



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*September 29, 2019  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



“Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’” - Lk 16:31

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.

## 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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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**

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**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

8:00 - Maria S. Chaves — Memorial

10:30 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

4:00 - Maria Figueiredo — 21st Anniversary

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Bronislaw Morawski — 30th Anniversary

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

4:00 - Frank Castricone — 8th Anniversary

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

4:00 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remem.

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Luc Sanon & Gestra Sanon — Memorial

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED TRINITY**

The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exalt God above all forever!

Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we owe the grace of professing the true faith, grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may through Your majestic power be confirmed in this faith and defended against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**2020 WITNESS TO LIFE PILGRIMAGE**

Join us for the 2020 WITNESS TO LIFE PILGRIMAGE from Boston to Washington, D.C.! January 23—25, 2020

Registration for this event opened September 10th  
More information can be found on the Archdiocese website  
<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/witnesstolife/>

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 does/did/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

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

### The Next Second 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</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY      9/08/19	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,412	\$ 4,324	\$ 5,333

### Who Was Sister Dorothy Stang?

Sister Dorothy Stang and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur set up a mission in the Brazilian Rainforest, working with more than 100,000 parishioners, preparing them for Sacraments, teaching religion in schools, helping the people with spiritual growth. On weekends, Sister Dorothy and the Sisters would head into rural villages to bring the people together, giving adults religious instructions and training lay catechists. It was during these visits when the reality of oppression and poverty struck Sister Dorothy, and she began teaching the people about their rights as human beings.

Sister Dorothy taught the farmers how to work the land in sustainable ways, without depleting rich natural resources. And she helped the families live in peace and with dignity. Together, they began opening schools in the hills and villages surrounding the farms.

The night before her death she brought food and clothing to a family whose home had been burned to the ground.

For the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019, Pope Francis has asked each country to hold up one missionary witness. In the United States, we have chosen Sister Dorothy.

**Continue Learning About Sister Dorothy's Impact... [Google Sister Dorothy Stang](#)  
And Learn More About The Extraordinary Missionary Month! [Google Extraordinary Missionary Month](#)**

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

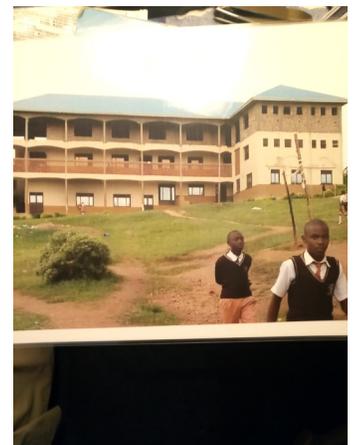
We would like to complete the girls Dormitory for the following reasons:

1. To make sure they are safe from abductions, rape and forced early marriages by staying in the dormitory.
2. We want to empower the girl child through education. Women have been left out for some time in Uganda.
3. To curb the increase of HIV AIDS. When they are in school, they are safe.
4. Since we have no buses to transport students from their homes, the best way is to have them in school so that they may not walk long distances for six miles plus to and from school.

We are looking for \$22,000.00 to complete this girls dorm.

Write your check through St. John's or St. Ann and write in the memo St. Benedict school. Kindly donate generously in the second collection this coming weekend.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba



# 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.

### 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.

St Ann's Religious Education Program is in need of:

Grade 1 — 1 Aide  
Grade 2 — 2 Aides  
Grade 3 — 1 Aide  
Grade 6 — 1 Aide

If you are able to help, please call Charlotte Leines, the  
Director of Religious Education at 508-588-7140

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTORS & EUCHARIST  
MINISTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

Thanks to a very generous donator who bequeathed a large  
amount of money to St. Ann's upon his death, we are able  
to take care of some of the facility issues such as painting of  
the church, power washing the rectory, etc. that have been  
plaguing the Parish. We are hoping to address more of the  
facility issues in the coming months including replacing the  
boiler and we will report them to you as they are corrected.

The offertory is about \$1000 below what it used to be so  
these issues had to be put on the back burner until now.  
Your generosity is what makes this parish run smoothly.

## St Ann Prayer Line:



To request prayers from members of Saint  
Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another per-  
son 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.

## Practicing Faith

**Question:**  
I'd like to make some new resolutions about  
practicing the faith in our family during the new  
year. Do you have any suggestions?

**Answer:**  
The family is the most essential space for the  
formation of values and character. Practicing your faith  
as a family can happen both internally and externally.  
Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a  
lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a  
family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly  
doable most nights. In the evening, select a few  
common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or  
Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to  
thank God for three things that day and include a time  
for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special  
needs in your family. This practice could be done with  
older children, committed to intentional efforts in the  
midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith  
outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should  
already be part of your family's weekly routine.  
Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This  
could be a family service project in your city, attending  
the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a  
hospitality night in your home. Get your children  
involved in the planning process. Ask them where  
they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a  
hard time and might need a special night just for them.  
Rather than simply imposing new practices, your  
whole family can have a dynamic role understanding  
and integrating faith and life.

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



## 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, George Lepine & 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](http://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 ( Grades 1-8 )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 pm

**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**

The painting of Saint John's has been contracted so if you see people working on this project it has been approved by our Business Manager

Saint John's needs help!!!

Recently the church has many bulletins left in the pews and the missals have pages missing and left on the floor. Please help us take pride in the church facility and its contents.

Thank you for your support.

## 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 29: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

On **September 27**, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Thank you for your generosity in the Food Drive last weekend.

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

The Catholic Women's Club would like to extend an invitation to ALL the women of St John's and St. Ann's to join this most worthwhile Ministry of the Parish.

This ministry gives you an opportunity to support the Parish in many ways while building a relationship with God and other women of the Parish.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (10/9) at Riddell Road at 12:30.

**HELP!!!! A CLEANING TEAM NEEDS TO BE REPLACED AT ST. JOHN'S. CURRENTLY TEAMS ARE ON A 5-WEEK ROTATION. WE CAN KEEP THIS SCHEDULE IF ANOTHER TEAM STEPS UP.**

Duties include the dusting, cleaning and straightening of the Church and Sacristy. Please call the Rectory if you can help!



Congratulations to our newest

Baptized Member of St. Johns

*Reese Elizabeth  
Andrews*

**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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).

### **Cursillo**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. In Cursillo, you encounter Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. The dates for the next weekends are:

**Women's Cursillo Weekend**

**October 24-27, 20**

**Men's Cursillo Weekend**

**December 5-8, 2019**

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston, MA.

A member of our own parish (collaborative), \_\_\_\_\_ is on the team for the (women's / men's) weekend this Spring.

For more information please check the Boston Cursillo website:

[www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org). You may also phone

\_\_\_\_\_ (team member) at

\_\_\_\_\_ (phone #).

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**Saturday, October 26 -- 10:00am & Sunday, October 27 -- 11:00am**