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 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

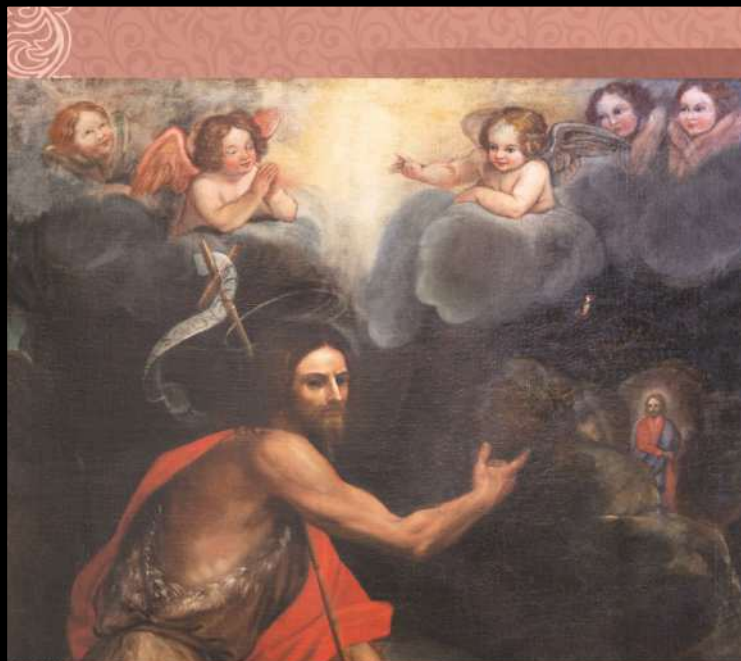
*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John*

January 18, 2026

*The Second Sunday
 In Ordinary time*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM



2nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

“Take the first step in faith.
 You don't have to see the
 whole staircase, just take
 the first step.”

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
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 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.

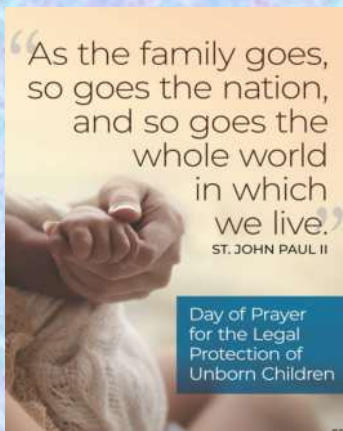
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00 - Diane Wyman — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, January 18, 2025

9:30 - Anna Ritucci — Memorial

6:15 - All Priests & Deacons of the Archdiocese

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 - Dennis Cabral — Memorial

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:30 - William Lopes — 24th Anniversary

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, January 11, 2025

8:00 - All Priests & Deacons

11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, January 18, 2025

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

11:30 - Anyone who is struggling with adiction

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES

Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55

Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

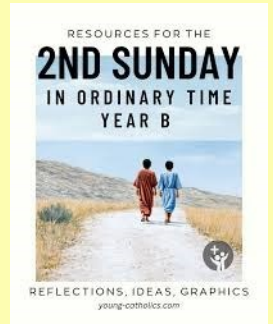
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK **\$95; or including the mass Suggested donation \$120**

**HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS,
 FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a
 Suggested donation of \$175**

**Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated
 TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.**



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have now moved into “Ordinary Time”, named thusly due not to its routine nature but to the fact that we mark the weeks using *ordinal* numbers (thus, the *Second* Sunday in *Ordinary* Time). There is surely nothing routine about our life of faith or our relationship with God! While we have moved away from major celebrations and get back to our regular schedules of work, school and the like, we still make time for God in a particular way. This is done both in worship on Sundays and Holy Days as well as in our relationships with one another. In our worship and prayer, we are called to look within and see how that relationship is progressing, how it is being strengthened; we also look to see where it is stagnant and where it can be further solidified. In our everyday lives, we are called to see where God has been invited and where He has been excluded. In doing all of this, the “ordinary” nature of our lives takes on an extraordinary dimension.

In today’s gospel, this is the closest the Gospel of John gets to a baptism account of Jesus. The actual event is not recorded in John’s Gospel (as it is in Matthew, Mark and Luke), but the reference to it in John’s account hit all the “high points”: the descent of the Holy Spirit, the deepening of the nature of baptism with the inclusion of the Holy Spirit (as opposed to just water), the pronouncement of Jesus as the Lamb of God. In all of this, John’s account brings baptism to the “next level”. It is in this spirit that we are baptized and brought into the faith.

It is the gift of baptism which makes us sons and daughters of God, and it is this “spirit of adoption” (Rom 8:15) which brings us into God’s “family”. This is what makes us a “family of faith”, rooted in the love that we have for God which is lived out in lives of faithful service to the Father. It is in this spirit of service that we have the courage to go out into the world, proclaiming God’s Kingdom to be in our midst, a Kingdom which we are called to assist in building. We do this by living the faith in word and deed. We do this by living our faith to the best of our abilities. We do this by recognizing the opportunities of discipleship which help us to actively live our faith.

May we use this “Ordinary Time” in extraordinary ways, seeking to strengthen our relationship with God through works of prayer, charity and love. May we know God’s love and have the courage to share it with whom all we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

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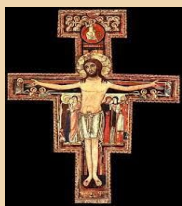
For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com



January Teen Mass

**1/25 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann
Our next Teen Mass is January 25.**

At these Masses, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Every once in a while, my schedule comes to have both a baptism and funeral on the same day; this happened a few weeks ago and it gave me pause to think about life and how it is lived out. Birth and death provide the bookends on our lives. Yet we live in a culture that often fails to recognize death as an integral part of life. We can become so focused on the obvious negative aspects of death—separation from loved ones, the perceived darkness of death, fear that death's approach will be unbearably painful, fear of the unknown, and fear of the loss of self—that we fail to recognize the blessings that death may offer to us. Among these blessings are: freedom from pain, once again being in the presence of those who have gone before us, and most blessed of all—Life Everlasting. As Christians, this is our hope, our faith, our promise from our loving God. Saint Francis knew that the journey to forever could only be made with Sister Death as a companion.

In our modern era, many illnesses, injuries, and infirmities can be remedied, even cured, for a time at least. To use the physical, medical, and spiritual means that are available to us for healing is a reasonable way to preserve life, enabling us to continue our life's work of loving God and loving others. But finally, inevitably, our human bodies will succumb to death. Many people attempt to deny this reality and look upon death as the ultimate evil. Saint Francis chose another way by embracing death as one so close to him as to be called "Sister." Francis invites us to embrace rather than battle Sister Death, to love not to despise Sister Death, to welcome not to shun Sister Death. Saint Francis' invitation not to live in fear of death or with hatred toward death opens our life as it did that of the saint to the joy of eternal life. Some-day Sister Death will greet us and we will go home to our God who created us, loves us, and re-deems us through Jesus our Savior.

As Francis lay dying in a small hut built for him near the chapel of San Damiano where he had heard God's call for him to rebuild the church, he wrote The Canticle of Brother Sun, considered to be the first poem written in the Italian language and certainly one of the most profound. The poem of praise to God for all of creation concludes: "Praised be my Lord, through our sister Bodily Death, from whom no living person can escape." May we not look to escape, but may we allow ourselves to embrace Sister Death as Francis did, with love and true joy!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Fiscal Updates & News (12-23-25)

St. Ann — Offertory	\$3,223
Second Collection	\$ 835
Grand Annual	<u>\$5,550</u>
	\$9,608

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$2,176
Second Collection	\$ 571
Sacramental Donations +Misc .	<u>\$4,489</u>
Total	\$ 7,236

A special thank you to all parishioners who continuously give of their time and talents to make these parishes flourish.

In this New Year we are asking those of you who could help at the mass you attend to step up and help in some way. We can always use more Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Ushers. The 6:15 Mass is always in need. The more people who help, the more smoothly the mass proceeds. Please call the Rectory Office if you can serve.

May this New Year bring you and your family, health, wealth, and happiness!

(New figures will be behind as the printing deadlines are always early.)

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS TO ST. ANN AND ST. JOHN FOR ALL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

A Prayer for the New Year

- **For Guidance:** "Lord, I place 2026 into Your hands. Guide my steps, strengthen me by Your grace, and make this year fruitful for Your glory".
- **For Peace & Protection:** "Heavenly Father, as we step into 2026, may Your peace envelop our hearts and homes. Protect us from harm and fill us with comfort".
- **For Growth & Purpose:** "Help me to walk each day with purpose, faith, and joy. Let this year be marked by Your presence in every aspect of my life".
- **For Healing:** "Lord, grant us good health in this new year to pursue our passions fully and heal the sick".
- **For Gratitude:** "Thank You for the lessons of 2025; as I enter 2026, let my heart overflow with appreciation".

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:



Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Sharon Carson, Diane McDonald, William Burke, Karen McSweeney, Barbara Monaco & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration – we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: January 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater 02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

Need: cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing
Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
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.**

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

January 5 & 19

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables pasta & pasta sauce, non-sugar cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100



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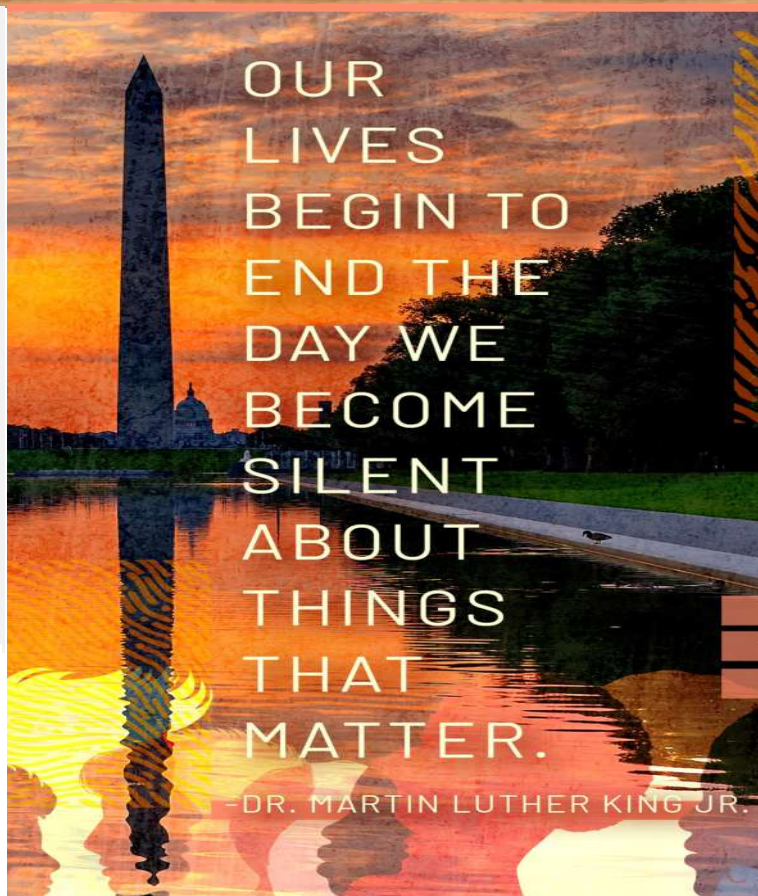
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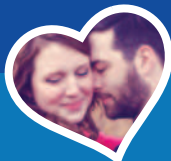
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