herald" received the inspiration that would give rise to the Franciscan movement. At Mass one morning, he heard the Gospel reading in which Christ instructed the apostles to go forth without money, shoes, or extra clothing. This way of life soon became a papally-approved rule, which would attract huge number of followers within Francis' own lifetime. Through his imitation of Christ, Francis also shared in the Lord's sufferings. He miraculously received Christ's wounds, the stigmata, in his own flesh during September of 1224. His health collapsed over the next two years, a "living sacrifice" made during two decades of missionary preaching and penance.

St. Francis of Assisi died on Oct. 3, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, his friend and devotee, canonized him in 1228. May we follow your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi and by imitating his joyful love.

Pax et Bonum,

*Fr. Paul, OFS*



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

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Joe Pigeon, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Gerry Penney. Dottie & Leo Slack & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
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**East Bridgewater MA 02333**

Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
Hotline—508-378-3760

### 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.



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@ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com  
P O Box 474  
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Saint Ann's Church is continuing to collect food items for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Items can be left in church on the shelves to the right as you come in the front door.

**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  
(508) 510-5274.**

### PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGH- OUT 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.

### THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, October 3, 2022  
Monday, October 17, 2022*

*Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc  
are always great additions to the shelves.*

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

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

**MEMORIAL MASSES  
Suggested donation \$25+**

**HOSTS, WINE AND SACTUARY LAMPS FOR THE  
WEEK — \$30+**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK  
\$75+**

### GRAND OPENING!!!



### BINGO IS BACK!

**St. Ann's Bingo is open  
Doors open at 4 PM  
Bingo will start at  
6:30 PM Sharp**

**Southeast Cyclones will be holding Saturday Night  
Doors Open at 4 PM  
Bingo will start at  
6 PM Sharp**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH  
THE PARISH CENTER CLEAN UP !!**

Fall 2022 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats – October 1, October 29 & November 19

*"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."* – A Project Rachel retreat participant.

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat.

Fall dates are October 1, October 29, and November 19 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat.

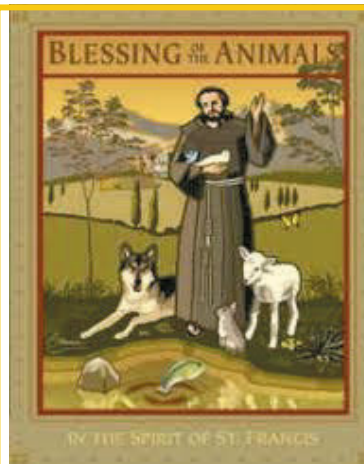
For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

## Choir Is Back!

One who sings prays twice. If you would like to pray twice by singing in the Together in Christ Collaborative Choir please plan to attend choir rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Saint John's.



Please email Rich, our music director at [richcesarini@gmail.com](mailto:richcesarini@gmail.com) in advance so that he will have enough copies of music for everyone.



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