

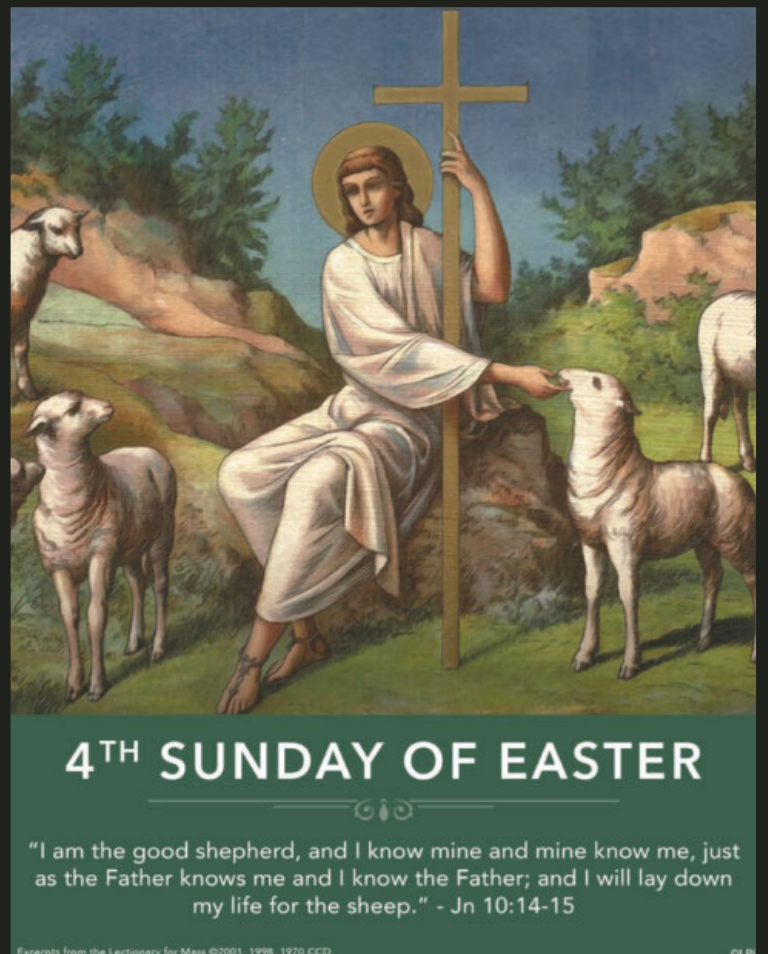
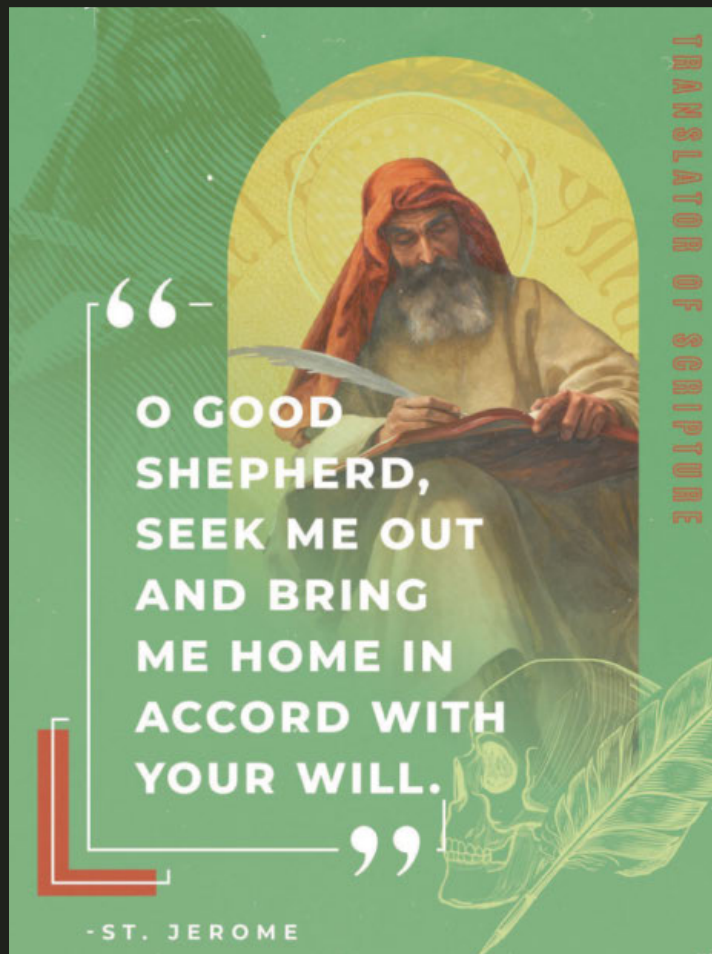


Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 April 21, 2024
 Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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



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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option**

Daily Mass

Thurs & Sat.

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 private and 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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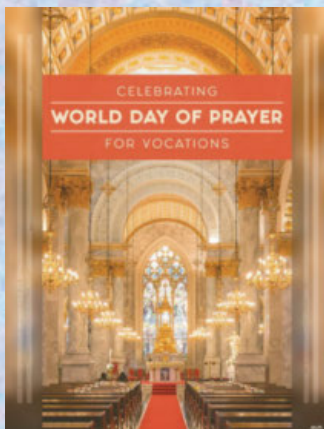
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 - Willie DeJulio — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30 - Joseph Utka — 8th Anniversary

6:15 - People in Need Around the World

Saturday, April 27, 2024

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30 - Families of the Collaborative

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — 22nd Anniversary

11:30 - John S. Oliveira — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 - Mary Cataldo — Memorial

11:30 - Susan Quill — 15th Anniversary

THE MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE CHANGING

**THE WEEKEND OF
May 25 - 26**

ST ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, — 8:00 & 11:30 AM
6:15 PM**

ST JOHN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday — 4:00 PM
Sunday — 9:30 AM**

**This schedule will be in effect
for 1 year.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a seminary classmate of mine (originally from Greece) whose uncle is a shepherd. Yes, an honest-to-goodness, out-in-the-field shepherd! I asked him one time if the images of the “good shepherd” spoken of by Jesus in the gospels are accurate. He said that they were, especially when Jesus speaking of the shepherd who “lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11) in his care. A shepherd cares for his flock because they are his livelihood; without them, he does not eat. Yes, he can do other things, but there are some who are called to this profession (just as others are “called” (by a sense of “vocation”). It is more than **what they do** – it is **who they are**.

In this same way, Jesus (*our* “good shepherd”) lays down his life for His flock (you and me). He does this because this is why He came into the world – to lay down His life. Jesus has the power to “lay it down” and “take it up” (Jn 10:18), a power He uses for our benefit. It is the power of the Resurrection at work, once again. We tend to think of the Resurrection as a “one-time event”, and while it is true that it did happen once in time, it is an event that has repercussions which are still being felt today. Each time we celebrate Easter, we remember the gift won for us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Each time we celebrate Mass, we participate in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Another important aspect of Jesus presenting Himself as the “good shepherd” is the fact that He came into the world for ALL. There are others that “do not belong to this fold” (Jn 10:16), for whom Jesus came into the world as well. These are not only the Gentile communities to whom the Apostles have been/will be sent by Jesus, but also other communities of faith that are still being formed to this day. God is constantly revealing Himself to the world, and Jesus is the “shepherd” who will gather those “flocks”. Jesus will ultimately gather all of those who have chosen to listen to His voice and be part of His “flock”. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus will separate the world into those who have chosen to follow Him and those who have chosen to ignore Him. Those who have made the decision to follow Him faithfully will be brought into the Kingdom.

So, it seems that we have a choice: We have heard His voice, and it is up to us to follow Him. May we have the courage to “block out” other voices, those contrary to Jesus’. May we always know that as the Lord calls us, His voice is sure and clear. May we, for our part, attune our minds and hearts to that voice. It is a voice that will lead us to Everlasting Life.

A Blessed (continued) Easter Season to you all,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

April Family Mass

Our next Family Mass is Sunday, April 28 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily. There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass.

If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading please contact Matt Brady.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm
St. Ann

Every month we make sandwiches to be distributed to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge by Capuchin Mobile Ministries. This is a great service project that anyone can do! All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours.

The Together in Christ Collaborative is sponsoring a Baby Shower!

"Cribs" will be set up on **April 6** at both St Ann and St John Parish. Donations will be accepted through **May 5!**

Donations of **NEW UNWRAPPED** layette items, toiletries (no powder please), and diapers are needed.

Items from the Parish Baby Shower helps mothers make life-affirming decisions for their unborn children and supports clients of Pregnancy Help, the crisis pregnancy center of the Archdiocese of Boston.

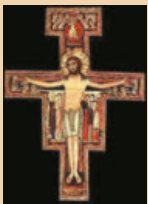
Monetary donations to Pregnancy Help or the Fund for the Unborn are also gratefully accepted.

Please contact Missy Schrader at 508-725-2177 or missyschrader73@gmail.com with any questions!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

**Save the Date!!
Outdoor Mass and
Barbecue
Sunday August 18
St John's
Time TBD
Stay tuned for more
details**





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Speaking to his newly formed community of followers, St. Francis of Assisi used a particular image to express how he wanted the friars to imitate Jesus Christ. In his [Admonitions](#), under the title of “Of the Imitation of the Lord,” St. Francis pointed to the Good Shepherd as the model to be followed:

“Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save His sheep bore the suffering of the Cross. The sheep of the Lord followed Him in tribulation and persecution and shame, in hunger and thirst, in infirmity and temptations and in all other ways; and for these things they have received everlasting life from the Lord. Wherefore it is a great shame for us, the servants of God, that, whereas the Saints have practiced works, we should expect to receive honor and glory for reading and preaching the same.”

In this passage, St. Francis is referring to Jesus’ own words in the Gospel of John: ***“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” (John 10:11-16)***

St. Francis was pointing out the love Jesus has for his flock and how he was willing to bear any suffering for our sake. He wanted his followers to do the same for the people they encountered, not boasting in their good works, but bearing every burden for the people they serve. Similarly, in referencing this passage, St. Francis may have also been warning his community not to become “hired men,” who leave and run away from their sheep. They were to be “servants of all,” shepherds who would imitate Jesus’ own example. He did not want his brothers to become prideful and consider themselves the source of their good works. Instead, he would repeatedly say that the only thing they could “glory” in was “in our infirmities, and in bearing daily the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The Good Shepherd is a beautiful image of Jesus Christ, one that still inspires many sons and daughters of St. Francis.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THIS WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR REPAIRS

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR HEAT AND SNOW FUNDS

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don’t slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn’t a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I’ll never forget this scene. I’ll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more. The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God’s actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what’s in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn’t want a future without us.

“I will lay down my life for the sheep.” — John 10:11

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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, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Louise Ferrari, Dan, Christine Staples, Candice Frabetti & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

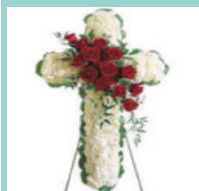


St Ann's

*The Flower Memorial
this week is donated by
Mary Margaret Williams*

In loving memory of

Joseph Utka



*Please remember in your
prayers:*

*Elizabeth O'Connor
William Grant*

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



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

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
**peanut butter, Progresso soups, pasta sauce & brownie
mix are needed.**

Cash donations also accepted

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379

To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony 508-245-5481
Next meeting: April 9th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Ann's Hall.

**Donations are always appreciated. Place Money and
gift cards \$5-\$25 into the St. Vincent de Paul boxes
located at the exits.**

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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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

Monday, May 6, 2024
Monday, May 20, 2024

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, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal.**

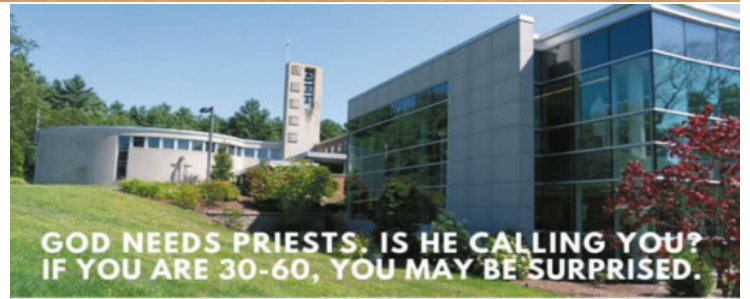
Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier

Stand out for Life!



12:00-2:00 PM, Sunday, April 21st
Bridgewater Town Common
15 South Street, Bridgewater MA

The abortion lobby wants people to believe that the pro-life side is dying out. Now's our chance to prove them wrong! Please come to this Pro-Life Standout and be a witness to the value of human life! We'll stand in the center of Bridgewater and hold pro-life signs while praying the Rosary and hearing from a special guest speaker. Afterwards we'll have time for food and socializing! Signs will be provided. Email dionisi@aol.com for more info or to sign up!



GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?
IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.

FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

May 3, 2024

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit (Zoom link provided at registration)

Register:
 Contact Msgr. William Fay,
 781-899-5500 ext. 134,
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