



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*October 7, 2018
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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*“From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.”
- Mk 10:6*

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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Rev. Michael K. Harvey

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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 Tuesday 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, October 6, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:00 - Alfred Smith — 5th Anniversary

10:30 - Maria Figueiredo — 20th Anniversary

Saturday, October 13, 2018

4:00 - Linda Fontaine — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Hutchins—McLaughlin Families — Mem.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 6, 2018

4:00 - Frank Castricone — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Dennis McElhinney, Jr. — Birthday Rem.

Saturday, October 13, 2018

4:00 - Kay & George Flaherty — Memorial

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carl W. Hanson — 20th Anniversary

**DEACON'S CORNER
By DEACON BRENDAN**

Two weeks ago I spoke to you about our **urgent need** to have more lectors especially and other liturgical ministers. Out of THREE HUNDRED at all the Masses only THREE came forward. Maybe you need more time to think about it or speak to your family members. Please know your yes would be only for a year and your assignment would be for only twice a month.

Help me understand why only **.5% responded** to my request for more lectors and other ministers by dropping me an email- deaconbrendan@comcast.net. I welcome your comments.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



There is an old saying which states that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend”. It surmises that if someone is combating another who is at cross-purposes with your goals and objectives, they are “in your camp” as your ally. This can be true in the realms of government, military or even ministry. This is the point which Jesus is making in today’s gospel.

As the renown of Jesus grows, the number of followers and disciples grows as well. The Twelve report back to Jesus that they saw others (not of their company) performing miraculous acts. Jesus “sets the record straight” by letting the listener know that one cannot both do the works of God and speak/act against God. If they are truly “of God”, that is working, speaking and acting with the purpose of building up the Kingdom and furthering the mission of Jesus, then they cannot be wrong. There are ways to test this ministry; Jesus would later remark that “each tree is known by its own fruits” (Mt 7:20). In this way, one can determine if one is acting in the name of God or if one is working for one’s own purpose and gain. It can be as simple as providing a cup of water, for the work of God is charitable love.

St. Paul speaks of this in our second reading. He speaks of the rich storing for themselves treasures. In doing so, they are not looking to build up the Kingdom – they are looking to build up their own bank account. This might give them security for now; but in the long run, it will be held in testimony against them (see Jas. 5:3). The “treasures” which we are to store up for ourselves are not things which this world can provide. They are things such as mercy, understanding, patience, peace, and love. When we secure treasures such as these, we unite ourselves to Christ and His Kingdom.

May we have the courage to prophesy in the name of God. May we pray for the knowledge and wisdom which comes from God alone, a spiritual “sight” which allows us to see things for how they are and not how they are perceived. May we come to know God’s mercy for us and may we share that mercy, forgiveness and love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

The Next Second Collection
October 14, 2018 — Holy Father's Missionary Efforts
October 21, 2018 — Quarterly collection for major repairs

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	9/23/18		9/23/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,380	\$3,680	\$4,246	\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000



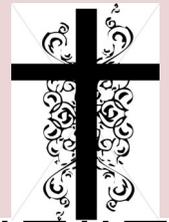
Saint Ann's and Saint John's is committed to keeping our promise to keep God's Children Safe.

As most of you are aware, all parish volunteers are required by the Archdiocese to attend a class in VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) Each and every volunteer and staff member must attend at least one training session. If you have already attended but was to refresh your training, you are welcome as well.

For those of you have not attended a VIRTUS training session, one will be held at Saint Ann's Parish Center on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The training generally last an hour to an hour and a half depending on questions by participants

Please remember Saint Ann's and Saint John's When doing your Estate Planning!



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann's Teen Masses will be the 2nd Sunday of each month

And

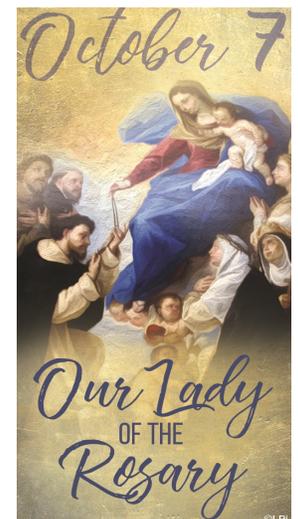
Saint John's Teen Masses will be the 4th Sunday of each month

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you are in need of Rosary Beads, our Rosary Makers have them available at the doors of each church.

Please help yourself.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
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New mailing address:
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West Bridgewater MA 02379



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!!!!

Saint Ann's is currently experiencing some flooding in the basement of the Rectory. We are currently working

with the Archdiocese to remedy this situation. However, every plan of action requires money.

The offertory has been very low lately and barely covers the monthly bills. Therefore, we find it necessary to add a second collection quarterly to address some of the capital issues. As you can imagine, the quarterly collection this quarter will be for the water issues. This collection will be The weekend of October 20 & 21.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 07, 2018 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on child-like faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus' response goes further back than the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female ... the two shall become one flesh ... what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today -- now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



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.

Electronic Recycling Fundraiser Saint Ann's — October 13th — 9:00—2:00

ALL TOWNS WELCOME

Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in West Bridgewater
Location: Saint Ann's, 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA
Parking lot beside Rectory.

(Rain or Shine).
Cash or personal checks accepted)

Bring these items to the parking lot:
Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc, Circuit Boards, Radios, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)
Laptops ...\$5 ea.

Dishwasher, Dryers, Stoves, Microwaves, Ex. Equipment, Lawn Mowers, Snow Blowers, Vacuum, Small Engine Items, etc...\$10 ea.
Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$15 ea.
TV's: 15-35
Air Conditioners...\$15, Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators..\$20-\$30
Scrap/Junk Metal...\$10 car load.
Empty propane tank..\$10
Cables, Keyboards, Car Batteries, Cell Phones...No Fee

Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.
Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX Cruiser, Old/New, Kids, etc. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

(We can pick up bicycles if you cannot get them there)
Questions: Please contact Dennis Wood 508 277 7513.

SAINT ANN'S is bringing back the

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC AFTER ALL THE MASSES

THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH.

We are in need of certified nurses or nursing assistants to help with this mission.

Please call the rectory and leave a message if you can help.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

Join Our Choirs!

Welcoming new members for children's, adult and teen choirs! Weekly, seasonal, and Teen Mass opportunities. No audition required. Instrumentalists also welcome! Children must have received First Holy Communion in order to participate. Contact Paul Hoffman, Saint John's Music Director, for more information and schedule.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul **HOTLINE** at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

Teachers and Helpers needed for CCD Classes for 2018/2019

We are in need of Teachers and Helpers for the grades 1 - 6. We have classes for grades 1-6 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4:30-5:30. We have grades 1-6 on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00.

We also need two 8th grade teachers for Wednesdays from 6-7.

I also have the need for three 9th grade teachers for Mondays from 6-7. These are the young adults that are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 10th grade.

All materials will be supplied and I can meet with you to go over the materials (lessons) on 10/2, 10/3 & 10/4 from 4:30-5:30.

We can not run our program without the help of volunteers. Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish.

Classes begin October 9th for weekday classes, October 13th for the Saturday classes and October 15th for Monday classes.

If you would like to teach or help out in any way, please call Lorraine at 508-378-1521 and let us know which day and grade level you would like.

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**Don't miss out!!!!
We are taking reservations for our:**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 24TH

9AM—3 PM

**\$30 FOR SPACE WITH A TABLE
\$25 FOR SPACE WITHOUT A TABLE**

CALL MARY ANN BOYLE—508-378-4704

THE DECORATING COMMITTEE IS HAVING A



**BAKE SALE
(in the Chapel)
ON**

**OCTOBER 13 & 14
After all the Masses**

Proceeds will be used to decorate the Church.

**OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25
At 4:30 PM**

The Religious Education Program
Will be conducting
Parent Meetings with Fr. Paul and Mrs. Hopgood

Please make every effort to attend.

SAINT JOHN'S WILL BE HAVING A MINISTRY FAIR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 13 & 14 IN THE CHAPEL

Some of the ministries to join are:

Adult Choir, Altar Servers, Bereavement Ministry, Bible Study Group, Building & Maintenance Commission, Catholic Women's Club, Children's Choir, Cleaners Ministry, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Family Life Commission, Fundraising Commission, Holy Stitches, Hospitality/Greeters Ministry, Lectors, Ministry for the Homebound, Prayer Shawls, Pro-Life Commission, RCIA, Rosary Makers, Social Commission, St Vincent de Paul, Teen Choir, & Ushers.

Please think of dedicating your time and talents.

Everyday Stewardship--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

People can spend their entire lives looking for their most suitable partner. Some have an unattainable ideal in their minds that makes the search impossible. Others may choose a different partner over and over again without any real discernment, leading to a long series of breakups and heartache. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for people lies in their assumption that the most important criteria for choosing a partner is that the person they choose to love needs to be devoted to them and be faithful to them above all others. The truth is that if you want to have a suitable partner who you find yourself drawing ever closer to as the years go by, then the focus of both people involved needs to be on a much more important being than the two of you.

When I was a teenager, I remember seeing a triangle used as a visual aid in explaining how true love works. God is the top point and the two lovers, friends, or family members involved are the bottom points. If the two involved in the relationship love God more than each other, than in time it will be their love for the Divine that will bring them ever closer, like how a triangle narrows at the top point.

The more I give of myself to my God, the greater I find my love is for my wife, my children, and my friends. A stewardship way of life will eventually strengthen all our relationships, for a surrender to the One who is love means an increase in the love we have to give to others. For those who continue to search for the "one," pause, pay attention, and see the One who has always loved you and will do so forevermore.