



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*

February 1, 2026

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



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

*The Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary time*

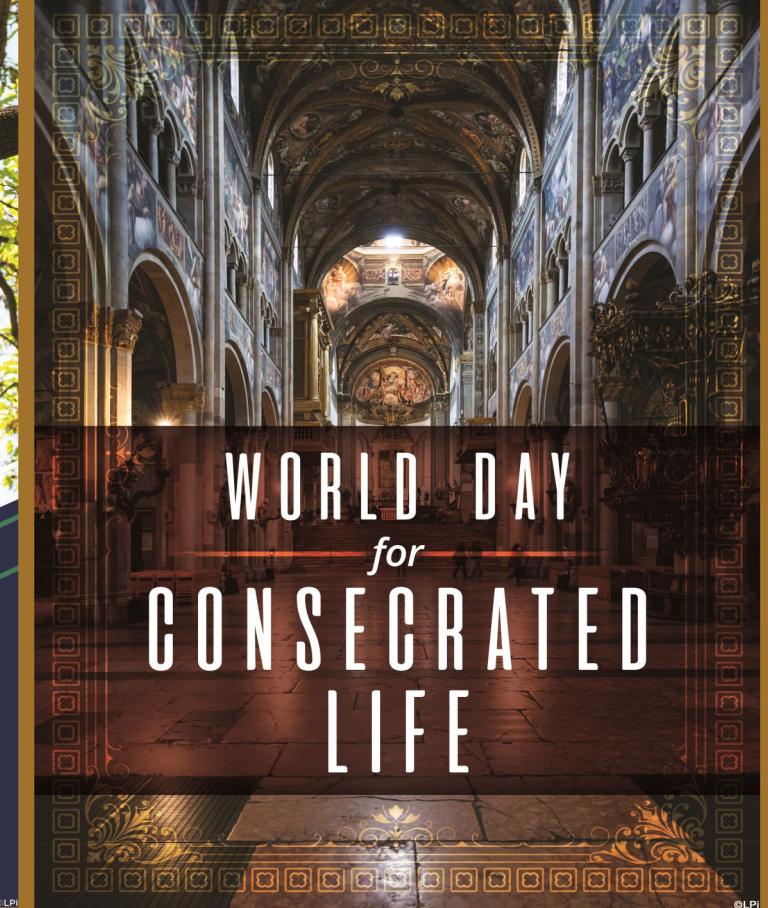


4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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Church of Saint Ann

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
9:00-3:00 M-TH**

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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

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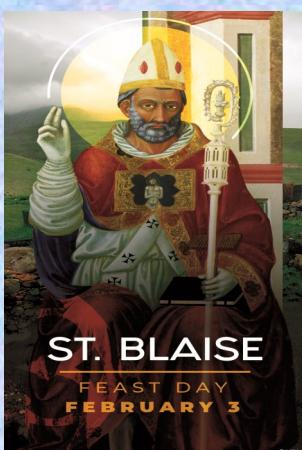
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Of

The

Throats



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

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Mass Intentions

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 31, 2026

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, February 1, 2025

9:30 - John Scott — Memorial

6:15 - World Peace

Saturday, February 7, 2026

4:00 - Marie M. Jackson — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9:30 - Joseph Sousa — Birthday Remembrance

Maria Sousa — Memorial

6:15 - All the Children of the Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, February 1, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

11:30 - Christopher Thompson — 29th Anniversary

Joseph Thompson — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, February 8, 2025

8:00 - World Peace

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



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.

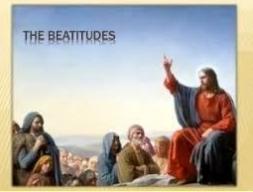
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Pregnancy Help Boston (in Brockton)
439 West Street
Brockton MA 02301

www.pregnancyhelpboston.org

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, I attended a seminar which “unpacked” the Beatitudes. The presenter spoke of the Beatitudes as a “blueprint”, outlining them as “Be-Attitudes”. In this way, they become more than just pious platitudes – they become concrete ways of living, acting and being. This is very important for us in the modern age, for we can look at many of Jesus’ pronouncements as ideals, things for which we can strive, but not really “livable”.

When we look at the Beatitudes, they are not ways of being which happen all at once; for all, however, they do happen. There are different times of our lives when we mourn, are called to be peacemakers, to be meek, to be merciful and the like. Many of these “ways of living”/“states in life” happen as a result of us living in the world; many happen because of our lives rooted in faith. When we lose a loved one, we mourn; when we see hurt, violence or injustice, we are called to be peacemakers; when we live our lives rooted in faith, we may be persecuted for righteousness’ sake. These are things which, in most cases, cannot be avoided.

I can remember growing up when things didn’t go our way, my mother’s standard response was “don’t worry, ‘your reward will be great in heaven’ (Mt 5:12)”. Of course, our standard response to that was “yeah, but what about now?!?” We couldn’t understand how God could “turn a blind eye” (or so we thought at the time) to our trials and tribulations (which in most cases, truth be told, weren’t all that bad!). We were always taught that God knew all, saw all and cared for all. Why, then, did God not see what was going on in our lives? Well, as it turns out He did. There is that tricky little condition called the “permissive will of God”, which allows for the fact that God sees all, but allows things to happen for the greater good. This is why God allows us to mourn, to be persecuted, to act meekly – for our “reward will be great in heaven” (ibid.).

We go through our lives often times wondering if God is there and if so, where? We may get angry or even doubt of God’s existence. While it is fine to get angry (I think God can take it!), we should never let that anger take root, keeping us from seeing the presence of God in all things, even (maybe especially) in tragedies and sorrows. Our God knows suffering; our God knows death. Our God ultimately, though, is a God of life, and life abundantly. Let us always seek to see God’s presence in all things. Let us know that our God will never leave us abandoned and that He will bring us, ultimately, into His Kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

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.

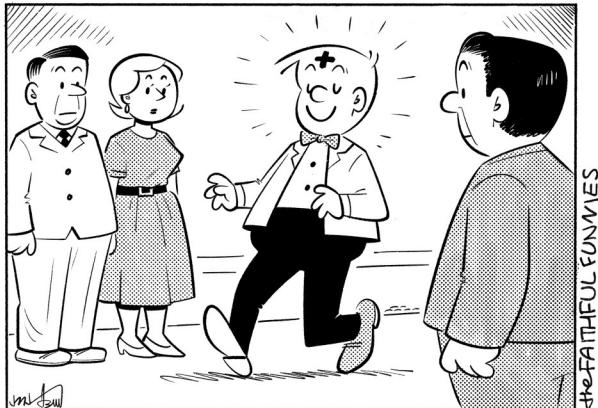
February Teen Mass

2/22 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann

Our next Teen Mass is February 22nd.

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.

"There's a certain Wednesday during the year when you can easily tell who's Catholic."



"I doubt you need to **Ash** me which one that is."

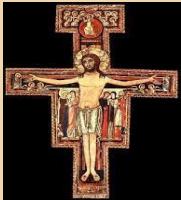
FUN FACT!
During Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will place ashes on our forehead. This is a symbol to remind us of our mortality. From dust we have come, and to dust we will return.

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!

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 — ASH WEDNESDAY.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus presents the Beatitudes. More than just pious platitudes, Jesus presents these "Blessings" as a blueprint as to how one can and should live their lives. They are by no means easy to achieve, but they are doable if one includes Christ in one's life. St. Francis was no doubt influenced by them, and each one of them speaks volumes as to how Francis lived his life (post-conversion) and created the Order which bears his name. While they all speak to aspects of Francis' life, the one which most obviously comes to mind is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). The "Peace Prayer of St. Francis" may or may not have been written by him, but it is ascribed to him by most, and certainly fits into the milieu of his life.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.
Amen.*

May this prayer, along with the Beatitudes, serve as a blueprint of Christian living for us all!

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS

"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".



Fiscal Updates & News (1-11-26)

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,073
Second Collection	\$ 663
Misc + Sac. Donations	<u>\$1,200</u>
	\$3,936

Total

St John — Offertory	\$1,733
Second Collection	\$ 431
Sacramental Donations +Misc .	<u>\$ 525</u>
Total	\$2,689

****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.

STAY WARM

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

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

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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'Guiseppe, 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.



St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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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: Tuesday, Feb 10th @ 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.**



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You want to pray for your family more. But between watching grandkids and making appointments and running errands, it can be hard to find the time.

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Wherever you are—and however much time you have—there's a video on our YouTube channel to help you **lift your family in prayer**. **Subscribe today** and watch on your TV, tablet, or smart phone!

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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

“Seeking the Joy of God’s Love” by Seeing Christ in Ourselves, and in Others

February 27th-March 1st

Holy Cross Retreat House, Easton, Ma

Join Fr. Sam Fuller, Kevin Elphick for this retreat journey to see Christ more deeply in ourselves, others, and in creation. Guests will have time to listen, pray, rest, and grow in our understanding of God’s immense love using the charisms of the Franciscan tradition.



FR. SAM FULLER, OFM CAP

Fr. Sam Fuller, OFM, Cap, is a Capuchin Franciscan Friar of the Province of St. Mary. He presently serves as the Provincial Spiritual Assistant to the Order of Secular Franciscans.

- Cost: \$160.00
- Register Using the QR Code
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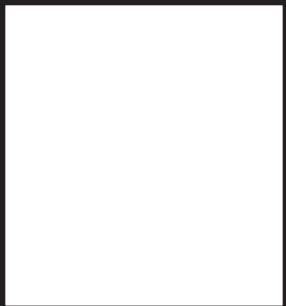
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