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The Life of Our Parishes

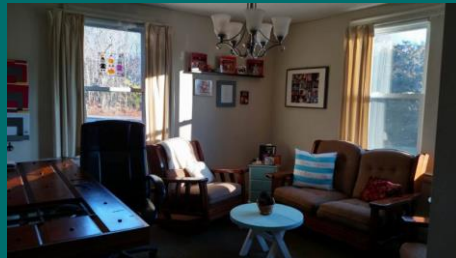
November 18th, 2016



November is a fantastic month to pause and thank God for the blessings in our lives. Fr. Paul and I are very grateful for the many moments of faith, grace and friendship we have

already experienced in the four months since our Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry was announced. We are filled with such hope and faith for the continued growth of our programs for all ages. Our new office home at St. Ann's Rectory has tea, coffee and goodies waiting for your visit. Please stop by to share your thoughts, chat for a while and help us continue to build vibrant and active Faith Families at both Parishes. Happy Thanksgiving.

Nancy Smith



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.

Pancakes with the Pastor

Advent begins next week and it's time to redesign our newsletter. Let us know if you have any ideas!

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](#)

St. John Calendar

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

St. Ann Calendar

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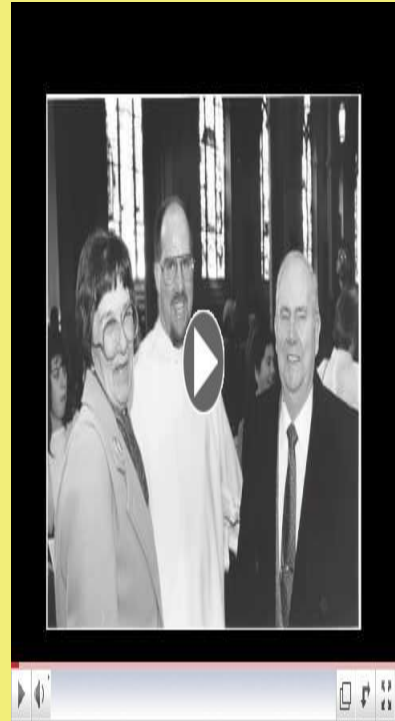
The Love of Christ in a Priest's Heart

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



Next Breakfast
Sunday, November 20th at St.
John
Parish Hall
9:00-11:00 am

On the fourth Sunday of each month you are invited to join Fr. Paul for pancakes and formation. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to grow deeper in their faith. One month may include a discussion of the vestments used during Mass or a discussion about the parts of the Mass. Another month we intend to collect your questions ahead of time in a jar and Fr. Paul will answer as many of them as time allows. Each month will have a different theme, and all members of the family are welcome! No need to cook breakfast or worry about bringing anything, just come and grow in our faith together. We will have activities for the little ones to keep them busy so you can enjoy and listen.



Parish Mission

Please help us welcome Fr. Tom Carzon from the Oblate of the Virgin Mary. Through the transforming power of a mission, we will have the opportunity to see with new eyes and hear with a new heart as we come together as a Faith Family.

Fr. Tom will lead this journey for all ages to quiet our hearts during the Advent Season in order to listen and experience the voice of God within our hearts. Our Mission will touch the very core of your heart and remind us all of God's deep love for us as his Sons and Daughters. We will gather together to receive, believe and become the hands, the mind, and the heart of Christ! This will be a wonderful three nights (or days for those that prefer) that will allow us all to see the richness of our faith.



Sunday | St. John
6:00 pm Mass and a reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall

Monday | St. Ann
10:00 am: Presentation by Fr. Tom with
Coffee and Pastries
7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Tom with a

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Penance Service

Tuesday | St. John

10:00 am: Presentation by Fr. Tom with Coffee and Pastries

7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Tom with Adoration and a Reception to close our Mission

Christmas Pageant



Christmas Pageant: All are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant. There will be three rehearsals before the show. This is a simple play retelling the birth of Jesus. All are welcome to jump in and join us. Older 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. Fun Friday will include the Christmas Pageant, Dinner, Decorating Cookies and a special guest. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join this Fun Friday. Please RSVP at nhenn71@hotmail.com or at 508-838-8490 to sign-up for the Christmas Pageant or to join our special Fun Friday.

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

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



The Ministry is a vital part of our Parish Family that is helping create vibrant and active Faith Families but is a new Ministry and therefore charged by the Financial Team with being completely self-funded. Our Leadership Team has decided to hold two major fundraisers next year: an Auction and a Golf Tournament. Both events require a team of twenty volunteers to help with securing donations, selling tickets, and

encouraging participation. Our hope is to have a collaborative team with volunteers from both Parishes. Most of the help needed can be done at home on your own time. Without your help, we will not meet our goals and be able to continue to offer a variety of programs at no cost or low cost.

Special Events

Date	Event	Deposit Due	Deposit Due
January 7th and 8th	PJ Retreat	\$30.00	December 7th
January 26th - 28th	March for Life	\$75.00	November 30th
March 4th -5th	Deep Freeze	\$55.00	January 5th
June 24th-July 1st	Mission Trip	\$90.00	February 1st

Event	Number of Spots Remaining
PJ Retreat	50
March for Life	Unlimited
Deep Freeze	10
Mission Trip	12

These are wonderful opportunities to travel. The Ministry has paid the deposits to reserve our spots. Please speak with your children, choose the event you would like to participate in and make a commitment early. It allows payments to be spread out over a longer period of time and helps us organize the trips much more efficiently. We accept cash, checks or credit cards. Cost should never be a reason for not attending. Please contact either Fr. Paul or myself to make arrangements .

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.

PJ Anderson, Catholic Musician and Inspiration Speaker

"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.



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!

News from our Parishes

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 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

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St. John's Rectory
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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

Parish Ministries Need Your Support



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.



Come Lord
"Preparing for Jesus"

The St. John and St. Ann's Parish presents
Parish Mission
Advent

December 4th-December 6th

Sunday | 6:00 pm | St. John Parish

Monday | 10:00 am and 7:00 pm | St. Ann Parish

Tuesday | 10:00 am and 7:00 pm | St. John Parish

Faith

Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV, will lead this journey for all ages to quiet our hearts during the Advent Season in order to listen and experience the voice of God within our hearts.

Babysitting or homework help will be available for the little ones! Call Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490

Love

This three day journey will have many opportunities for prayer and reflection.
Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com for complete details.

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