



L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission: Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

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Coffee Chats– Let's Get to Know One Another

From January 23rd - April 1st we would like to visit with you to give you an opportunity to offer ideas, suggests, and concerns about our Parishes, programs and Collaborative faith journey . We are looking for hosts to invite a few friends to get together at your home or in our office. We will bring some goodies with us and a listening ear. No need for a huge time commitment, an hour will be a perfect amount of time to chat. The Rectory at St. Ann 's has a beautiful dining room and sitting room, if meeting there is more convenient. We hope this will be a comfortable way to offer ideas. If there is a question that can't be answered, it will be brought to the right person and a follow-up answer will be given. Our Collaborative is a place for our families to come together in faith, grow in the love of Christ, and do so at each of our own individual paces. Our calendar is open for daytime chats or evening chats- whatever works best for you and your friends. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nenn71@hotmail.com to schedule your coffee.



Common Cathedral Service Opportunity for All Ages

Sunday, February 12th
Lunch Making @ 8:00 am
Boston Common @ 12:00 pm

Common Cathedral is an outdoor congregation, housed and un-housed, sharing God's love through community, worship and pastoral care on Boston Common. This is a wonderful service opportunity that everyone can get involved in! Here is how you can help:

- * Donations to make 150 lunches: waters, bread, lunch meats, peanut butter and jelly, fruit, chips, and cookies. Please let us know what you plan to donate by Friday, February 10th.
- * A Team of Volunteers to make the lunches from 8:00-9:00 am on February 12th. We could have teams making lunches at both St. John and St. Ann based on participation. All ages are welcome to help.
- * A Team of 20 volunteers—High School Students, College Students, and Adults to serve lunch on Boston Common. We will leave at 11:00 am from St. John. Please register before spots fill up.
- * We would like to bring a basket of Adult Warm Winter Gloves with us to donate to the Common Cathedral. Donations can be dropped off at Mass in the baskets at the back of the church or at our offices at St. Ann's Rectory.

For planning purposes, please let us know how you are able to help the Service Project be a huge success. nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490.



Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team
Meets the 4th Thursday of
each Month

Youth Leadership Team
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team (including
our auction and golf tourna-
ment teams)

Reboot Live Team

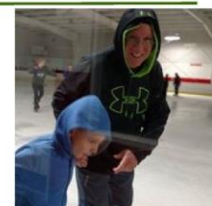


Family Skate Night– Bridgewater Ice Arena



Sunday, February 19th
7:00-9:00 pm

\$5.00 per person, including skate rentals
\$20 family package, including skate rentals for the whole family
One of our favorite events and all are welcome!
Snacks will be on-sale



Timber Lanes Bowling Partnership

We have joined Timber Lanes in Abington Fundraising Program. All you need to do is either bring our flyer with you or show the flyer on your phone for this great deal. (Up to six bowlers, shoes, and two hours of bowling for \$24.95) We will receive half every time you present the flyer! Go to: www.candlepin.com, under 50/50 fundraising, look for our name and click on the link for the flyer.





The Beauty and Grace of Three



Dear Parishioners,

A year after arriving at St. John, Fr. Paul established the Family and Youth Ministry as a unique way to create programs for all ages, not just for high school students. This Ministry would focus on total parish programs, opportunities for faith formation, service, and prayer, and was charged with being self-funded by the financial team. Our Parishes are very fortunate to be led by a Pastor who faithfully lives out God's call to him to lead His sheep in faith. Fr. Paul greets each and every one of us exactly where we are on our Faith journey, and strives to create opportunities for us all to grow a stronger and more vibrant Faith family where the love of Christ is visible and powerful.

In the first two and half years, the Ministry has undergone a name change, created both an Adult and Youth Advisory Team, designed a logo, and introduced the L.O.O.P. communication tools to keep everyone informed of programs from the Parish and Youth Ministry and events and gather suggestions and ideas from the Parishes. The Parish and Youth Ministry has also expanded to be the first collaborative ministry serving both St. Ann and St. John and in doing so has become the bridge to bring parishioners together to share our resources and our gifts.

As a measurement of success for our programs the question is often asked; "How many attended?" From now on based on the shared experiences, the answer is going to be: "Three!" It is very clear time and time again, that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are actively working within our ministry to bring our Faith Family closer together in the love of Christ.

If you have ever attended an event and looked around in the faces of those near you it doesn't take long to see that "a-ha" moment in someone's eye, that moment when the speaker, guest or musician's witness has touched someone's heart with grace and love. Often it might be in a tear quietly rolling down someone's cheek or a grin from ear to ear. Just a few of these powerful moments include: the indescribable peace that was felt during Adoration when Lift visited our Parish, or the many that waited to be heard in confession because those in attendance at our Parish Mission felt called to receive the grace of the sacrament. Each summer at VBS with close to 100 volunteers we witness the love and friendship that is shared between our littlest of campers starting at age 3 and their teen leader or our elementary campers and their crew leaders, or in those that have lived Cursillo and attend one of our Ultreya Group Sharing meetings where you feel the love and support that lifts you up to tackle life a little stronger until the next meeting. Perhaps you are one of the adults that feel like it's time to learn a little bit more about your faith and have been nourished not just by pancakes but by your Pastor at our Pancakes with the Pastor or with our group as we call on Mary to bring us to the feet of Jesus in the study of "Mary, A Biblical Walk." Maybe you are a parent of a child that has taken part in any one of our events and noticed they come home a little different-a little brighter because they are filled with the amazing grace of the Holy Spirit, or you have been part of one of our service teams that refurbished both the front hallway and side hallway of St. John, built kneelers for the Chapel, finished the clean-up work on the prayer garden, donated lunches to the Main Spring House, donated blankets to the hospital, or worked in the communities of Nashville.

The ministry is flourishing with so many individual moments of grace, love, and friendship, but we still need to be mindful of the charge of being a self-funded ministry in order for these moments to continue. Most businesses take three to five years to break even, and we are humbled and thankful for the financial support in our first two years to meet the self-funded mandate. With your continued financial support we have every confidence that the plan we put in place at the start of year three will deliver financial success. In an effort to keep the focus on the spiritual aspect of the Ministry and not make our Parishioners feel like the Ministry was always asking for money, last summer, we developed a new plan to create two major annual fundraisers: An Auction and a Golf Tournament.

What does a successful auction look like? It's a night when we come together to laugh, to enjoy each other, and create a shared experience as a faith family that brings us closer to the heart of Christ, just like any of our programs or events. In our joy of being together, our adult and our youth leadership teams are looking forward to working with you to also make this night a financial success that brings us closer to or exceeds our self-funded mandate. Remember we have two Parishes to help meet the goals set out by the Auction and the Golf Tournament Teams. Just as we have made our programs and events a success, we know we can reach our financial goals so that the Ministry can continue to grow into year four and beyond.

The following are the needs set forth by the Auction Adult and Youth Teams and we welcome your ideas suggestions and participation:

- A minimum of 150 donated items for our live auction, silent auction, raffles and games (including services, sports items, themed gift baskets)
- A minimum of 200-250 adults enjoying a night out that will include dinner, dancing, entertainment and the auction. If you buy a ticket and bring a friend we will reach our goal!
- 3-6 groups or individuals that would like to entertain our guests throughout the evening with song, dance, magic .A DJ willing to donate his/her services

The Golf Tournament will need a team and with your help and participation we can collect the needed raffle items, a title sponsor, hole sponsors, and ideally 144 players. Please contact Russ at russchapoux@gmail.com to become part of the team!

It has been a privilege to work alongside the adults, youth, staff and guests to create the Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry. There is no doubt we are fulfilling our Baptismal call to be a witness of Christ for all we meet. We thank-you for in advance for your support in making these two fundraisers a huge success! There is tremendous potential for these fundraisers.

Sincerely,

The Adult and Youth Leadership Teams of the Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry

Gala Night at the Auction at Halifax CC
Thursday, April 6th from 6:00-10:00 pm
\$30 per ticket/ \$26.00 Senior Citizen
Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment, Auction



Golf Tournament
Friday, September 15th
8:00 am Shotgun Start
Riverbend Golf Course, West Bridge-
water