



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
October 16, 2022*



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 16, 2022

7:30 - Ann Flannery — 1st Anniversary

11:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

Sunday, October 23, 2022

7:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

11:30 - Anyone feeling despair

6:15 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 15, 2022

4:00 — Thomas Garrity — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:30 - Linda Fontaine — 19th Anniversary

Saturday, October 22, 2022

4:00 - Patricia McCarthy — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, October 23, 2022

9:30 — Conrad, McHugh, Walsh, Miller Family Memorial



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Hal Borland, the American author, was once quoted as saying that “knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience; knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence”. What he speaks of regarding trees and grass can be said about prayer. The elements of both patience and persistence are found in a good, rich prayer life. One may not see one’s prayers answered in the time frame or fashion that they would like, but that doesn’t mean that those prayers go unanswered. I once heard a priest say that “God answers all prayers – sometimes that answer is ‘no’”. God knows what we need to grow in faith, hope and love. God also knows those things that we need (as opposed to praying for or expecting only those things we want).

In today’s gospel, Jesus recounts the parable of the persistent woman and the dishonest judge. The woman is persistent in her prayer and the judge fears that her persistence will be transformed into anger or, worse yet, violence. It is by this persistence that the woman has her “day in court” (literally and figuratively). She is heard not because of any fear the judge has for God or people, but out of fear that the judge has in potentially losing his life. At the center of this “change of heart” is the persistence of the woman; she is relentless in her pursuit of a just verdict. Her persistence wins her the day.

Jesus tells us to take a lesson from this parable, namely to be persistent in prayer. Jesus’ challenge to the hearer of this parable comes from both His desire for people to develop a relationship with God and His fear that people will lose faith if they don’t remain diligent in their prayer. Jesus wonders aloud that when He comes back “will he find faith on earth?” (Lk 18:8). Jesus knows how easily people’s faith can be shaken. Jesus has seen this doubt and fear in others and He will see it in His own disciples (at the end of His earthly days). Jesus knows the only way that people can be ready for trials and tribulations is by developing and maintaining a solid prayer life. This requires both persistence and patience.

This persistence and patience can overcome spiritual fatigue. In the first reading, as Joshua leads the Israelites into battle, with Moses leading the “spiritual warfare”. As long as Moses was persistent, and didn’t let weariness overcome him (with a little “assist” from Aaron and Hur), the Israelites had the better of the fight. The same can be true of us, as there are sometimes when we need support for our prayers. Thank God we have a community of believers, a family of faith to whom we can turn for such support (or whom we can support). In this way, we all grow closer to God in prayer and life. May we have the courage to be persistent in prayer, diligent in life. May we know that God is with us, hearing our prayers and giving us what we need to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



**THE WINE, HOSTS AND
SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THIS
WEEK ARE OFFERED IN
MEMORY OF:**



JOANNE HANSON

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 in advance so that he will have enough copies of music for everyone.

NEEDED:

**EXTRA ORDINARY EUCHARIST
MINISTERS TO DELIVER THE EUCHARIST TO
PARISIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND.**

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN ASSIST.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

LAST WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW MISSALS FOR THE UP-COMING LITURGICAL YEAR. WE DID NOT MAKE THE AMOUNT WE NEEDED SO THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MISSALS AS WELL.

THE 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.

CORI FORMS

All collaborative volunteers who work with children, provide pastoral care to the sick or homebound, are part of St. Vincent de Paul, or involved in liturgical ministry, or want to be part of any of these ministries must also complete a Cori Form. These forms will be available on October 15th at the same time as the Protecting God's Children Training.

The Cori forms can be passed in and verified by Matt Brady or Debbie Conrad at the Rectory Office Monday—Friday between the hours of 9:00—3:00 PM.

All forms must be due in office by October 30th.



Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

As many of you know, Fr. Paul regularly volunteers on Tuesdays with Capuchin Mobile Ministries to deliver sandwiches to the homeless in Boston. He is asking for our help on **Monday, October 17 at 6:30 in St. Ann's Parish Center** to make sandwiches that he will deliver the next day. If you are interested in helping, please email Matt Brady or see the sign up form on the websites.

This counts as a service project for Confirmation!

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



On Sunday, October 2nd, I had the privilege of attending the Cheverus Awards at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. At this ceremony, our own Karla Berlo and Margaret Mary Williams received this prestigious award. They are beautiful “beacons of hope” (as the Cardinal stated in his homily) for St. John's and St. Ann's, respectively (and the Together in Christ Collaborative).

Please join me in congratulating them in receiving this wonderful award. Prayers and blessing to these fine ladies, and all the recipients of this award.”

Migrants and Refugees: Who are they? Where are they?” Please join us to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move.

Learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches the lives of over 150 million people a year. Hear from Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities about what the Church is doing in Boston and how parishes can help. Join Cardinal Seán O'Malley as he celebrates Mass and helps us discern our personal call from Jesus to serve. You may register for free and can find more information about the Convocation, Speakers, Resources and Actions to take at our website: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry>



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

Not available this week.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sparkling Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the necessity for them to pray without ceasing. For St. Francis, prayer was not important until his conversion, being immersed as he was in his earlier life in things of the world - pursuits such as fame and fortune to be found in the life of a knight. Only in prayer were his knightly ambitions turned in a new direction; only in prayer did he find the strength to lead the people who wanted to follow him—but on their own terms. Prayer enabled him to discover the link between the Church that Jesus established and the Church that needed much more conversion to Jesus' ways.

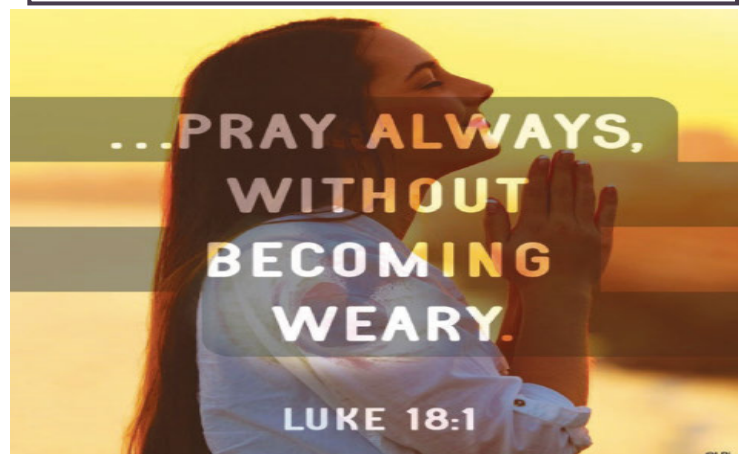
We often think of prayer as an activity that is guaranteed to leave us more serene than when we began it. It does ultimately lead to serenity, but only after it has led us into deeper honesty about God, other people, and ourselves. As long as certain parts of a person's life are "off limits" as the subject of prayer, that person's possibilities for conversion will be stunted.

Prayer is not for the weak at heart, and Francis of Assisi knew that. Prayer is not simply rearranging a person's thoughts; it leads to discarding some "spiritual deadwood" that is no longer compatible with God's ways and acquiring other attitudes as necessary in order to live honestly before God, with other people, and with ourselves.

May we have the courage of St. Francis to face the truths of our life and, through unceasing prayer, come to conversion of mind, heart, and life.

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 Nicolar, 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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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.

THE FOOD PANTRY

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

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 SACRATARY LAMPS FOR THE
WEEK — \$30+**



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

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.



**St VINCENT DE PAUL
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379**

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.**



BINGO IS IN FULL SWING

**Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP**

**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP**

A holiday weekend in New England is, of itself, a good reason to give thanks. In spite of summer's drought, causing a less than vibrant array of color, the fall season seems to invite us to acknowledge the variety of ways God has been present and blessing us. It is also good for to recall with gratitude when God carried you through a difficulty -a sickness, the death of a loved one, employment concerns, or concerns about children. Our gospel today recounts the familiar story of the ten lepers. All were made clean, but only one expressed gratitude. Take a moment today to say thank you to God for the ways God was present with you when times were rough and those times when you were surprised by God's presence and peace. Let's be like the leper who went back to say thank you, not be like the nine who didn't!

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats –
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. Upcoming dates are 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.

Ultreya Invitation

Come to Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish Ultreya

on Oct 16th at St Kateri Church,
126 So. Meadow Road ~ W Plymouth at 5:00 p.m.

Cursillistas & ALL interested in learning about Cursillo are welcomed!

Mass celebrant: Fr Joe Raeke
Witness: Ann Louise Sullivan.
Music provided by our amazing Cursillistas Kerry & Tim Campbell, Laura Grant, Tim Grant & Mark Carey
Small group sharing & refreshments/fellowship to follow.

Please bring a snack to share if the Spirit moves you!
Any questions: call Patti & John DeAngelo
(617) 678-4306

Our Ultreya schedule at St Kateri Church is:

2022: Oct. 16, Nov. 13,
2023: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 16, May 21
(Sundays at 5:00 p.m.)
2022/2023

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