



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
October 8, 2023*



*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*27<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:  
*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone...?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will  
be taken away from you and given to a  
people that will produce its fruit."

- Mt 21:42ab, 43

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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  
9:00-3:00 M-TH**

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**MASS TIMES**

**St Ann  
Saturday, 4:00 PM  
Sunday, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, 6:15 PM**

**St John  
Sunday, 8:00 AM  
Sunday, 11:30 AM**

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

**Rev. Paul L. Ring**

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**Fr. Michael Diochi**

### Permanent Deacons:

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**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.

6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass  
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass

Thurs & Sat.

9:00 a.m.

### **St John's**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

## **SAINT ANN'S STAFF**

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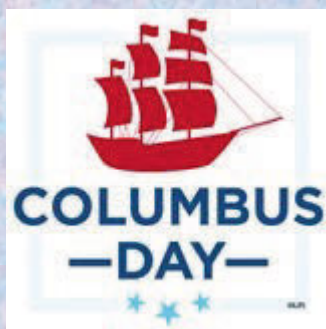
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Director of Ministries: Matthew Brady

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, October 7, 2023

4:00 - James Cosseboom — 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 8, 2023

9:30 - Maria Figueiredo & Family — 25th Anniv.

6:15 - Maria Figueiredo — 25th Anniversary

#### Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:00 - Mary Stracqualursi — 8th Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:30 Lenny Celia — 1st Anniversary

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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday October 8, 2023

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remembrance

11:30 - Gerard Penney — Birthday Remembrance

#### Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:00 - McLaughlin & Hutchins Families — Mem.

11:30 - Linda Fontaine — 20th Anniversary

Recently, we have had a bit of a black cloud over the Rectory at St. John's.

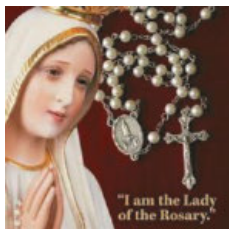
The hot water tank let go in the basement which flooded the basement and during a recent wind storm the wind got hold of the side door and ripped the closers off the door and destroyed the door frame as well.

With the cost of water remediation in the basement, a new hot water tank and a new door and frame we have accumulated a total cost of \$4,300.00.

While you as parishioners have been extremely generous, we unfortunately, still do not have the necessary funds for such an amount.

On the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the second collection will be to help defray this extraordinary cost. Please be as generous as possible.

*October is the  
Rosary*



*month of the*



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have no luck with horticulture. If you ever want a plant to die a quick, painless death, put it in my hands. Since my youngest days, I have not had the ability to grow anything. Remember those elementary school projects when you were given charge of a seed with some dirt in a Styrofoam cup? It didn't grow an inch in my care. In fact, I went to check on it (by poking it, of course) and I believe that's when I did it in. I had a friend in college ask me to tend their plants. As much as I begged and pleaded to the contrary, they insisted I could do it. How wrong they were! Needless to say, they never asked me again to watch their plants.

I bring these stories/images up in light of our readings today. In the first reading, responsorial psalm and gospel, the image of a vineyard is used prominently. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of Israel as a vineyard and how God, try as He might, cannot yield anything but "wild grapes" (an image of the uncooperative nature of the Israelite people). Because of this, God allows the vineyard to be trampled underfoot (read: the kingdom of Israel to be disbursed and left to fend for themselves). They will come around, but not without a lot of "pruning"!

In the responsorial psalm, this image of the vineyard (Israel) is carried forward by the psalmist. In this psalm, the history of the Israelites is laid out, from their captivity in, and exile from, Egypt to their disobedience to their restoration. In this image, God (the vinedresser) never truly abandons Israel (the vineyard), but allows it to "lay fallow" for a time. God will, indeed, restore Israel, in His own time.

In the gospel passage, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to mirror the people of God. The chief priests and the elders (the caretakers of the vineyard) have not produced the results which God has wanted, for they are only concerned with their own well-being and not that of the people. Because of the inability to tend the "vineyard" to God's liking, the vineyard will be given to someone (read: disciples/ apostles of Jesus) who will care for it.

My friends, we have been given care of the vineyard. We have the opportunity to grow great things, in the form of our parish and our faith. May we have the strength, given by God, to tend the vineyard (the Church), to carefully tend its crop (the people of God) and yield great fruit (souls for the Kingdom).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## MINISTRY NEWS

### Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

#### Reminder:

**Effective October 1st, the 6:15 Mass**

#### **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 two (2) trainings here:

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

For questions, please contact Matt Brady.

#### **October Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

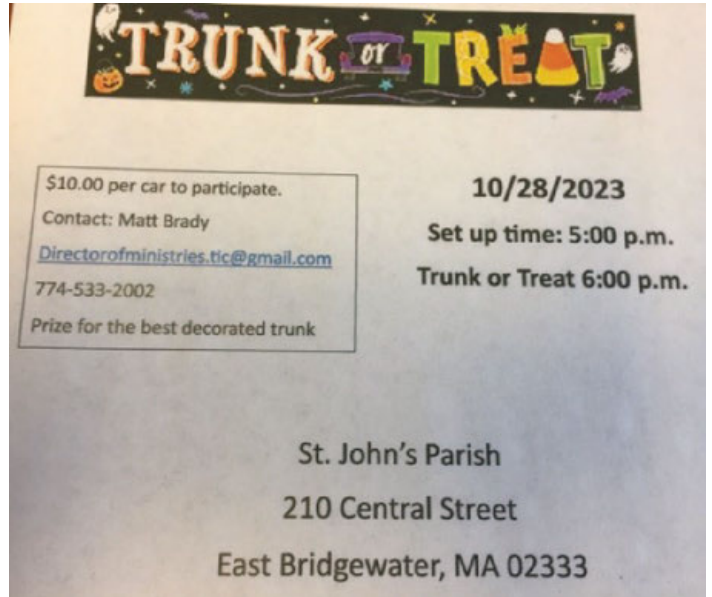
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team at Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless of Boston. The October date is 10/16 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann.

All are welcome to join us!

#### **October Teen Mass**

Sunday, October 15th at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann is our first Teen Mass. There will be contemporary music, a teen-centered homily, and the kids are invited to do one of the readings or bring up the gifts.

If your teen would like to do a reading or bring up the gifts, please email Matt Brady.



**TRUNK or TREAT**

\$10.00 per car to participate.  
Contact: Matt Brady  
[Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)  
774-533-2002  
Prize for the best decorated trunk

**10/28/2023**  
Set up time: 5:00 p.m.  
Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish  
210 Central Street  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

#### **Altar Servers Wanted!**

This year we are bringing back altar servers. Any child in grade 3 or higher is welcome as are any adults who would like to serve in this role. There will be a training session on October 22 after the 9:30 Mass. Please email Matt Brady to sign up. If you can't make the training, that's ok, just email Matt to make an alternate time to meet.

#### **Forrest Gump Movie Night**

*Friday October 13th at 7 pm at St. John*

There will be free popcorn and a concession stand with other treats. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Disciples of Hospitality.





## **MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY**

As you are probably aware, the Church (in general) and the Franciscan community (in particular) celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4 October. This is the seminal feast for Franciscans, as it honors the founder of the Franciscan Order. It also calls to mind the commitment that we as (Lay, Religious, or Ordained) Franciscans made to the Franciscan Order. As a Secular Franciscan, along with people such as Nancy and Kevin Smith (with whom I professed 16 months ago), I belong to a Community that finds its “home” in the world. Unlike those of the “First Order” and “Second Order”, who house themselves in religious communities of like-minded men and women, we as “Third Order” Franciscans situate ourselves in the world. Unlike the First and Second Order, who have physical habits that they wear, we wear the Tau Cross (the cross you’ve probably seen hanging around my neck) as our “habit”. It is these differences that primarily separate the Orders of Franciscans.

As I mentioned, Secular (or Third Order) Franciscans have as their community the world. This can be both a blessing and a challenge. It can be a blessing because wherever we are in the world, we are “at home” with our Franciscan life. It can be a challenge because we must actively seek out other Franciscans, since we don’t live in a “community” of them. First and Second Order Franciscans often find themselves in rectories, monasteries, convents, and houses of prayer full of Franciscans. Third Order Franciscans make their community among other Franciscans in meeting rooms/halls, churches, or wherever we can find a gathering space adequate to our needs.

In the time that I have been a professed Secular Franciscan, I have belonged to two different “Fraternities” (or groups of Lay Secular Franciscans). No life is perfect, and the Franciscan life is no different. In my time as a Secular Franciscan, I have (sadly) come to experience some “un-Franciscan” behavior and attitudes. Luckily this has been the exception, but it serves to remind me that for me to be a Franciscan, I cannot take a “day off” from that life. Like my priesthood, being a Secular Franciscan isn’t simply “what I do”...it is “who I am”. My day-to-day life is infused with Franciscanism, a way of living as St. Francis would want me to do. It means bringing Christ to all, seeing Christ in all, and living my Christian witness with a “Franciscan style” of seeing Christ in everyone – from the “Sultans” in my life to the “lepers” in my life (both in reference to encounters which St. Francis himself had).

I pray that my journey as a Secular Franciscan, just beginning in many ways, is one which will sustain me my whole life long. I pray that I grow in my love of Christ, a love which St. Francis exemplified by his own life and death. I pray that my fellow Secular Franciscans and I continue to bring Francis to all and all to Francis...or, as we Secular Franciscans like to say, “going from Gospel to Life, and Life to the Gospel”.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

The Together in Christ Collaborative Choir wants you!

You do not have to read music.  
You do not have to have experience.  
You do not have to audition.  
If you sing along from the congregation on Sundays then you are qualified!

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday nights in September.

**Sept. 21st. First rehearsal —**

**St. John’s**

For more info contact our music director, Rich at

[richcesarini@gmail.com](mailto:richcesarini@gmail.com).



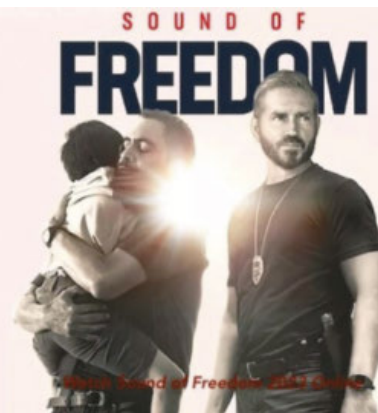
**THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS  
FOR UNEXPECTED EXPENSES**

**NEXT WEEK WILL ALSO BE FOR  
THOSE EXPENSES**

## **Are you aware?**

Child sex trafficking is a brutal and inhumane crime that destroys the lives of millions of children yearly. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), more than [one million children are sex trafficked globally](#). However, the actual number is likely much higher due to underreporting and the challenge of accurately tracking this horrific crime. The reality of child sex trafficking is bleak and devastating for the victims, who often suffer physical, emotional, and psychological trauma that can last a lifetime.

**We can help! Are you interested?**



A movie about child trafficking that is a MUST for all adults to see. It is extremely tastefully done but addresses the most disturbing matter in today’s society. Based on a true story that will shock your inner core. We as Christians need to be aware and stand up to create change.

**GOD’S CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE!!!!**



## 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](mailto: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:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Kayla Perry, Fr. Pater Francis's Mother, Barbara, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Ralph & Susan Evans & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. ***If you know that some of these people should be removed or added, Please call the Rectory .***



### The Broom

There was a little boy who was scared of the dark. One evening his mother asked him to go out onto the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy said, "Mama, please don't make me go out there. It's dark and you know I'm scared of the dark."

His mother smiled at him and said reassuringly, "There's no need to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there, and he'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy seemed unsure and said, "Are you sure Jesus is out there?"

The mother said, "Yes, I'm sure. Jesus is everywhere and is always there and ready to help when you're in need."

The boy thought for a moment, then went to the back door and opened it a tiny amount. He looked out into the darkness and called out, "Jesus — if you're out there, please pass me the broom."

### One-liner

What do you call a priest in charge of the school play?

*The spiritual director.*

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Saint John's Conference  
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
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**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.

***Monday, October 2, 2023  
Monday, October 16, 2023***

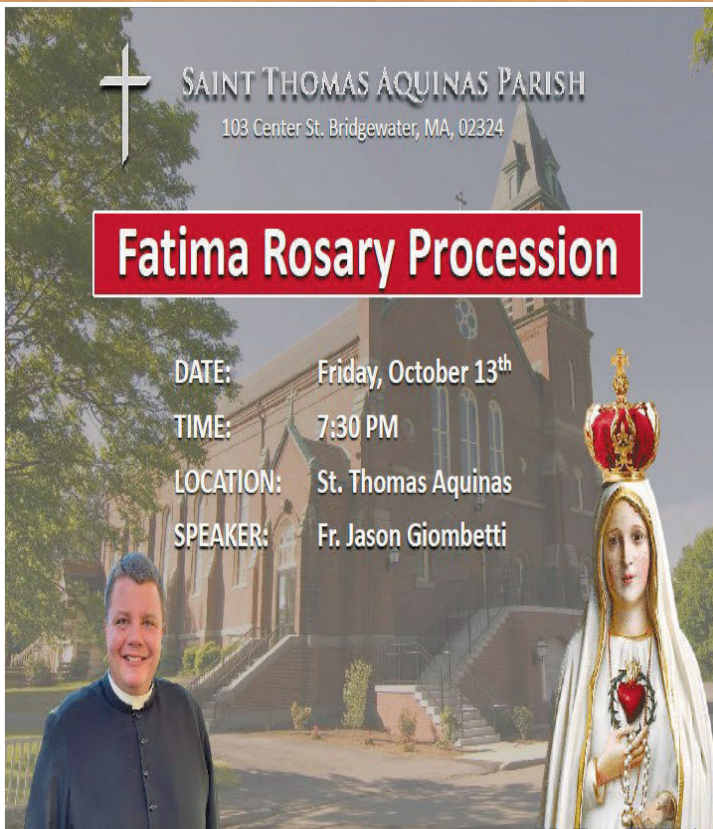
Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100



**Fatima Rosary Procession**

DATE: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
 TIME: 7:30 PM  
 LOCATION: St. Thomas Aquinas  
 SPEAKER: Fr. Jason Giombetti



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