



Sunday, 8:00 AM  
 Sunday, 11:30 AM  
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ  
 Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 May 26, 2024  
 Most Holy Trinity  
 Mass Schedule changes  
 This Weekend*



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

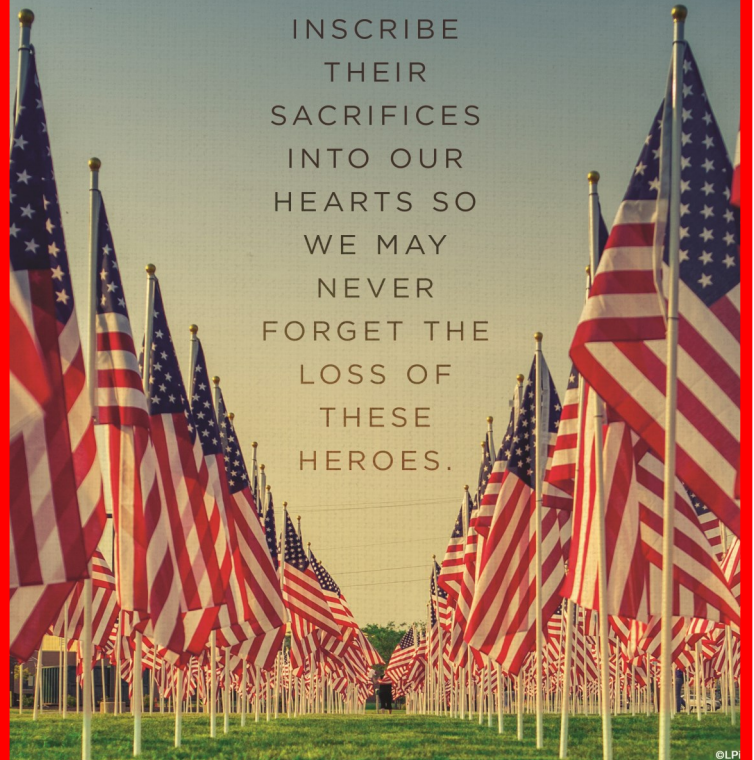


## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

## MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY  
 FATHER,  
 INSCRIBE  
 THEIR  
 SACRIFICES  
 INTO OUR  
 HEARTS SO  
 WE MAY  
 NEVER  
 FORGET THE  
 LOSS OF  
 THESE  
 HEROES.



### Church of Saint Ann

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
 9:00-3:00  
 Monday through Friday**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### **St Ann's**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass  
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass  
Thurs & Sat.  
9:00 a.m.

### **St John's**

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

Daily Mass:  
Wednesday & Friday  
9:00 a.m.

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano  
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508-586-4880

## 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.

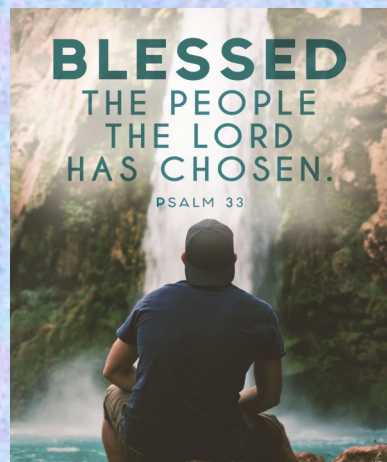
## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

## SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

- 8:00 - Erminia Victoria — 19th Anniversary
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

- 8:00 - Diane Ribeiro — 1st anniversary
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

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

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

- 9:30 - Susan Puffer — 3rd Anniversary

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

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

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative



On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

Xavier University

**Pray that they would stand courageously in the face of evil, resisting temptations of power, corruption, flattery, and bribery, and upholding righteousness and justice.** Our Father and our God, We praise you for your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve.

Anonymous Internet

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, more commonly known as Trinity Sunday. It is a feast which has its roots in the early church and was very much a response to the Arian heresy which spread around the mid-fourth century. Arius, a Christian presbyter in Alexandria, held that the Son was subordinate to the Father and Spirit in the Trinity, that He held a lower place. This heresy, along with Arius himself, was condemned in both the Council of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). It was at these Councils that the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (or, the Nicene Creed, as it is more commonly known), as we say it today, was created and promulgated throughout the Church.

One might understand Arius' confusion, for the concept of the Trinity is a difficult one to fathom. I believe that the key to Trinity isn't so much "understanding" as it is "faithfulness". While one might seek to "figure out" what the Trinity is all about, one might be better served trying to "enter into" the Trinity. If one can strive to "live" the Trinity, one might come to "knowledge" of it. If one can look at the creative aspects of the Father, the redemptive aspects of the Son and the sanctifying aspects of the Spirit, then one can be better served by, and better serve, the Trinity.

The key to understanding the Trinity comes in how we live our lives of faith. There are times when we rely upon, when we call upon, the different "persons" of the Trinity. These aspects of God are made all the more powerful when we realize that when we ask for the revelation of the Father, the friendship of the Son or the gifts of the Spirit, we are not abandoning the other "persons". There is only One God, no matter upon whom we call for aid and assistance. This is a key element of the Trinity, one which was missed by Arius. In "demoting" the Son to second-class status below the Father and Spirit, Arius was (perhaps inadvertently) limiting God. God is always at work – in our lives, in the lives of the Church and in the world. God is always creating, redeeming and sanctifying.

May we, as we move from the Easter Season into Ordinary Time, come to see the movement of God as ONE, just as God is ONE. May we know that whomever it is we call upon for intercession, assistance, guidance or aid, that God is always with us, at all times and in all seasons. May we help others to know this truth and may we share it with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Sunday and Week,

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)

### 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!

### 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.

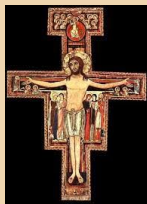
Special thank you to Rich and Mark Ferioli for building and installing the handrail on the altar at St. Ann! Over the past few months, we have had several near falls in this area, so we determined that a handrail was needed. Rich and Mark generously donated their time, skills and materials for this project. Thank you again Rich and Mark!



**PLEASE WELCOME  
FR. JOHN FISHER  
WHO WILL ARRIVE  
THIS WEEK .**

**HE WILL BEING STAYING  
WITH US FOR  
SIX WEEKS.**





## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

These days we have had the great grace of celebrating the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. From the phrases we find from St.

Francis' writings we can notice how orthodox was the Poverello's belief in the Trinity. In his First *Amoition* Francis gives us a clear picture of God as One and Triune. When he speaks of the possibility of seeing God with his spiritual eyes he does so through each and every Person of the Trinity. *Sacred Scripture says that the Father lives in inaccessible light (cf. 1 Tim. 6:16), and God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24) and, No one has ever seen God (Jn. 1:18). 6. Therefore he cannot be seen except in the Spirit since it is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh does not offer anything (Jn. 6:64). 7. But neither, inasmuch as he is equal to the Father, is the Son seen by anyone other than the Father [or] other than the Holy Spirit.*

The properties of the one divine essence are common to the three Persons of the Trinity. Therefore, as Francis says in his *Regula Non Bullata* in chapter 23: *Wherever we are, in every place, at every hour, at every time of the day, every day and continually, let all of us truly and humbly believe, hold in our heart, adore, serve, praise and bless, glorify and exalt, magnify and give thanks to the Most High and Supreme Eternal God Trinity and Unity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator of all, Savior of all Who believe and hope in Him, and love Him, Who without beginning and end, is unchangeable, invisible, indescribable, ineffable, incomprehensible, unfathomable, blessed, praiseworthy, glorious, exalted, sublime, most high, gentle, lovable, delightful, and totally desirable above all else for ever.*

*Amen.* From this richly scriptural as well as patristic text we can notice that Francis attributes to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit every divine action that produces something external of God such as creation. Among the properties that St Francis exalts in God there is certainly goodness. Francis associates the latter to the paternity of God. It is for this reason that the Poverello uses the word "Father," to specifically address the one triune God. This can be easily seen in his *Praises of God*.

*You, Holy Father, the King of heaven and earth. You are Three and One, Lord God of gods; You are good, all good, the highest good, Lord, God, living and true. You are love, charity. You are wisdom; You are humility; You are patience; You are beauty; You are meekness; You are security; You are inner peace; You are joy; You are our hope and joy; You are justice; You are moderation, You are all our riches. You are beauty, You are meekness; You are the protector, You are the guardian and defender; You are strength; You are refreshment. You are our hope, You are our faith, You are our charity, You are all our sweetness, You are our eternal life: Great and wonderful Lord, God almighty, Merciful Savior.*

In St Francis' understanding we see the economic Trinity (that is the divine activity of the Trinity in favor of creation)

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR  
Heat Fund

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR  
EXPENSES

through the mediation of the Son in creation, his redemptive incarnation as well as the final glorification of the just. In chapter 23 of the *Regula Non Bullata* Francis writes: *We thank you as through Your Son. You created us, ... You brought about His birth as true God and true man by the glorious ever-virgin, most blessed, holy Mary and You willed to redeem us captives through His cross and blood and death. We thank You for Your Son Himself will come again in the glory of His majesty ...* Francis' love for the Most Holy Trinity can be detected from a Trinitarian prayer in which he, in many times of the day, perfectly expressed his faith in this foundational mystery of our Christian faith, in the three divine Persons who are One God.

In his *Praises To Be Said at All the Hours*, St Francis thus praises the triune God: *Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit: and let us praise and glorify Him forever... Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, And let us praise and glorify Him forever.* In his *Letter to the Entire Order*, Francis starts in the name of the most high Trinity and holy Unity: *the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.* Then he reminds that Jesus Christ *remains undivided and knows no loss; but One everywhere, He acts and He pleases, with the Lord God the Father and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete for ever and ever. Amen.* In this letter Francis humbly confesses his sins to the Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and concludes this beautiful writing by the invocation of the Blessed Trinity so that *inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and, by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever. Amen.*

Perhaps the most powerful testimony of Francis' loving devotion for the Blessed Trinity is found in the Trinitarian blessing we come across at the end of his Testament. *And whoever shall have observed these things, may he be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father and on earth with the blessing of His beloved Son with the most Holy Spirit the Paraclete.* Francis' love for the Trinity was deeply embedded in the faith of the Gospel he openly embraced, the faith of the Church he wholeheartedly followed, and his personal experience of the triune God which changed him to such a degree that he became a living Trinitarian prayer for others.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



## 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.



### A Prayer for Peace

**Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom.**

**Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. ...**

**Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. ...**

**Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition.**

**Amen**

### Prayer for the Fallen

**God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.**

**They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence.**

**We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.**

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

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: May 14th @ 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, June 3 2024  
Monday, June 17, 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

**Dear St. John - Evangelist,**

**Glastonbury Abbey’s Annual Golf Classic, now in its 24th year, is coming right up! Monday, June 3, is the big day. We have room for you, so I invite you to join us! Enlist your fellow golfers and get a four-some together for this time-honored, fun event at beautiful Hatherly Country Club.**

**Glastonbury Abbey is a center of spirituality and education on the South Shore. Since 1954, thousands of people have come here for prayer, retreats and spiritual assistance. We offer a quiet place of sanctuary and peace for people of all faiths, especially during difficult times.**

**Glastonbury Abbey is an independent monastery; we rely solely on friends like you to be here for the people who need us. I hope that you will support our tournament, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year.**

**There are several ways to participate, besides golfing: be a sponsor, send a contribution, or just come to dinner! [Click here for more information.](#) Please call us with any questions or to sign up: 781-749-2155, x331 or email: [fayg@glastonburyabbey.org](mailto:fayg@glastonburyabbey.org).**

## **Conference in Rome Addresses Dangers of AI and Child Pornography**

By Andrés Henríquez/May 7, 2024

The conference, titled “The Dignity of Children in the Digital World,” was held at the Borromeo Palace in Rome.

“What dangers does artificial intelligence (AI) present for the safety of children in digital environments?” was the topic addressed by a conference organized by the S.O.S Il Telefono Azzurro Foundation and the Italian Embassy at the Holy See as part of the National Day against Pedophilia and Child Pornography, which is observed in Italy every May 5. According to its website, Il Telefono Azzurro (“The Blue Telephone”) “offers a hotline service, managed by 114 Children’s Emergency, through which it is possible to report illicit or potentially harmful content for children and adolescents.” Disturbing statistics were reported at the event: In 2023 there were more than 275,000 child pornography websites on the internet with approximately 11,000 photos generated by AI in just one month. However, these figures could be even higher, Vatican News noted, given that this new phenomenon “difficult to quantify concretely.”

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