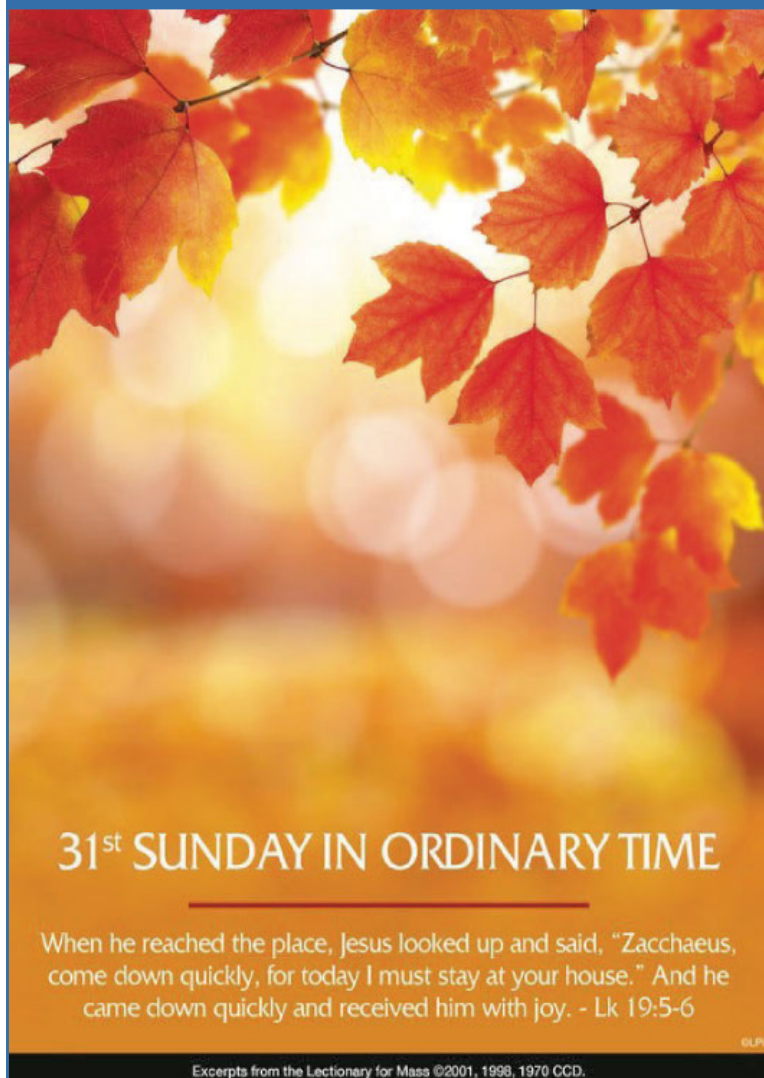




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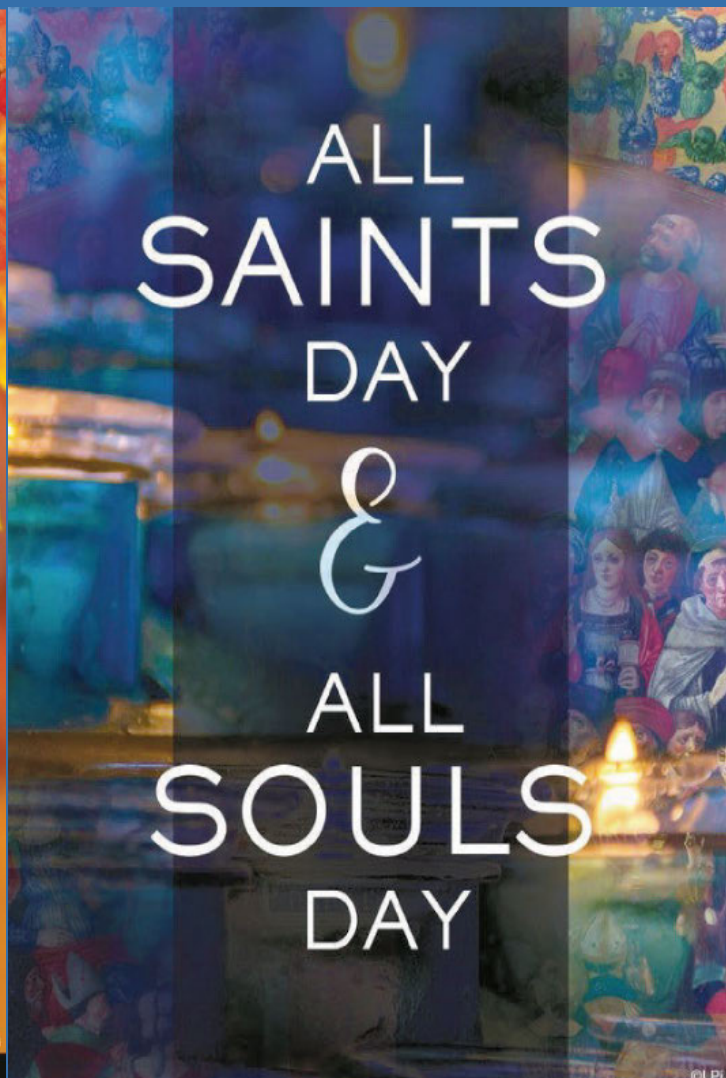
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When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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**St John's**  
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**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
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**In the Church**

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**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass**  
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**Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.**  
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**Holiday Schedules will vary**

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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.

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3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass  
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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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#### Sunday, October 30, 2022

7:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
11:30 - Paul Gigliotti — 3rd Anniversary  
6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John

#### Sunday, November 6, 2022

7:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
11:30 - Ruth and Allan Windsor — Memorial  
6:15 - Maria & Joseph Deandrade — Memorial

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, October 29, 2022

4:00 — Lois DeCosta — 1st Anniversary  
Bonnie DeCosta — 28th Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 30, 2022

9:30 - John J. McHugh, Jr. — 28th Anniversary

#### Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:00 — Paul Sheedy — 6th Anniversary

#### Sunday November 6, 2022

9:30 — Bronislaw Morawski — 33 Anniversary

### DISCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY

The Disciples of Hospitality are seeking volunteers from both Saint John's and Saint Ann's to work together in preparing our Collaborative for the up-coming Christmas Season and to brainstorm ideas as we move forward in growing this ministry.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at 6:30 in Saint Ann's Parish Center. If you have any questions or are interested in joining but unable to attend the November 21st meeting, please drop us an email at:

Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

### SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR HEATING COSTS

With the anticipated costs, we estimate be a combined cost \$3000 for the heat-Ann's and Saint



increase in fuel that this winter will of approximately ing bills of Saint John's.

Therefore, the second collection until further notice will be directed to those bills.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

These next few days our neighborhoods will be filled with ghosts and goblins (not to mention soldiers, cowboys, princesses and super heroes!), all in the hopes of receiving treats from folks willing to participate in the time-honored traditions of Halloween (or unwilling to have "tricks" put upon them!). I can remember in my younger days this being a special night, one ripe with eager anticipation of obtaining goodies from neighbors and friends. As we get older, however, our desire for "treats" doesn't lessen but, perhaps, is tempered by a desire for richer and more lasting blessings.

In today's gospel, Zacchaeus is desirous of just catching a glimpse of Jesus as He passes through Jericho (with no intention of stopping). He has no doubt heard about Jesus and perhaps will feel blessed by just looking at Jesus (who wouldn't?). As Jesus passes through, Zacchaeus cannot see Him; the "vertically challenged" man goes to the length of climbing a sycamore tree in the hopes of just seeing Jesus pass by on His way. Little did the tax collector (or anyone else, for that matter) know that Jesus would "single out" Zacchaeus, with the ultimate intention of breaking bread with him. What is striking to many is the wording which Jesus uses in speaking to Zacchaeus, telling him that "today I must stay at your house" (Lk 19:5; italics added). Jesus doesn't just want to visit with Zacchaeus; it is imperative that he does so. Jesus knows who Zacchaeus is, and how he is viewed, as a tax collector. This should not come as a surprise who knows the movements of Jesus. Time and time again, Jesus has stated that He has come to seek out the sinner, those who have lost their way.

This should be good news for us. There are times, no doubt, that we feel like Zacchaeus. Imagine how we would feel if Jesus insisted on staying at our house. Hopefully, we would react like Zacchaeus, and receive the Lord with great joy. We might, at first, react like the crowd and wonder why Jesus would want to stay with me, a sinner. It is this unworthiness that we must constantly combat in our spiritual lives. Whenever I speak with our Eucharistic Ministers, a wonderful group of men and women, dedicated to bring Our Lord to the people (both mobile (churchgoers, that is) and those bound to home, hospital and long-term care facilities) I mention that one of the "hurdles" which we must overcome in undertaking this ministry is our feeling of "unworthiness". I seek to reassure them that none of us (myself included) are worthy of this ministry; it is only the grace of God which makes us worthy of such an important ministry. May we, like Zacchaeus, receive the Lord joyfully. May we overcome any feeling of unworthiness by accepting, humbly, the grace which Our Lord affords us by coming to us in Word and Sacrament. May we have the courage to share this presence with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

## CORI FORMS ARE DUE TODAY!!!!

### 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 SAINTS DAY  
MASS  
Tuesday, November 1st

Mass will be celebrated  
at 9:00 AM at Saint  
Ann's and 7:00 PM at  
Saint John's



Please remember that any donations made to the church to be recorded and used for tax purposes, must be made either by assigned envelopes through the envelope company or by using the on-line system.

Envelopes received without a number **cannot** be recorded. If you would like envelopes, please call the Rectory Office and arrangements will be made for you to receive pre-numbered envelopes.

If you are currently using the on-line system and the envelope system, please choose one. Call the Rectory and let us know which system you prefer and we will make the necessary changes.

If you have recently moved into our parish or if you have changed your address, please let us know so we can get you registered in the Parish Family Directory.

Thank you for your cooperation.



East Bridgewater HUGS is ready for the 2022 holiday season.

If you or someone you know from EB has a need, please go to [www.ebhugs.org](http://www.ebhugs.org) and fill out the online application for assistance. Applications should be completed by Sunday, November 6th.

If you would like to adopt a child or family this Christmas, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact me directly at [wishes@ebhugs.org](mailto:wishes@ebhugs.org).

If you would like to make a cash donation, you can Venmo at East Bridgewater Hugs, use Paypal on our website, [www.ebhugs.org](http://www.ebhugs.org), or drop cash or checks or gift cards off at the EB Public Library or any of our drop off locations or mailed or dropped at HUGS, 100 Lorraine Drive, EB. If you have any questions, please call Theresa at 508-350-9811.

Giving Trees will be up by mid November, for those who want to help by taking tags to purchase specific gifts from a child's wish list.

Thank you to everyone who participates and helps us to make Christmas bright for so many families in need.



### Marriage Prep Ministry Workshop (12/3)

If you are a married couple looking to serve on a *Transformed in Love* team or mentor

aged couples at your parish, join us for this formation workshop at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on December 3 from 9Am-12PM. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/TILFormation>.





## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

There is a concept within the Christian tradition called “the economy of salvation”. In this case, the word “economy” comes from the Greek “oikonomia” (that is, “management of a household” or “stewardship”). It is the concept which states that God is necessary for salvation. Taking this one step further, within the Catholic-Christian tradition, it is the concept that belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is essential to that salvation. In today’s gospel Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a tax collector. As you are probably aware, tax collectors were not thought of very highly in Jesus’ day (and aren’t held in terribly high esteem in our day, either). They were usually Jewish citizens working for the Roman Empire. They would make their living by adding a “surcharge”, if you will, to the tax levied by the Romans, so they were essentially making their living off of the backs of their friends, neighbors, and family. Zacchaeus, as a tax collector, was probably as surprised as anyone when Jesus announces that He **MUST** stay at the house of Zacchaeus (see Luke 19:5), and even more surprised to hear that “today salvation has come to this house” (Luke 19:9)!

Francis was a merchant, so he surely understood the fundamental economic concept of what modern economists call “supply and demand”. Francis’ economy of salvation does not shed his earlier mercantile training, but he does, in light of the gospel, radically shift it to one of mendicancy. Like any economy, Francis understood that there must be goods to exchange between the supplier and consumer. At least six times Francis repeatedly identifies God as Good, who creates creation good and provides every good to creation within the economy of salvation. In Francis’ economic system, God—and God alone—is on the side of supply. Like Zacchaeus, Francis experiences a radical conversion of mind and heart, placing the idea of salvation squarely in the hands of God. Up until his conversion, I have no doubt that Francis rarely thought of salvation, let alone giving up any sense of power or authority to anyone (even God). His was an ego-centric world, with himself at the center of it all. Most likely Zacchaeus thought this way, given the fact that he had (worldly) power and authority, albeit given to him by the Roman government but possessing it nonetheless. Like Zacchaeus, Francis was, as the saying goes, “a legend in his own mind”. When they both come to conversion, Francis’ and Zacchaeus’ world view experiences a radical shift. Salvation is no longer in their hands, having come to an understanding of the place of Christ in this equation.

Salvation is the purview of God, and God alone. This is a concept that the Christian must come to understand if salvation is to come to their house. For the Catholic-Christian, this salvific “world view” must include Christ. In our encounter with the Lord, in Word and Sacrament, we come to a conversion no less powerful than Zacchaeus’ and Francis’. Just as Zacchaeus encountered Jesus at the sycamore tree and Francis did on the road when he encountered the leper, we come to see Christ when we encounter Him in Sacred Scripture and Holy Eucharist. In this encounter, our conversion centers on putting Christ first above all else...just as Zacchaeus did, just as Francis did. May we have the courage to remain with Christ and have salvation come to our house TODAY.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



## THE DEACON’S COLUMN

### I Believe in One God (Part I)

When Jesus was a newborn baby, it is likely that his parents whispered into his ears the following words, “Hear, O Israel, the Lord is your God, the Lord alone.” When St. Joseph lay dying on his death bed, we can be sure that Mary and Jesus whispered the same words into their beloved’s ears as he passed from this life to the next. This prayer is known as the “Shema” because of its first word, “Shema” means “to hear.” In the ancient languages the root of the words for *hearing* and *obeying* are the same. To hear a command demands that we listen and obey.

The Shema is the closest thing Judaism has to a creed. The Israelites and Jews came to believe that God was not one god among many gods—but that he was the **ONLY** God. This was not always the case. Many are surprised to hear that the very first “fathers” of our faith—Abraham and Moses—were most likely men who were polytheists, people who believed that there were many gods.

At the end of the Book of Joshua we learn that Abraham and his ancestors believed in many gods, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: In times past your ancestors, down to Terah, father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the river and served other gods. But I brought your father Abraham from the region beyond the river and led him through the entire land of Canaan. (Jos 24:2-3)” Though Abraham is considered the first father of the Jewish faith, it is not unreasonable to think that Abraham believed in “other” gods. What is clear is that the LORD who spoke to Abraham challenged him to consider that HE is a “god” like no other. All the “other” gods had power in limited places, but Abraham was challenged to put his faith in a god who was powerful in all places. Abraham put his faith in this god and this god blessed Abraham by making him three promises: descendants, land, and blessing for all nations.

Though born a Hebrew, Moses was raised within Pharaoh’s household. As such, it is likely that Moses worshipped the many gods of Egypt. While Moses was tending his father in law’s sheep across the desert, he saw a bush on fire. Noticing that the bush was not being consumed even as it was burning, he moved closer to it to discover the mystery before his eyes. There, on Mt. Horeb (aka Mt. Sinai) he learns the true nature of the god that called Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. When Moses asks, “Who should I say sent me to the Israelites,” God says, “I am who I am. Then he added, “This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.” God spoke further to Moses, “This is what you will say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations. (Ex 3:14-15).”

Abraham was a man who came to believe that the Lord with whom he entered into covenant, was not just one god among others, but that he was more powerful than all other gods. As the sacred story moves from Abraham and the patriarchs to Moses, we see how Israel moved from a belief in many gods to a belief in only **ONE** God with Moses and the covenant Moses mediates between the Lord God and the Israelites.

By Jesus’ time, the strict belief in One God became an obstacle for many to believe that the same God revealed in the Old Testament is fully revealed through the One Lord, Jesus Christ. Yet, this is the faith that the Apostles passed on to us, “for us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things are and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are and through whom we exist. (1 Cor 8:6)” This is the faith we profess when we say, “I believe in One God.”

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

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today."

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

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