



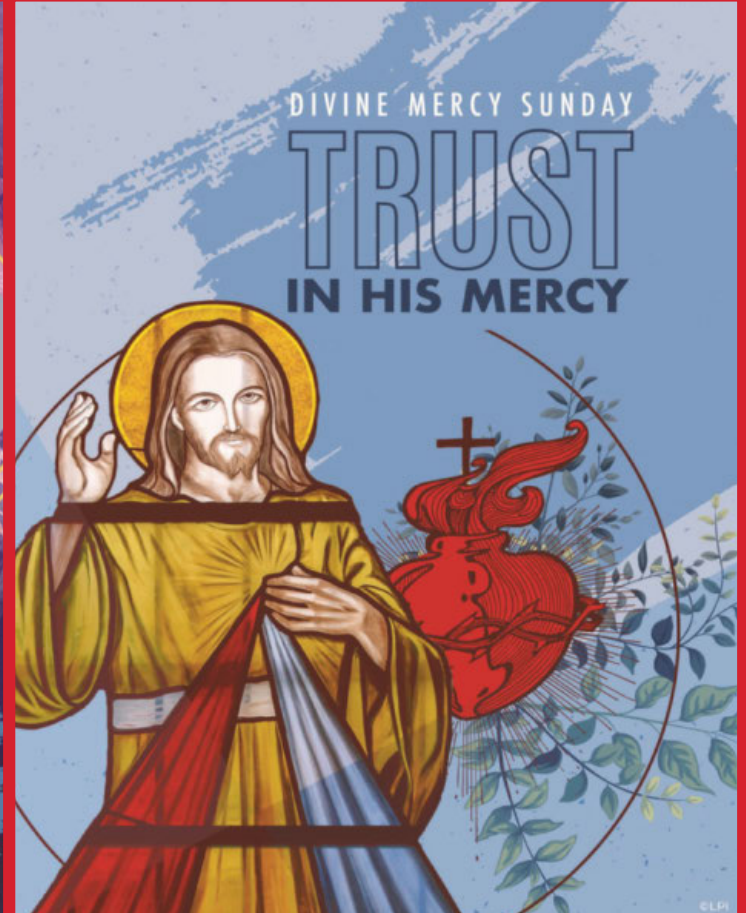
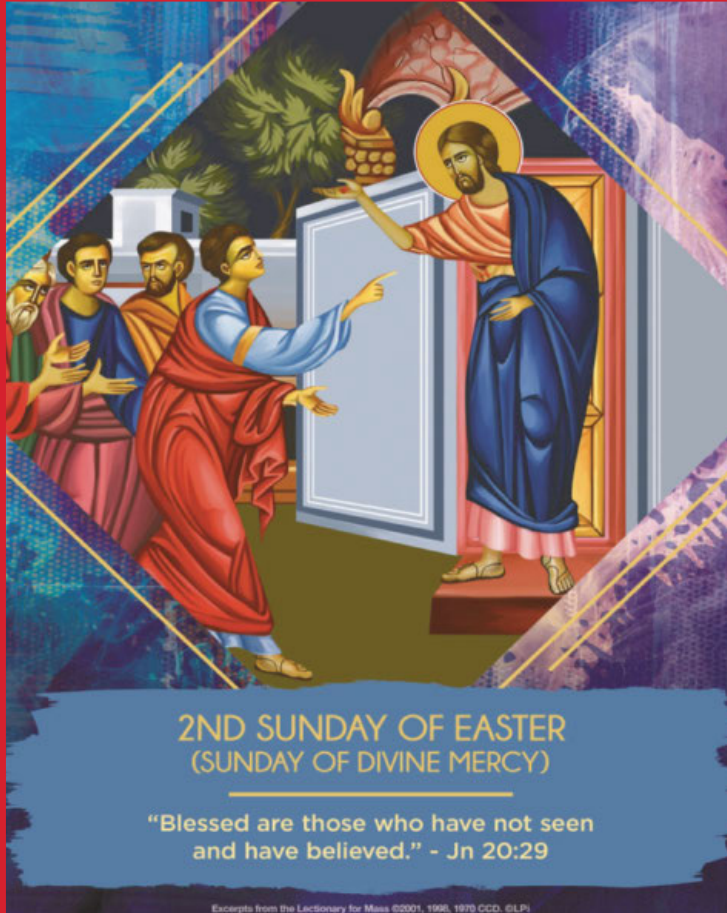
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*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 April 27, 2025
 Divine Mercy Sunday*



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

2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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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-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 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.

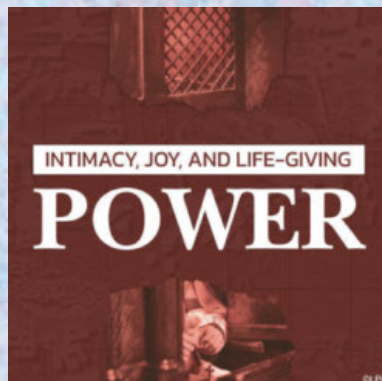
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 - Pilar Laureta — 70th Birthday
 11:30 - Joseph Utka — 9th Anniversary
 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, May 1, 2025

9:00 - Donna “Mimmi” Burns - Month’s Mind

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
 11:30 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial
 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 26, 2025

10:00 - Ena Saint Claire Charles — Memorial
 4:00 - Meg Weljkovic — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:30 - Kendra Frabetti — 23rd Anniversary

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

Saturday, May 3, 2025

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

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:30 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial

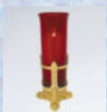
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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
 \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



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,

While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted twenty-five years ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul II. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, “Jesus, I trust in You”. When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, “my Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn’t approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn’t have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we “take it on faith” that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who “have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

Ministry News

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

Vacation Bible School

Coming this Summer! A week of faith, fun and friends. Dates and more info coming soon.

The Mass schedule changes on May 24!

New weekend Mass schedule as of 5/24:

Sat. 4 pm at St. Ann

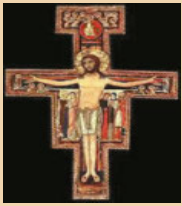
Sun. 8 am at St. John

9:30 am at St. Ann

11:30 am at St. John

6:15 pm at St. Ann

The daily Mass schedule will not change



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In the High Middle Ages, the theme of the merciful love of God was certainly not the exclusive property of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, and the Dominicans. The early Franciscans also contributed to the Church's meditations on Divine Mercy in their own distinctive way. In the biographical work, "The Life of St. Francis", St. Bonaventure tells the story of the words of St. Francis about Divine Mercy to a hardened sinner that brought about the man's conversion (chapter 11, section 6):

Another time, a noble woman, devoted to God, came to the saint to explain her trouble to him and ask for help. She had a very cruel husband who opposed her serving Christ. So she begged the saint to pray for him so that God in His goodness would soften his heart. When [St. Francis] heard this he said to her: "Go in peace, and without any doubt be assured that your husband will soon be a comfort to you." And he added: "Tell him on God's part and on my own, that now is the time of mercy, and afterwards of justice." After receiving a blessing, the woman went home, found her husband and delivered the message. The Holy Spirit came upon him (Acts 10:44) making him a new man and inducing him to answer with gentleness: "My lady, let us serve the lord and save our souls." At the suggestion of his holy wife, they lived a celibate life for many years, and both passed away to the Lord on the same day.

If we turn from these relatively reliable sources on the life of St. Francis to the early legends told about him, as recorded in the delightful 14th century collection known as the "Fioretti," or "The Little Flowers of St. Francis," we find several touching and beautiful stories about Divine Mercy. One of which (detailing the conversion of three robbers) is the following:

"Let us go," said one [of the robbers], "to St. Francis, and if he gives us hope that we may be able to turn from our sins to the mercy of God, let us do that which he commands us, if by so doing we may deliver our souls from the pains of hell." This counsel was pleasing to the others, and so all three of them being agreed, they went in haste to St. Francis and spoke to him thus, "Father, by reason of the many horrible sins which we have committed, we do not believe that we can turn to the mercy of God. But if you have any hope that God will receive us with mercy, indeed we are ready to do what you shall bid us, and to do penance with you." Then St. Francis received them lovingly and benignly, with many examples, assuring them of the mercy of God and promising them that of a certainty he would obtain it for them from God, showing them that the mercy of God is infinite, and even if our sins were infinite, the mercy of God is greater than our sins, according to the Gospel. St. Paul the Apostle said, "Christ the blessed came into the world to redeem sinners." Through these words and similar teachings, the three robbers renounced the devil and his works. St. Francis received them into the Order, and they began to do great penance.

May we, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, put our trust in the Risen Lord. "Jesus, I Trust In You!"

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR ODD JOBS NEEDED AT THE CHURCHES

Archbishop Richard Henning to Celebrate Mass with Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf on April 27, 2025

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrim of Hope Mass

"Disability, in all its forms, represents a challenge and an opportunity to build together a more inclusive and civil society where family members, teachers and associations like yours are not left alone but are supported" - Pope Francis 2022 (World Autism Awareness Day)

In celebration of *Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope*, the Archdiocese of Boston is hosting a special Mass honoring persons with disabilities and the Deaf community. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Henning on Sunday, April 27th at 1:30 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. This Mass will include a sensory-friendly space, ASL interpreters, Braille and large print worship aides, and a designated drop and pick up location with volunteers ready to assist families with entry into the Cathedral.

Participants and their families have an opportunity to participate in the liturgy as altar servers, lectors, gift bearers, and greeters. Families across the Archdiocese are invited to attend and encouraged to register in advance for planning purposes.

Archbishop Henning said, "I would like to personally invite you and your families to Mass to celebrate persons with disabilities and the Deaf community on Divine Mercy Sunday. Each person is a unique gift to humanity. Let us give thanks for the gift of every human life through our Eucharistic celebration."

Recognizing that 96% of deaf people do not attend any church service, the Archdiocese of Boston established the Deaf Apostolate ([Link here](#)). Fr. Shawn Carey, Director of the Deaf Apostolate and Pastor of St. Jude Parish in Waltham, MA, was ordained as the Commonwealth's first deaf priest in 2007.

This past April 4-6, the first-ever Eucharistic Congress for the Catholic Deaf community was held at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Maryland.

Through its Ministry with Persons with Disabilities ([link here](#)), the Archdiocese provides a number of services and programs to ensure that every human being has the support they need to participate in the life of the Church.

For registration information, contact Family Life Consultant Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756, or Kathryn Griffin at 617-746-5758 or visit <https://bit.ly/JubileeMWPWD-DC>.

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:



Pope Francis, 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, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, Sandy, Tina DeCost & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE EASTER FLOWERS.

THE ALTARS LOOKED BEAUTIFUL FOR EASTER!

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Please help St. Ann's St. Vincent de Paul Committee help our homeless neighbors.

We are looking for donations of:

Hats, gloves/mittens, handwarmers, hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift cards, etc.

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: May 13, 2025

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: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans

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

May 5th, & May 19th

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, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

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

Stand out for Life!

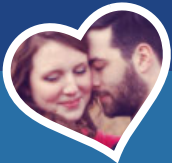


1:00-3:00 PM, Sunday April 27th
4 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA

Join us in Bridgewater to proudly stand up for babies in the womb! We'll pray the Rosary in the town center, hold pro-life signs, and hear a guest speech from Robert Joyce, Esq., a Catholic pro-life lawyer! Pizza will be provided. For more info and to sign up, scan the QR code or email dionisi@aol.com



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