

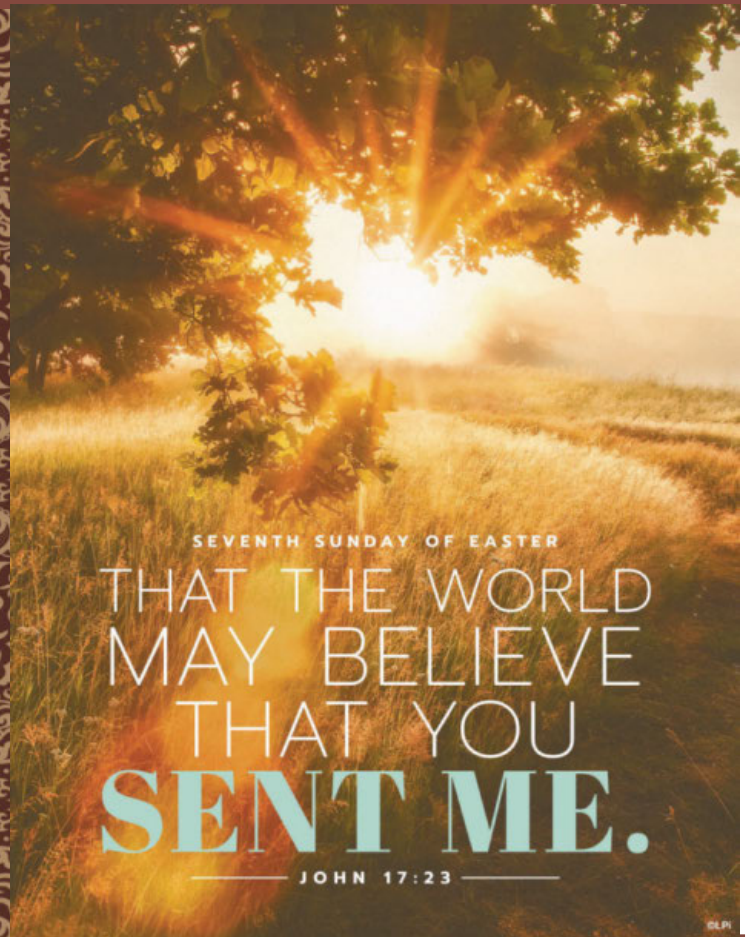
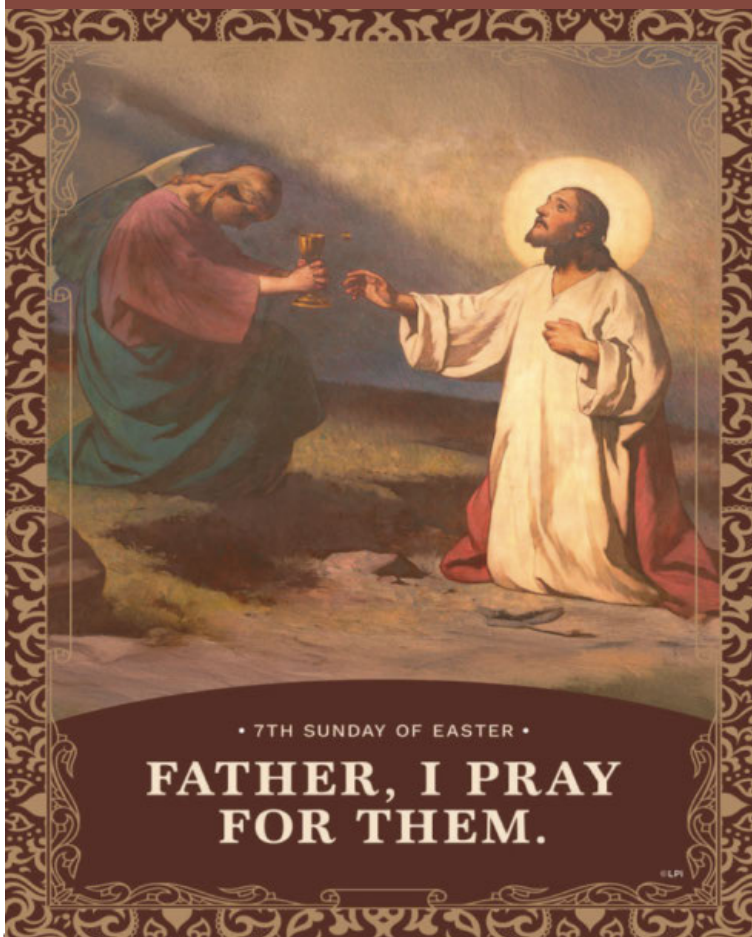


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 Sunday, 9:30 AM  
 Sunday 6:15 PM



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

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 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 June 1, 2025  
 The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope*



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

## 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.

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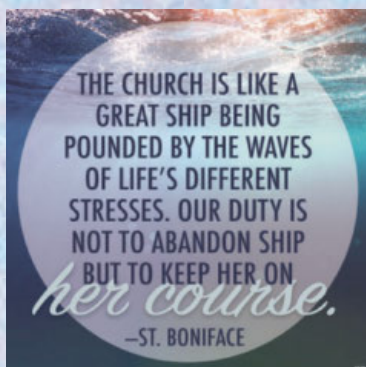
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### **St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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#### **Saturday, May 31, 2025**

9:00 - Erminia Victoria — 20th Anniversary

#### **Saturday, May 31, 2025**

4:00 - Michael Sheedy — Memorial

#### **Sunday, June 1, 2025**

9:30 - John & Susanne Lovell — Memorial

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

#### **Saturday, June 7, 2025**

4:00 - Brian Landolfi — Memorial

#### **Sunday, June 8, 2025**

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

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

#### **Thursday, June 12, 2025**

9:00 - Carolyn Ritucci — Birthday Remembrance

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

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#### **Sunday, June 1, 2025**

8:00 - Tony & Lu Cruz, Tony Cruz, Jr. — Mem

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

#### **Sunday, June 8, 2025**

8:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

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

## **WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES**

### **MEMORIAL MASSES**

**Suggested donation \$25+**

### **HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE**

**WEEK Suggested donation \$55**

**Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80**

### **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,



When I was preparing to receive Confirmation, I chose the name “Stephen” as my Confirmation name, a step in the journey toward the Sacrament which signifies the “change” which takes place in the Confirmandi. When I mentioned this to my sponsor, they remarked how wonderful it was that I had chosen that name. When I asked why, they pointed out that all of my given names (first, middle and (now) Confirmation) were all martyrs. I wasn’t quite sure, at the time, how wonderful this was!

As a teenager, I didn’t necessarily think of martyrdom as a good thing; as I’ve gotten older, I realize that each one of us who live the Christian life is called to be a martyr in some fashion. When one accepts and lives their relationship with Christ, one is called to “die to self” so that Christ might live in us. St. Stephen, widely recognized as the first Christian martyr, saw this union with Christ as something to be striven for, something to be entered into fully. Even his final words in which he commends his spirit to God and forgives his persecutors echo the words and actions of Christ. Stephen remains for the Church a powerful witness and testament to how a life lived in union with Christ can bear great fruit.

As Jesus readies the disciples for their new roles of service and ministry, He prays for both the preacher and those who will receive the Word. Jesus further prays for union between Himself (and the Father) and the disciples. This union will be necessary during those times when they are weary and might lose hope. If they feel that they are alone, that they are doing this by themselves, then they might abandon the cause. If they know, however, that God does not and will not leave them abandoned, then they can do amazing things. This is where we “fit in”. We have, through our Baptism and Confirmation, been given a “commission” to go out and preach and teach, heal and minister. Like those disciples prayed for by Jesus, we, too, have the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. Like those sent forth by Christ, we do so in union with God, sharing in the One Spirit who comes to all who call upon the Spirit for strength, guidance and peace.

There may be times when we think that we are in charge, that we are “calling the shots”. This is a dangerous thing, indeed, because when we lose sight of the fact that we are nothing without God, we run the risk of falling prey to the Evil One. As the old expression goes, “pride goeth before the fall”; it is a sin which has been repeated time and time again. If, however, we realize that with God (and only with God) we can do all things, they we will, indeed, bear great fruit. May we have the courage to strive for union with God in Christ Jesus. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, not only call upon but rely on the gifts of the Spirit. May these gifts, freely given out of love for us by God, help us to go out to all the world and tell the Good News, the saving message, that Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life!

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter Season,

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)

#### **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.

#### **Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026**

Registration for faith formation 2025-2026 is now open. The schedule and registration form can be found on the parish websites.

As we work towards shifting Confirmation to grade 8 in response to last year's change from the Archdiocese, all students in grades 9 and 10 will receive Confirmation next spring.

Catechists are also needed for all grades. No experience required, just a love of God and our young people! Please contact Matt Brady if interested.

## Vacation Bible School

July 21-25 9-noon at St. Ann  
Students entering grades preK-5

One of the most important things we can do is trust in Jesus. Join us for a fun week of games, activities and Bible stories as we learn to grow our faith in Jesus.

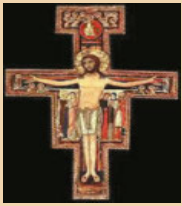
For more info and to sign up, please contact Matt Brady.



#### **Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

June 16 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!

We do this every month on the 3rd Monday so please join us any time. We do switch off churches, so check the bulletin for the location.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel Jesus prays for His disciples, asking them to be in union with the Father and to make known the Holy Name of God. We also know that Jesus gave His disciples a way to pray, namely the Our Father. St. Francis, throughout his ministry gave his friars prayers as well. Here are two of them; may they help you to draw close to the Father.

### THE PRAYER SAINT FRANCIS TAUGHT TO HIS BROTHERS

*Said on entering a church, or before the Blessed Sacrament or before any Cross. The Source for this prayer is found in The Testament 5 and its context is found in 1Celano 45 where the friars before they had the breviary asked Saint Francis how they should pray. He told them say the Our Father and then he gave them the following prayer.*

*We adore you, O Christ,  
here and in all your churches  
throughout the whole world,  
and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.*

### THE PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

*Traditionally said before the Crucifix of San Damiano. This brilliant prayer puts the human heart with all its desires at the center of conversion not as one might think today the mind. Then it rightly asks for the three theological virtues. These are not human virtues but Divine virtues which are a pure gift from God. Only then does Saint Francis ask for a "sense and knowledge". In Italian the verb "sentire" to sense, engages all the senses: to feel, hear, see, smell, taste, but there is more here, he is asking for the gifts of the Spirit. He knows that this only comes from, "a spirit of prayer and devotion to which all things must give preference". (before work RB Ch 5:2; before study Ep Ant 2)*

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

Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. Paul, OFS

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK CONTINUES TO PAY FOR THE BULKHEAD AT ST. JOHN'S & THE SIDING AT THE RECTORY OF ST. ANN'S. (The cost of these jobs is about \$5,000. We have only collected about approx. \$1,000 so far.)**

### Everyday Stewardship

I remember watching part of a college graduation address where the speaker said, "With this degree you are commissioned to go into the world and make a difference." The imagery conjured up in my mind by the use of the word "commissioned" was pretty powerful. I thought about the commissioning of military officers and the responsibility they took on for the lives of their subordinates but also the lives of those they protected. To me the word meant something very serious and solemn. It meant huge responsibility and expectation.

In the Bible, Jesus gives what we call the Great Commission:

"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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20a).

The word commission makes this more than a suggestion or a hope. There is an expectation, a responsibility, and a mandate. Of course, did you wake up this morning thinking about how you would fulfill the Great Commission today?

Sharing the faith is not just something we should do; it is something we must do. The key is that you don't need to speak all the time to share. It will be through your life of stewardship that others will be able to see Jesus. By giving of yourself, by always responding to the call, and by surrendering all to God, you will lead others to become disciples, to seek out the sacraments, and to observe his teachings. Yes, responding in full to the Great Commission, great things can happen.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**Saturday, June 14th**  
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A short walk around the Stonehill College campus will be followed by family fun activities including inflatable bounce houses & slides, trackless train, obstacle course, climbing wall, live entertainment, and food vendors.

**NO registration fee. FREE t-shirt and Savannah Bananas raffle ticket entry for all who register online by May 31st.**

Registration & Event Details:  
**[www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk)**



## 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:



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, Stephen D'Guiseppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, Sandy, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



### SAINT JOHN'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE HAVING A BOOK AND CLOTHING DRIVE ON:

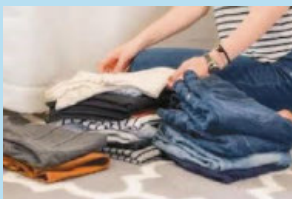
**June 7th & 8th from 10 am to 2 pm both days.**  
**A truck will be there to collect the books and Clothes.**

**The money earned is based on the poundage we donate. Please bring as much as you can!**

### SAINT ANN'S SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE HAVING THE SAME BOOK AND CLOTHING DRIVE:

**June 21 & 22**  
**Times 9:00 am—1 pm**

**Please remember that the bin that is always at Saint Ann's is not part of this drive. Things must be dropped off at the truck.**



**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**  
**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:  
Hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift cards, etc.

**Thank you for your monetary donations. Your generosity has helped several families this winter.**  
**Thank you for all your help collecting donations for our homeless neighbors.**

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: June 10, 2025, 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**

**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**

**June 2 & June 16**

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

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Denise Gillen  
Rita Flaherty  
Dennis Cabral  
Kathy McLaughlin*

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



*Please welcome the following children  
Into our Collaborative.*



*Sonny Logan Pothier  
Campbell James Pothier  
Owen Chisholm  
Camryn McLaughlin*

*Pray that this is the first step in a  
wonderful journey with God.*

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