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The Life of Our Parish

November 4th, 2016

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry

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.

The last time Fr. Misgivings presented his program to St. Ann, over 100 people attended. Help up make this an even bigger Fundraiser for our Ministry!
Please join us for this fun afternoon.

Christmas Pageant



All are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant.

There will be three rehearsals before the show. The schedule will be determined, once everyone has signed up.

Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 13th from 9:00-10:30 am.

All ages are welcome! (Who knows, maybe a special guest may even join us!) Older

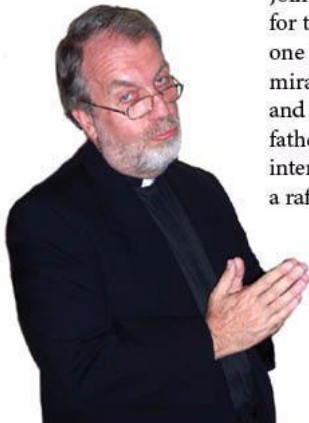
Sunday, November 6th, 2016

St. Ann and St. John
Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry

PROUDLY PRESENT

MISGIVINGS

A "Divine" Comedy of bellylaughs, blessings, blarney and bingo.



Don't miss
this delightfully
entertaining
and uplifting
one man show!

Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

Location:
103 North Main Street
West Bridgewater, Ma.
Doors Open: 11:30AM
Lunch: 12:00PM
Show time: 1:00PM

\$15
and Raffles

For reservations contact:
Nancy Smith
508-838-8490
nhenn71@hotmail.com

students are always needed to help younger students read or help with our songs. Our show will be presented at a very special Fun Friday on Friday, December 16th.

Christmas Fun Friday
Pageant, Dinner, Special Guest,
Christmas Cookie Decorating.

St. John Calendar

[Click for St. John's Parish Calendar](#)

St. Ann Calendar

[Click for St. Ann's Parish Calendar](#)

Program Booklet

Our 2016-2017 Program Booklets are ready! Click on the link or get your hard copy at the back of each Parish

[Parish and Youth Ministry Program Booklet](#)

The Love of Christ in a Priest's Heart

Please enjoy this four minute insight into Fr. Paul's call to Priesthood.

Please Save the Date!

Parish and Youth Ministry Gala Night at the Auction

Halifax Country Club
Thursday, April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
\$30.00 per person

Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Games



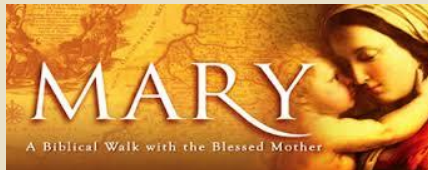
We need help!

Our Auction needs 10-12 volunteers to join our Auction Team Members.

The Auction will be a wonderful evening but we need donation items.

Sadly we are finding larger companies will not donate to a Church. We need all kinds of items for the Auction like services, baskets, Vacation Packages, Sports or Event Tickets, Dining.
Our goal is to have 200 items between our Silent Auction and Live Auction. Please consider helping us!

Sons and Daughters Prayer Group



Next Meeting:
Friday, November 18th at St. John
Parish Hall
10:00-11:30 am

This will be an extraordinary pilgrimage, revealing Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. All are welcome to join our Prayer Group. The group meets once a month, alternating between St. John and St. Ann on the 4th Friday of the month. Our study books are \$15.00. We are blessed to have Fr. Paul and Fr. Mike join our prayer group each month. Refreshments are served. The Sons and Daughters Prayer Group has a nice group started, but more are always welcome.



Special Youth Events

**PJ Anderson, Catholic Musician and
Inspiration Speaker**

A Night of Song, Worship and Witness



Friday, January 6th
7:00 pm

"He can write songs that touch those places deep down in your heart where joy and pain reside in harmony. His heartfelt lyrics strike a chord and draw out those emotions that are waiting to be uncovered. His worship opens hearts to the love of the Lord, and helps every worshipper enter into the presence of God.

PJ learned to play guitar from a nun, Sister Charita, in 5th grade. He landed a role in the high school musical, Grease and started a band in college that opened up doors to writing his own songs. After college, he was a Youth Minister and played in worship bands until he made the move from Chicago to Nashville. PJ now travels the country inspiring youth, playing concerts, leading worship at conferences and retreats, and encouraging youth through his prayerful form of worship. Most nota

ble, PJ has led music at Mega Workshops at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in 2015 and 2013 as well as leading worship at Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) for the past 6 summers. He also headlined the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC for 30,000 youth in 2016."



PJ has become a dear friend of the Parish and Youth Ministry. The Anderson Family's Faith is a very special example of how important making time for our faiths is to our families. Our weekend with PJ will include opportunities for all of our Parishioners to journey along their own faith path with their entire family.

"I AM" Weekend Retreat

January 7th- January 8th



Join us for the special weekend to discover all that we are and all we can be in the love of Christ.

3:00 pm - 2:00 pm
La Salette Retreat Center
947 Park Street
Attleboro, Ma

\$75 (includes three meals, snacks, lodging and retreat materials) Remember cost should never be a reason for not attending.

This special weekend will have a teen track and a young adult (college) track. This facility is large enough to have separate floors for sleeping and several meeting areas.

With the help of our good friend PJ Anderson we are putting together this very special opportunity for the youth of our Parish and surrounding communities. We are so excited to be able to offer an unforgettable overnight retreat filled with faith, friendship, time for prayer and reflection, fun and games, great talks, small and large group sharing, ample opportunity to receive the

sacraments- mass, reconciliation, and adoration, great food, some fun leisure time, - all in all its going to be EPIC. And we want YOU to join us! We are going to have an amazing team ready to make all of this happen.



The retreat center has plenty of room for two separate retreats. The retreat is open for anyone and everyone open to encountering God's love, discovering all that you are in his eyes and would like to share the journey of faith with good friends - this retreat is for YOU!

You may attend part of the retreat, but we encourage you to come for the whole weekend (it's just more fun that way!). Looking forward to sharing this special weekend with you!

Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to reserve your spot! Friends are welcome!



Reserve Your Spots Soon! Some deadlines are approaching and signing up early makes payments and fundraisers much easier.

**March for Life
Deadline to join us is November 30th**

St. John and St. Ann Parish and Youth Ministry is proud to offer the life changing opportunity to join the March for Life 2017



Middle School Track High School Track
Young Adult Track Family Track Chaperons Needed

Thursday, January 26th -Saturday, January 28th
Washington DC



"I attended Witness to Life in January of 2013, the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and the March for Life was a life changing experience for me. I used to hold the personal believe that 'abortion is wrong, but who am I to say that it was wrong for someone else.' It's a topic I did not want to think about, but by closing the door to a conversation that is difficult, you also close the door to understanding. Not just understanding what abortion is exactly, but also an empathetic understanding to why it exists. "There are lots of reasons to why we march, but I march to remember the one quarter of MY generation that are only known to God."

Libby Connell, age 21

Founding Young Adult Member of our Parish and Youth Ministry, 2014 Graduate of East Bridgewater High School, (2) Year Member of our Mission Team

So why do we march?

- We march to remember the 57 million lives of little girls and boys that have been lost to abortion
- We march to demand legislative action to protect every life.
- We march to revive a culture of life across our country.
- We march to share the truth that abortion harms women physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- We march to share the truth that there is hope and healing after abortion.
- We march because each and every life is a gift.
- We march to be a voice for the voiceless.

\$300

Includes Coach Bus, Lodging (Quad Room) and Expenses
\$75 Deposit due by November 1st

The Archdiocese of Boston has scholarships available. Please speak with Fr. Paul or I by October 27 in order to meet the November 1st deadline.



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Our vision is a world where every human life is valued and protected.



4th Annual Mission Trip



Catholic Heart Work Camp
Announcing a new location:
Richmond, Virginia
June 24th- July 1st

Back by popular demand: We will be traveling by Amtrak Train!
Our Mission Trip is open to all students entering 9th Grade in the fall of 2017
and up.

Cost: \$630

This cost includes accommodations, travel arrangement to Richmond and during the week of service, food and program costs. This amount is based on the cost of the train tickets as of September 25th. The cost may change. Each year we actively fundraise to cover some of this cost. Refunds will be issued one week before the trip. Fr. Paul and I feel very strongly that cost should never be the reason someone does not attend. There are many arrangements that can be made, please speak with either one of us.

A deposit of \$90 is required to reserve your spot.

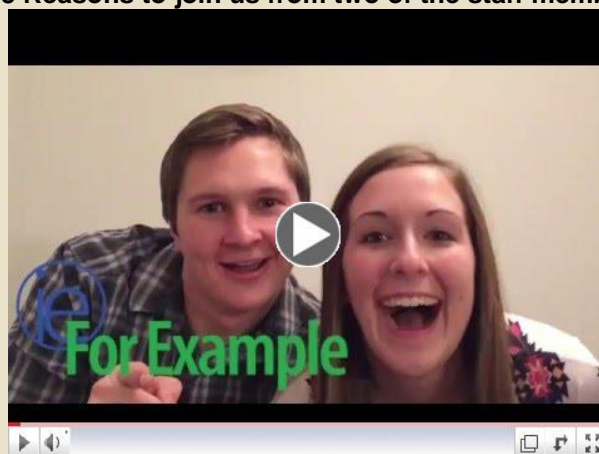
We accept cash, checks (made payable to St. John) or credit or debit cards. We ask families to make monthly payments and total payment is due by March 29th.

Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like to invite. All participants will be required to fill out all paperwork, including our Commitment form to the Mission Team. If you any questions or concerns or to reserve your spot, please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com. We also have two Young Adults who worked on staff of Catholic Heart Work Camp and three mission teams that would be happy to speak with you about their experience. This is a wonderful week of faith, service and fun!



Here is our flyer to share with friends. Spots are limited, so sign up early!
[Flyer for Mission Trip](#)

Here are the top 5 Reasons to join us from two of the staff members we have met!



We need you to be part of our team!



Ultreya
Thursday, November 10th
7:00 pm
St. John Chapel

Upcoming Cursillo- Is God Calling you to this Special Weekend?

There is no substitute for the personal witness from one of our Parishioners but here is a wonderful explanation of what Cursillo is from the National Committee.



What is a Cursillo?

The Cursillo Season is about to start. Consider giving yourself a wonderful gift this fall by taking a few days to explore your Christian Faith at one of the beautiful locations for this special weekend.

Cursillo: Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning a short course. It is an abbreviated form of Cursillo de Cristiandad (short course to prepare Christians). It is not a theoretical course, nor is it a retreat. It is first and foremost an experience. It must be lived. It is a life-changing experience, which brings with it the discovery of the basis of Christianity and its fundamental significance to our lives. To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo is at best, difficult. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special / unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo Retreats are held in several locations including locally at the Holy Cross Retreat House in

Easton. We encourage anyone twenty one years or older to contact Fr. Paul or Nancy Smith to learn more about these amazing weekends. There are several parishioners that have lived their Cursillo, including Fr. Paul and Nancy, that would be happy to explain these beautiful weekends. While Cursillo Retreats follow the same general format each location offers slight differences which offers choices for you. We are blessed to have a Parishioners that lived their weekends at any one of these locations.

Click on any of these link to go directly to each site to learn more or contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information.

Easton: [Holy Cross Retreat House](#)

Weston: [Boston Cursillo](#)

Metheun: [St Basil](#)

News from our Parishes

Disciples in Mission



Disciples in Mission
Archdiocese of Boston

All parishioners are encouraged and invited to take part in the training offered by the Archdiocese of Boston to learn more about the New Evangelization. This is a wonderful way to take an active role in the Collaboration Process. This training will offer an insight into the blue print we will be following as we work together over the coming months.

The Basics

Forming Disciples in Mission is a one-day or two-evening session that will support all those involved in a Collaborative to develop a common language and skill set for the work of the New Evangelization. During the session, participants will learn how to share personal testimony and form disciples, develop an understanding of what makes evangelizing parishes, and discuss practical ways to evangelize in parish life.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday & Thursday, November 16 & 17, 5:30pm-9pm (dinner included) Resurrection Parish, Hingham

Click on this link to learn more.
[Visit the website for more information](#)

Parish Ministries Need Your Support



Ministries

What Gifts is God Calling Your Heart to Share?

Both St. John and St. Ann are in desperate need of Parishioners of all ages to volunteer for our various Ministries. Each one of us has the ability to help grow our Ministries, no matter our age. Please don't feel like you don't have the talent or faith deep enough to volunteer for one or several of our Ministries. Training and Support is offered for all positions. If you are unsure what would be a "good fit" speak with Fr. Paul or Fr. Mike to help discern your calling.

- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lectors
- Adult Choir Members
- Children's Choir Members
- Mass Ushers and Greeters
- Collection Counters
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Religious Education Volunteers
- Bereavement Team Members
- Catholic Women's Club
- St. Vincent De Paul
- Family Life Ministry
- Church Cleaners
- and more!

Please contact Debbie at St. John's Rectory at 508-378-4207 or Arlene at St. Ann's Rectory at 508-586-4880. They will direct you to our Deacons, Staff Members or volunteers in charge of a specific Ministry.

Our Faith Family



Where are you on your faith journey? We are here to welcome you!

Has it been a while since you have participated in your faith or are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about our faith?

You are welcome in our Parish!

We also have programs if you are a baptized adult who has not yet completed preparation for Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Please contact us to learn more about our Faith and our Parish.

Our doors are open to all no matter where you are on your faith journey.

St. Ann's Rectory

508-586-4880

St. John's Rectory

508-378-4207

Weekend Mass Times

St Ann

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

St. John

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Daily Mass

St. John

Monday-Friday @ 9:00 am

St. Ann

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

@ 9:00 am

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Join Our Mailing List

Please visit both web-sites to learn more about what is going on in our Parish Community!

[Visit St. John's Website](#)
[Visit St. Ann's Website](#)

The Parish and Youth Ministry is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ann and St. John. Programs will be offered at both St. Ann's Parish and St. John's Parish and will be open to all. As our new Collaborative Ministry grows more activities and events will be added and the location of current events may change.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or ideas! The Ministry will only grow and flourish with your involvement.