



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
October 22, 2023*



*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and  
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1996, 1970 CCD, OLP

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.

### **Church of Saint Ann**

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
9:00-3:00 M-TH**

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508-378-4207**

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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**  
fr\_plrstjohn@comcast.net

Brendan Fitzgerald (Sr. Deacon)  
deaconbrendan@comcast.net

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**Fr. Michael Diochi**

### Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Connelly  
cconnelly@rcab.org

**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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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:00 - Kevin Morley — Birthday Remembrance

#### Sunday, October 22, 2023

9:30 - Rev. Edward McDonagh — Memorial

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

#### Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:00 - Paul Gigliotti — 4th Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 29, 2023

9:30 - Paul Sheedy — 7th Anniversary

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

#### Thursday, October 19th, 2023

9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday October 22, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial

#### Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - Claudette Rochefort - Memorial

GLASTONBURY ABBEY has a wonderful fall schedule of Workshops, fairs, and events for the month of October.

Please Check out the schedule of events at:

[www.glastonburyabbey.org](http://www.glastonburyabbey.org)



Let us pray for the victims in Israel and Ukraine and the end to such evil around the world.

My Dear Friends in Christ,

“Render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s, and render unto God what is God’s” (Mt 22:21). You have no doubt heard the saying given by Jesus in today’s gospel (I chose to use a slightly “older” translation), but may still be wondering what is Caesar’s and what is God’s? In answering that question, one decides how much of their life they “owe” to God and how much they “owe” to the State. The challenge comes in making that division. Most of us have to work, most have to pay taxes and most “owe” something to provide for the “common good” (roads, schools, hospitals and the like). Beyond that, one might wonder how much is to be given to that “common good”.

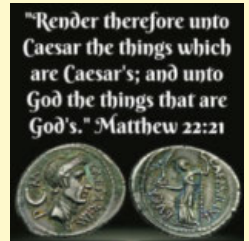
You’ve doubtless heard me ask the question, “do you own your wealth, or does it own you?” (taken from a financial seminar I once viewed on public television). It is a valid question, and one which Scripture poses in a different manner: “where your heart is, there your treasure will be also” (Mt 6:21). It is a valid question, for it very well directs and guides our motives and motivations. If we live “in the world, but not *of* the world” (another expression you’ve heard me utter, ad nauseam), then I believe we have our spiritual “house” in order. When we have our eyes focused on the mission, message and life of Jesus and if we keep our intentions focused on making it to the Kingdom, then I believe that we’ll be just fine.

As Shakespeare says, though, “therein lies the rub” (*Hamlet*, Act 3, Scene 1)! We have to live in the world, all the while keeping our eyes focused on the Kingdom. This can be difficult, what with all of the world’s allurements and illusions. Living in the world can be that “double-edged sword” of having to enjoy the goodness of life while trying to avoid the things which aren’t good for us, good for our soul. We must realize that every decision/choice we make has consequences, and that these consequences can be life-altering (oftentimes for the better, but sometimes not!). The “Serenity Prayer” (written by Reinhold Niebuhr, used in many 12-step programs) asks for the “serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference”. May we have these gifts so as to align ourselves with God’s will, striving to do the same each and every day.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**It would be helpful if for those parishioners who are having memorials for their loved ones in the form of flowers, please provide the payment for the flowers prior to the Mass. We have to pay the florist before the flowers are provided. The cost is \$85.00 Thank you.**



## 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)

#### **November Family Mass/ Teaching Mass**

Sunday, November 5th at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann is our next Family Mass. Fr. Paul will invite the kids to join him around the altar for the homily, and the kids are invited to do one of the readings or bring up the gifts. This is also going to be a special Teaching Mass where Fr. Paul will be explaining each of the parts of the Mass as he celebrates.

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



October 28th at St. Johns at 6 pm

All are welcome so invite your friends! We are looking for people to decorate their car and hand out candy to the kids. There is a \$10 fee for each car that goes towards the prize for Best Decorated as voted on by the trunk or treaters. If interested please contact Matt Brady for details.

#### **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.

#### **Interested in Becoming Catholic? Never Been Confirmed but Want to be? We have a program for you!**

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which adults who are not members of Church can receive the sacraments and become a Catholic.

We also will be holding a 6 week class for anyone who has never been Confirmed but has already been Baptized and received First Communion. If you would like to participate in either class, please email or call Matt Brady.

Our **Adult Bible Study** will be starting again on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm at St. John.

We will be discussing the gospel for the upcoming Sunday. All are invited to join us!



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Not long after hearing the call at San Damiano from God to “rebuild my church”, Francis, dressed in rough clothing, took precious merchandise from his father’s store and sold it to his customers, in order to pay for the rebuilding of the fallen-down chapel. He also sold his father’s horse. Francis’ father, Peter, would have preferred to see Francis go back to wearing fancy attire and throwing parties for his old chums. He was aghast and embarrassed, moreover, to learn that Francis was often caring for the lepers, who were living in the valley below Assisi.

In response, his father, boiling with rage, dragged Francis before the bishop of Assisi and demanded the return of his property and goods. Francis readily agreed to this. In the hearing of all present, Francis said, “From now on I will no longer say, My Father Peter Bernadone, but Our Father who art in heaven.” Francis gave back to his father not only his property and goods, but the money and all his clothes as well. Francis carefully placed his clothing on the ground. The bishop, admiring Francis’ fervor, drew him into his arms and covered him with his mantle. The bishop understood that Francis’ actions were inspired by God—and were part of God’s way of leading Francis into an amazingly new form of life. Francis’ heart was overflowing with joy. His heavenly Father had set him free of all attachment to earthly things.

Francis was now ready to serve the Lord simply and without fear. For all who follow St. Francis of Assisi today, this kind of poverty and detachment can lead to the freedom to, in St. Matthew’s words, become “children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. . . . So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:45, 48).

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  
at St. John’s at 7 PM

For more info contact our music director, Rich at  
[richcesarini@gmail.com](mailto:richcesarini@gmail.com).



**THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS  
FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR THE SNOW AND  
HEAT FUND**

In Father Paul’s column last week he asks us if we are willing to follow God’s word.

*“So where do we fit in to this parable? We have heard the Word of God; have we tried to apply it in our lives? We strive to follow Jesus; have we worked each and every day, wearing our “wedding garment” and showing the world what it means to be a Christian? May we have the courage to not only hear God’s invitation, but respond to it wholeheartedly. May we come to know God’s love, live in that love, and share it with all whom we meet.”*

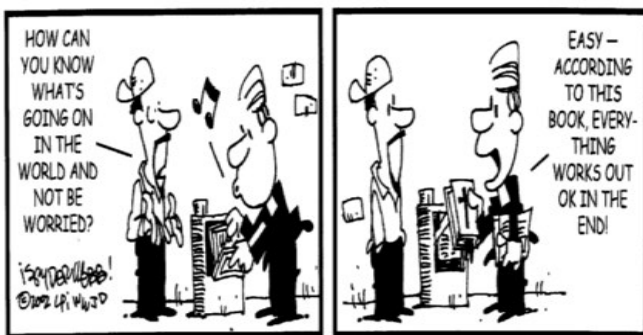
The trafficking issue that is impacting the whole world, is my call to wear my *wedding garment*. It is no longer possible for me to hear the stories, see the films, hear the statistics and do nothing. I am aware that I am only one person but I also know that it only takes one person to bring awareness to many. I hear God’s plea to “Do something.”

The bulletin will be providing various sources of information regarding this matter to bring awareness to this issue. We will also be working with the East Bridgewater Police Department and a council on trafficking from Plymouth County. We hope to host a panel discussion in the near future which will provide information.

We are at the infancy of this effort. Your input is critical. Please call me at the Rectory 508-378-4207 if you would like to join this effort or just be part of getting the information. If you have suggestions, stories, contacts, websites, articles etc. that you think would be helpful, please let me know. I would like to build a ministry that addresses this Christian need.

Please join me.  
Debbie Conrad

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## 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. 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. Peter Francis's Mother, Barbara, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, & 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 .**



### St Ann's St. Vincent de Paul

*Winner of the Raffle tickets was Nancy Maloney*

*Because of your generous donations to the summer lunch program, we were able to help 19 families to include 46 Children.*

*Please pick a slip from the baskets located at each door as we are putting together toiletry bags for the homeless of West Bridgewater.*

*The next meeting will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.*

*Flowers At St. John's  
this week are in memory of*

*Allan & Ruth Winsor*



West Bridgewater Food Pantry  
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1  
West Bridgewater

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Wednesday each month**

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Is looking for new members**

**PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY**

**508-245-5481**

**P O Box 474  
West Bridgewater MA 02379**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544**

**East Bridgewater MA 02333**

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

**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

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

## NEWS

There are many organizations on line that are working to stop human trafficking. Here are a few where you can get information about their efforts:

Tim Tebow Foundation/Changing Lives Through Faith, Hope & Love. [Timtebowfoundation.org](http://timtebowfoundation.org)

Catholic Relief Services - <http://www.crs.org>

"The trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery, ... violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity." —Pope Francis

In Our Backyard - <https://inourbackyard.org/our-impact/keep-kids-safe-ht/>

This site is very informative about how to keep your children safe from being trafficked.

There are many, many more.



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Cursillo weekends are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House located in Easton. Our next Men's Weekend is October 26-29 and our next Women's Weekend is November 16-19.



It may be the best gift you give yourself! For more information please email, [cursillo@retreathouse.org](mailto:cursillo@retreathouse.org), visit our website [www.retreathouse.org](http://www.retreathouse.org) or call the Holy Cross Retreat House @ 508-238-2051

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