



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John*

February 8, 2026

*The Fourth Sunday
 In Ordinary time*



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

MODEL OF HOPE

“
 I AM
 DEFINITELY
 LOVED AND
 WHATEVER
 HAPPENS
 TO ME —
 I AM AWAITED
 BY THIS LOVE.
 AND SO MY
 LIFE IS GOOD.”

- ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, February 14, 2026

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, February 15, 2025

9:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — 19th Anniversary

6:15 - World Peace

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, February 8, 2025

8:00 - World Peace

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

Sunday, February 15, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

11:30 - Kim Russo — Birthday & 7th Anniversary

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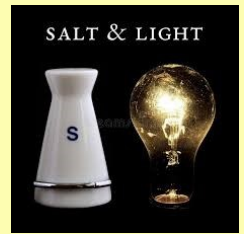
*Kim Russo
Birthday Remembrance &
7th Anniversary*

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When one does a “Google search” on the phrase “salt and light”, one comes up with over nine million entries. Listings abound, with everything from church ministries to small faith communities to t-shirts emblazoned with a salt shaker and a light bulb! All of them have one thing in common –they trace their origin back to today’s gospel passage in which Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe how we, as Christians, are to be and act in the world.



Jesus, throughout His earthly ministry, used “earthly” images. This is understandable, given that people of His day were so connected to the earth and its environs. Jesus, in using images such as this, as well as speaking in parables (stories which point to a greater truth), wanted people to strive for a higher reality, one which reaches beyond this world. One may wonder how effective these images and stories are today, since we have become somewhat “disconnected” with our environment, often seeing it merely as a place to “hang our hat” while we go through life. I think it would be a mistake for us to fall into this trap; the earth isn’t just a “stopping point” for us until we get to heaven. Our earthly journey is meant as a learning experience for us so that when we do (God willing) make it to heaven we can know that we helped “build the Kingdom” in our time here. This is why we pray, in the “Our Father”, “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” It is no accident that we are here on earth, which is why we are called to be “salt and light” to the world.

Salt and light are connected by their dispensation. When one uses too little salt in a meal, it can be bland and tasteless; when one uses too little light, one can stumble and fall. Conversely, when one uses too much salt, the dish being prepared can be “overwhelmed” by the spice; when one uses too much light, one can be blinded and thus rendered unable to move freely. In using both salt and light, a balance must be achieved; in the same way, in our lives of faith balance must be struck so that the message of Holy Scripture and Tradition as found in our Church can be heard, acted upon and lived. If one lives their life of faith sparingly, the message of faith might go unheard; if one is too “heavy-handed”, then people are turned off and the message is similarly lost.

May we have the courage to be “salt and light” to our brothers and sisters. May we be a “light to the nations” and may we “spice up” the world when able and necessary. May we effectively preach the gospel in word and deed by sensing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and thus bringing forth the greater glory of God.

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.

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 — ASH WEDNESDAY.

Mass at Saint John's — 9:00 am.

Ashes at St. John's — 4:00 pm.

Mass at Saint Ann's — 7:00 p.m.



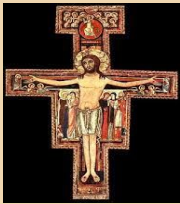
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 — GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026 — EASTER

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!



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus challenges His followers to be salt and light. We are called to be "salt" by bringing some "spice" into the world and by bringing our own unique "flavor" to whatever relationships in which we find ourselves. We are called to be "light" by illuminating the darkness of the world and by letting Christ's light shine forth from us as we strive to "be Christ" for others and "see Christ" in others. Francis did this in many significant ways.

Francis was "salt" because he was not afraid to shake things up a bit and walk a unique path. He saw things differently than others, sometimes even his own brothers, and was unafraid to preach a word that would, as humorist Finley Peter Dunne would say, "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable". He stripped naked in the town square to disavow material possessions. He visited the Sultan and brought the Gospel to regions that had not been exposed to the Word of God. He met with cardinals and popes to bring forth his Rule and make sure it lasted beyond himself. In all of this, his "saltiness" was what was needed, whether those around him realized or not!

Francis was "light" because he realized that the world in general, and the Church specifically, was in disarray. He was called by God to "rebuild the Church" and he did this, in large part, by illuminating the need for Christ's light in a darkened world. He did this by acknowledging that "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle". He may have only been one candle, but he lit others' candles by bringing his own into the world.

Jesus calls us to be "salt and light". May we, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, do that by spicing up the world (or, at least, our little corner of it) with our "salt", and illuminating the dark corners of the Church and world which have been darkened by sin and suffering with our "light".

Pax et Bonum,

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 (1-25-26)

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,165
Second Collection	\$ 776
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	\$ 230
Total	\$3,171

St John — Offertory	\$1,674
Second Collection	\$ 456
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	\$ 10
Total	\$2,140

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PLOWING COSTS ARE A BIG FACTOR!**

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COLLECTION**

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WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

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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'Guisepppe, 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.



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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
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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.

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, tooth-paste, 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
- Optional Night for Silent Reflection 2/26



For More Information
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Nancy Smith, Director

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welcome!**

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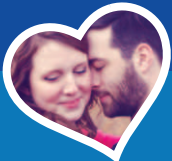
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