



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*

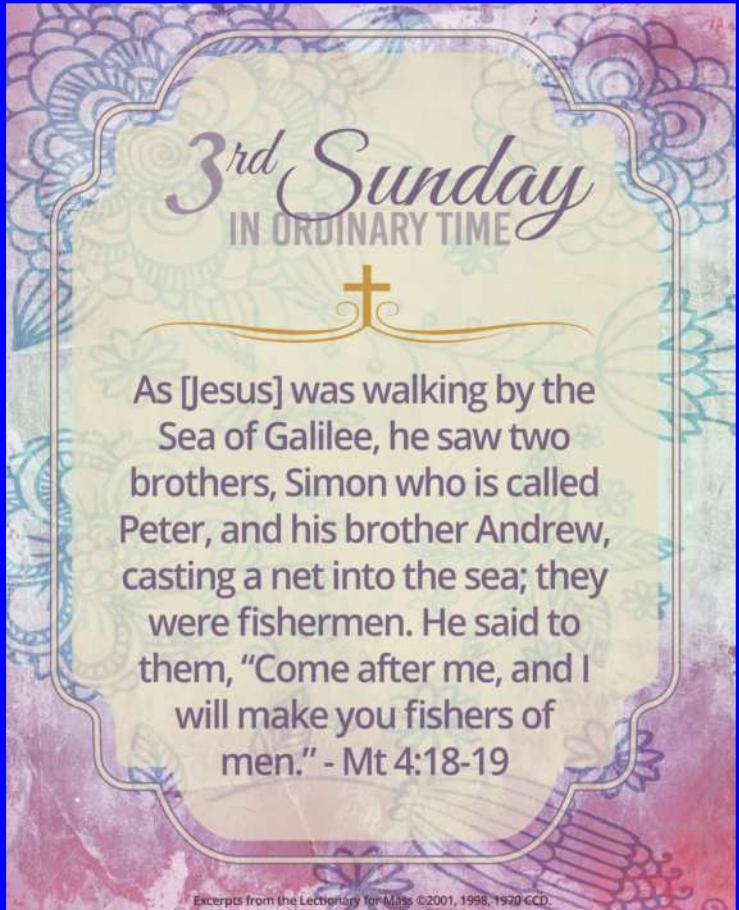
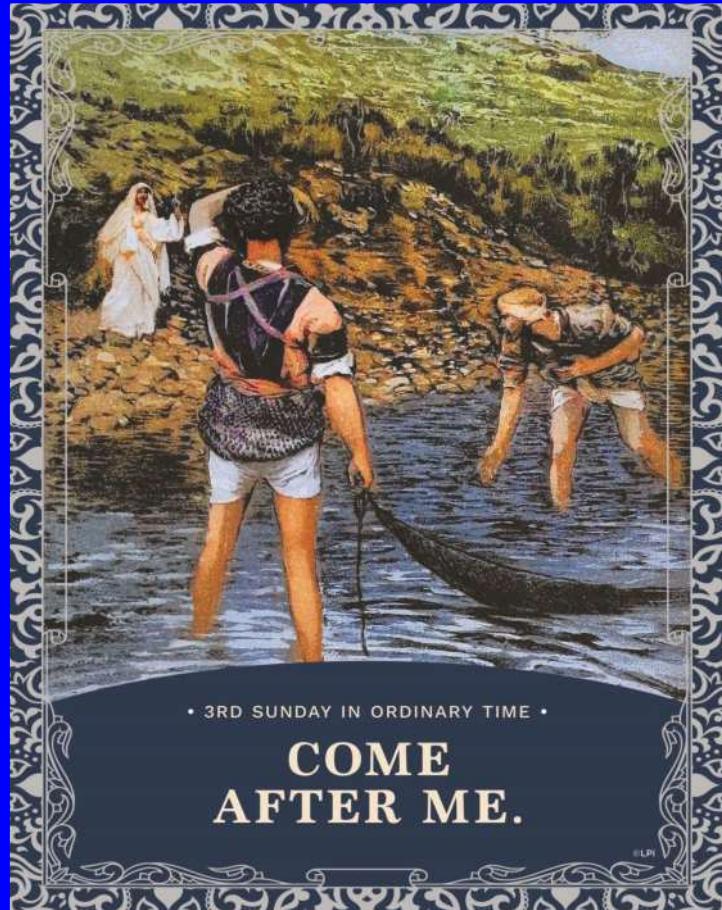
Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Sunday 6:15 PM

January 25, 2026



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

*The Third Sunday
In Ordinary time*



Church of Saint Ann

**103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater
02379
508-586-4880 (24 hour service)**

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Website: stannswb.com
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**Collaborative Office Hours are
9:00-3:00 M-TH**

Saint John the Evangelist

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

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fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

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Priests In Residence

Fr. Peter Francis

Fr. Michael Diochi

Permanent Deacons:

Christopher Connelly
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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

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant:

Arlene Stefano

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508-586-4880

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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant:

Deborah Conrad

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Music Minister: Erica Vinton

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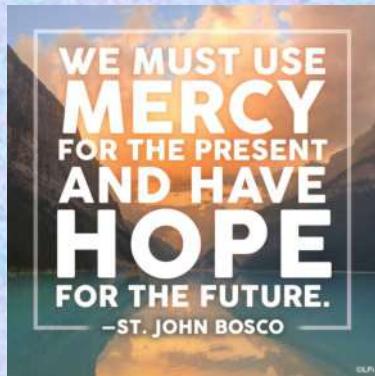
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774-533-2002





Mass Intentions

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:00 - Dennis Cabral — Memorial

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:30 - William Lopes — 24th Anniversary

6:15 - Anyone struggling with addiction

Thursday, January 29, 2026

9:00 - Joseph Utka — Memorial

Saturday, January 31, 2026

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, February 1, 2025

9:30 - John Scott — Memorial

6:15 - World Peace

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, January 25, 2025

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

11:30 - Emily Harrington, Wendel Harrington & Patrick Abati — Memorial

Sunday, February 1, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

11:30 - Christopher Thompson — 29th Anniversary
Joseph Thompson — 3rd Anniversary



Pregnancy Help Boston is in Brockton!

We are a pregnancy resource center that provides life affirming alternatives for women facing emotional and social hardships during their pregnancies. Our compassionate staff comprised of bilingual case workers and nurses will provide support and material assistance for our clients. We serve all who come to us in a free and confidential manner and are safe space for everyone.

We are a ministry of the Catholic Church and are supported by the people of the Archdiocese of Boston. If you are interested in supporting us, would like to refer someone to us or would like to learn more about us, call us. Our staff will be very happy to assist you.

774-297-2233

Pregnancy Help Boston (in Brockton)
439 West Street
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www.pregnancyhelpboston.org

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past half-century, a multitude of committed Christians (over 650,000) embark on a journey of faith to Washington, D.C. Their purpose is a solemn and important one, one which we have had to undertake for almost four decades now. It is the “March For Life” and it is an event which highlights the need for us to be a “light to the nations”. It is a rally which will bring together rich and poor, young and old, men, women and children. The “binding force” which links us all (marchers and prayers, alike) together is our unwavering commitment to the defense of life for the pre-born, one of the most vulnerable groups among us. While a milestone event took place a few years ago (with the overturning of “Roe v. Wade” by the Supreme Court), there is still much work to be done in defense of those of who have no one to speak for them. We take courage, however, in the fact that we have made a difference, one mind and heart at a time. I know in my own conversations with people over the years, I have seen many folks come to a moment of conversion. This is done not by me, but through me and by the grace of God.

Today’s gospel highlights the need for us to see that we are all called by God. Often times, we look at the gospel proclaimed today as a call for more to enter into the priesthood. That “call” is certainly there, but implicit in this passage is the fact that we are all called by God to “fish” for men and women receptive (and, perhaps, not so receptive (at first)) to God’s call to them to respond to their baptismal call to serve God and His people in the Church and in the world. It begins, however, in our own heart and mind. We cannot convincingly call others to conversion, to a new way of thinking about and looking at life, if we don’t first believe it. We can “talk the talk”, using words such as “discipleship” and “ministry”. If we don’t believe and live what we are saying, however, then it is just that – talk – and our words ring hollow. We must first believe, and then live, what we have heard, letting them “take root” in our own minds and hearts.

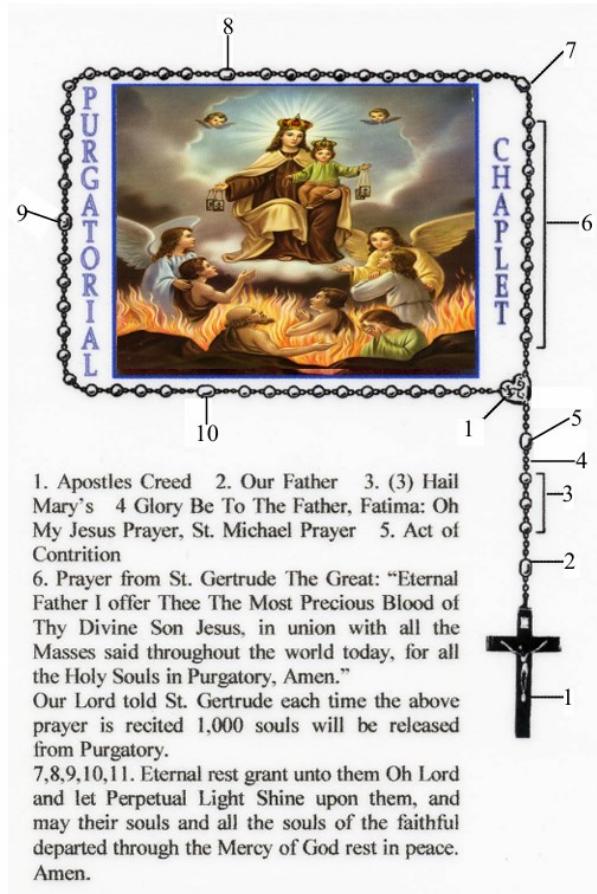
Jesus, in this encounter by the seashore, begins to assemble “the twelve”. In calling Simon, Andrew, James and John, Jesus’ call is sure. The disciples’ response, for their part, is immediate. What courage it must have taken for them to respond so quickly and surely; what faith it must have taken to leave all that they knew to follow Jesus. Jesus isn’t calling us, necessarily, to leave all that we know. Sometimes it’s best to “grow where you’re planted”, responding to God’s call wherever you are. Our response, however, must be as bold as the disciples’ was, for it is a bold thing to profess one’s faith publicly. May we have the openness to hear God’s call. May we have the boldness to respond with surety. May we speak to others about our faith with courage and conviction. May all come to know, through our words, given to us by the Holy Spirit, what we have come to know: that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death, and won for us newness of life!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

Ministry News

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



February Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

February 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours!

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.

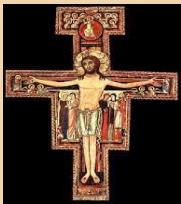
February Family Mass

2/8 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann

For this Mass, we invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts. We also invite all kids in attendance to join Fr. Paul for the homily and everyone to join us at the back of the church afterwards for snacks. If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

"Heavenly Father, bless our Patriots, grant strength and skill, protect from injury, guide coaches, and foster sportsmanship and unity for a safe, spirited game," often ending in "Amen".





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel relates the "call" of the men who would become not only "disciples" (i.e., followers of Jesus) but "Apostles" ("one who is sent", in this case by Christ) of Jesus. We may look at today's gospel and think of this call as "one-and-done", but the truth of the matter is that the conversion of the Apostles, which followed their initial invitation to follow Jesus, happened over the course of their lives and deepened with each miracle event, sermon, and encounter with Jesus.

If you are a regular reader of this column, you've heard of the conversion of St. Francis and his subsequent mission to "rebuild the church". In both of these instances, neither of these events in Francis' life were "one-time events". They happened as a "moment of faith" in Francis' life, but they both unfolded over time. Much like the Apostles of Jesus, we can look at Francis' conversion and mission as encounters with Jesus which shaped most of Francis' adult life and see that Jesus continued to reveal Himself to Francis in both profound and simple ways.

Like most of us, God reveals Himself in many of these profound and simple ways. For Francis, the encounter with the leper, the call emanating from the San Damiano Cross, his break from his father (and, really, his former way of life), his forming of the Franciscan Order, and his reception of the Stigmata all point to an ever-deepening relationship with the Lord. May we come to encounter the Lord in profound and simple ways. May we, like Francis, be open to hearing the voice and seeing the face of Christ in our lives. May we respond to these encounters with the love, passion, and zeal with which Francis did.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fiscal Updates & News (1-11-26)

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| St. Ann — Offertory | \$3,482 |
| Second Collection | \$ 999 |
| Misc + Sac. Donations | <u>\$1,335</u> |
| | \$5,816 |

Total

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| St John — Offertory | \$1,779 |
| Second Collection | \$ 504 |
| Sacramental Donations +Misc . | <u>\$2,283</u> |
| Total | \$ 3,428 |

A special thank you to all parishioners who continuously give of their time and talents to make these parishes flourish. Especially, the decorating committee who brought the nativity to life in each church and made the altars and churches so beautiful for the Christmas Season.

Thank you to the people (who want to remain anonymous) who are keeping our poinsettias so healthy at both churches.

****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. 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880.

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.



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'Guiseppi, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, 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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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

SVDP WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE/ \$20 FOR 1,— 3 FOR \$50
We are also collecting mittens, hats, gloves socks and travel size shampoo, soap, hand sanitizer and \$5 Dunkin gift cards for our unhoused neighbors.
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

February 2nd & 16th

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

*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*

*Gunner & Garrett Anderson
Charlotte Kristina Benedetti
Brielle Corbin
Vienna Corbin
Lydia Routh Gilbert
John Vandever Lovell
Avery Drew Lyczynski*



*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

Please remember in your prayers:

*Joan M. Ohlson
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*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
Jesus Christ.*



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