

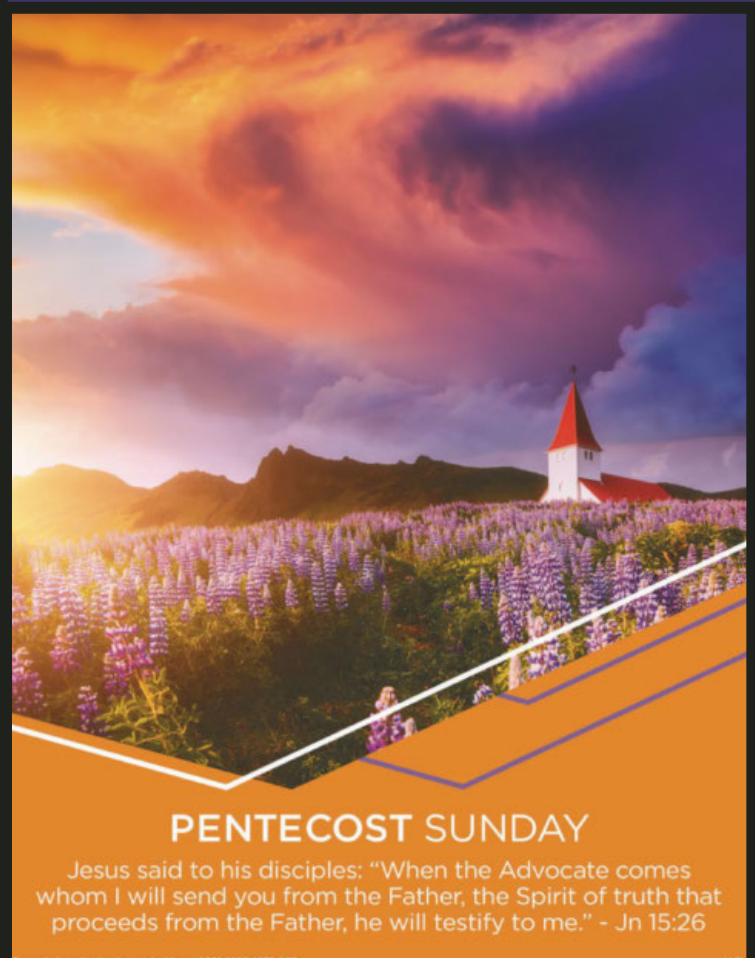
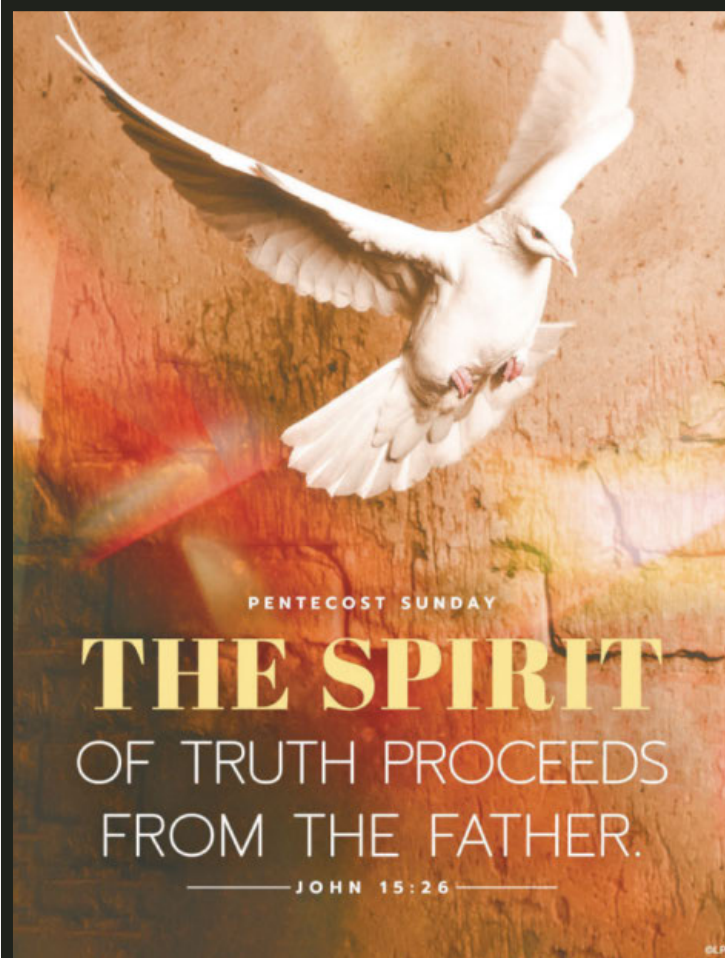


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*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 May 19, 2024  
 Pentecost Sunday  
 (Mass Schedule changes  
 May 25 & 26)*



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



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## EUCHARISTIC 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

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## 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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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**6:15 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**8:00 - Erminia Victoria — 19th Anniversary**

**11:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative**

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**11:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

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

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**9:30 - Susan Puffer — 3rd Anniversary**

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**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,



Pentecost Sunday: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the “birthday” of the Church. It is a feast which has multi-denominational roots. It is, in Christian circles, often called “Whitsunday” (especially in Great Britain); it is historically and symbolically connected to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Ten Commandments on Sinai fifty days after the Exodus event. It is marked for us, as Catholic-Christians, by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The symbols of Pentecost are multiple, as well. Fire, wind and a dove are all used to connote the fact that the Holy Spirit has power and moves as God wills it. These symbols pale, as symbols do, in comparison to the *actual presence* of the Holy Spirit. We need these symbols, however, to “wrap our minds around” a concept that is bigger than ourselves. This is why the biblical writers use such symbols – to convey a greater truth than one we could scarcely imagine on our own. This is why we, in the Church, use these symbols of fire, wind and doves – to help us to grow closer in the truth, the truth that God is still at work in our lives. This past week, fifty-two of our young people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was at that moment that they were “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. A power came into their lives greater than themselves, greater than any of us. This moment was a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our Church to this day.

The Apostles gathered in the upper room, perhaps the same room in which they gathered for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The doors were locked, for they feared the authorities who had the power to end their earthly lives. Jesus, in standing in their midst, gave them His peace, a peace which the world cannot give. It is in the midst of this peace that they now stood, able to go forth from that place and do great things in the name of God. It is in the midst of that peace that we now stand, able to go forth from our places of worship to do great things in the name of God. And let us not kid ourselves – it was no easier for the disciples gathered at that first Pentecost than it is for us. They had challenges to their faith, and we have challenges. They had persecution in the early Church, as do we today. They had the Holy Spirit in their midst...and so do we!

May we have the courage of the early Church to go out to all nations, proclaiming God’s truth in love, His victory over sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day and on every day that we have the opportunity to proclaim the truths of our faith. May we feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Pentecost,

Fr. Paul

# MINISTRY NEWS

## Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### Music at the 6:15 Mass

As faith formation ends for the summer, we will no longer have our monthly Teen Mass, but we will continue to have music monthly at the 6:15 Mass on the following dates:

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost)  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Corpus Christi)  
July 14<sup>th</sup>

The Teen Mass will resume in the fall.

### June Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center

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!



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## 14th Annual Family Walk



**Saturday, June 8th**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

A short walk around the Stonehill College campus will be followed by family fun activities including inflatable bounce houses and slides, obstacle course, climbing wall, live entertainment, and food vendors.

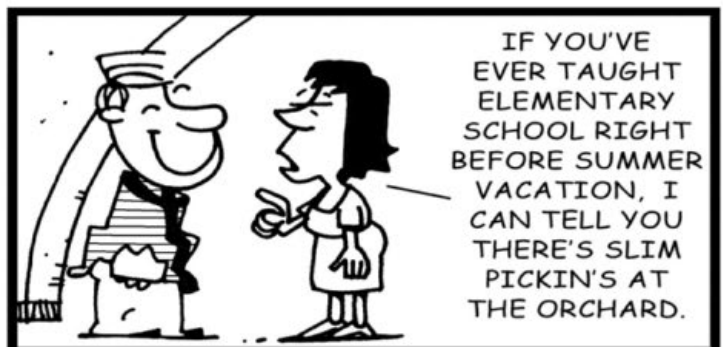
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**NO registration fee. FREE t-shirts for all who register online by May 27th.**

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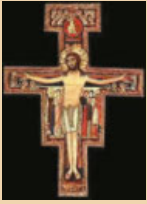
Registration and event details:  
[www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk)

### PENTECOST



**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR SEMINARIANS**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR HEAT FUND**



### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In his "Letter to the Faithful", St. Francis writes: "Because I am the servant of all, I am obliged to serve all and to administer the fragrant words of my Lord to them. Therefore, realizing that I could not visit each one of you personally because of sickness and the weakness of my body, I decided to offer you in this letter and message the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Word of the Father, and the words of the Holy Spirit, which *are spirit and life.*"

It is by these words that St. Francis acknowledges the Holy Spirit speaking to him (and to us) as "spirit and life". For St. Francis, this "spirit" is a recognition that it carries out work that we could not do on our own, given our own physical limitations. St. Francis was writing this treatise at a time when his own body was failing him and so he had to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work which he could not. He acknowledges that it is the Spirit which gives him life, a life he could scarcely imagine before his conversion. The prayer that he offers in the "Letter to the Faithful" recognizes these limitations and his need for the power of the Holy Spirit to give him the wherewithal to complete his (earthly) mission. This prayer (found below) calls upon God's Holy Spirit to allow him to do the work for which he was chosen by God, and acknowledges his reliance on that same Spirit to give him the words to say and the way to say them, so as to be most effective:

*Most High,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart,  
and give me true faith, certain hope,  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord,  
that I may carry out Your holy and  
true command.*

*Amen*

May this same Holy Spirit, given to the Apostles at Pentecost and to St. Francis during his life and work, impel us into the world and allow God to work through us, just as it did St. Francis.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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](mailto: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.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Pentecost Sunday:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7: "Brothers and Sisters: No one can say, Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces ALL of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." As a couple, use the gifts God has given you and enrich your marriage. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. This will transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton, MA  
June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY  
August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatable at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.



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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**

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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: June 11th @ 6:30 p.m. St. Ann's Hall.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul**  
**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

*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

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY  
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## Do You Know What It Takes?

This year, the Saint John's Seminary community is blessed to have 14 graduates who will soon be ordained to the priesthood. Their commitment is a testament not only to undeniable faith and grace but also to the future of the Church.

As our spring semester comes to a close, we are again reminded of the investments we all have made as a faithful community - a pilgrimage of intellectual and spiritual growth more profound than anyone can imagine.

**This is your time; join us on this pilgrimage now!**

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