



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 June 9, 2024*

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."
 - Mk 3:33-35

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With the Lord
 there is mercy,
 and fullness
of redemption.
 Psalm 130

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EUCCHARISTIC 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

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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

Sunday, June 9, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative
11:30 - Thomas Garvey, 8th Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, June 13, 2024

9:00 - Carolyn A Ritucci — Memorial

Sunday, June 16, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 8, 2024

4:00 - Francisco Figueiredo & Family — 29th Anniversary

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Saturday, June 15, 2024

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — Memorial

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:30 - Elizabeth Gostanian — 1st Anniversary

PLEASE COME TO THE
WELCOME SOCIAL FOR

FR. JOHN FISHER

AFTER THE MASSES ON THE
WEEKEND OF
JUNE 15 & 16.

Let's be a welcoming church by
having as many parishioners attend
as possible.

Drinks and goodies will be
Provided.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up as the youngest of five children, I know very well the joys and challenges of having brothers and sisters. Often times we were at odds with one another but, more often than not, we “had each others’ backs”. We would fight with the same ferocity FOR one another as we did AGAINST one another. When it came right down to it, we were rarely a “house divided”.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, speaks of that unity; it is a unity that comes from our being brothers and sisters. Jesus is told that “your mothers and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you” (Mk 3:32). This might cause us pause, because we grew up being told that Jesus was the only son of Joseph and Mary. One has to keep in mind that the concept of family was more “broad-based” than what we think of as family, and that His “brothers and sisters” were more likely His cousins and other relatives, along with His apostles and disciples. In that sense, we are included in that number, by virtue of our baptism.

This is why that when Jesus says, “whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Mk 3:35) He is including us. And what does it mean to do the will of God? Well, for each one of us it is different because we are all called to use our gifts, talents, and abilities for the assistance of our brothers and sisters (in Christ) who come to us in their need, and to build up the Kingdom of God. This requires a sense of unity that comes from God, as well, and is both around and within us. It is around us, as we are a Universal Church and a Body of Christ. It is within us, as we are members of that Body, and each one of us has a part to play.

In the work of Collaboration, we are called to that same sense of unity, and we are all called to do the will of God in this work. This unity, coming simultaneously with the building up of each parish and its unique identity, has been challenging because of the strong sense of self evident in each parish. We achieve unity, however, when we see ourselves as members of the same Body of Christ, with the same mission – to win souls for Christ. We do this best when we look beyond ourselves and we see each person whom we encounter (no matter where their “roots” are) as a brother/sister in Christ, and one who works “Together In Christ” with all.

May we pray for knowledge of God’s will for us, and have the courage to do that will. May we see each member of the Body of Christ as a valued and valuable member of that Body. May we look across the aisle and across the border (of each town) and see one another as a brother/sister in Christ. May we all seek the will of God and seek to fulfill it by using our gifts, talents, and abilities for the building up of the Body of Christ and do this work “Together In Christ”.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

June Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

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

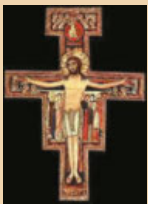
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

Registration for Faith Formation

Registration for faith formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

Congratulations to all of this year's First Communicants! Here are photos of each group.





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel Jesus speaks of His "mother and... brothers and... sisters" (Mark 3:32). This often engenders questions/statements about Jesus' lineage and family tree, such as "I didn't think Jesus had siblings" and "Who are these brothers and sisters of Jesus who are spoken of in the gospel?" While it is largely held that Jesus had no siblings, we have to look at Jesus own answer to that to get to the bottom of things. Jesus response that "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). In essence, Jesus is speaking metaphorically and speaking in spiritual (rather than biological) terms.

When we look at the life of St. Francis of Assisi, we see that he had no siblings. Yet, after his conversion and when he started his Order, he "inherited" brothers for life. These were not his biological kin, but they were no less brethren to him as would be a "blood brother". As St. Francis forms the Order, he looks to it being a family, rooted in faith and love. People like Brother Anthony, Brother Bernardo, and Sister Clare (later St. Clare) of Assisi. One could make a strong case that in founding the Franciscan Order and the Poor Clares, St. Francis was forming a family.

When I was younger, (the late) Cardinal Medeiros used to refer to the faithful as "my dear brothers and sisters in Christ". This is a recognition both of our connection to one another and our connection to Christ. St. Francis sought this when he founded the Franciscans. We seek that today. May we do the work of the Father and, thus, see ourselves as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Perhaps you have noticed the improved appearance of the gardens surrounding St. John's Church. This has been accomplished by a few dedicated parishioners whose mission is to beautify our church. Every plant donated at Easter has been planted in the church yard with the hope of their return next spring. With the help of a few more people, we can accomplish so much more.

This is your church. Let us work together to make improvements that will beautify our place of worship.

If you are willing to help, please contact the collaborative office 508-378-4207 or Janet DiFalco at 508-596-7471.

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
Expenses/Repairs**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR
EXPENSES/REPAIRS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In the Family Way

Look here: there is no one more family-oriented than me. I drive a minivan. I wear mom jeans. I wipe unidentified gunk off of kids' faces without a second thought.

I'm all about family, but I'm not always a fan of what "family" has come to mean in the modern lexicon. Family values. Family-friendly. Family-oriented. It's usually a synonym for "non-offensive." Soft. Moderate. Nice.

It's all fine, I suppose. But is it genuine? Creating a family, bringing that family physically into the world, was the hardest and most painful thing I ever did. The care and keeping of that family — the teamwork with my spouse, the feeding and watering of the children, the teaching of the writing and the reading the and praying — it's very hard-core. It's not all stuffed animals and peekaboo. It's a mental, spiritual, and physical challenge that daily brings me to my knees.

I'm not even talking exclusively about parenting young children. I'm talking about being part of a family in any way — being a son, being a daughter, being a sister and cousin and uncle. Families are complicated and strange and messy. Sometimes boundaries need to be drawn, or they need to be crossed. Sometimes walls need to be put up or torn down. It's never easy. It's never simple.

But I've never known someone who didn't want to be part of a family in some way, whether that's a blood family or one created by circumstance. And there's a reason Christ creates a family ("Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother") and not a club.

A family is a crucible, yes — but what comes out is so much more beautiful than what went in. For all the effort and even pain that is sometimes involved in a family relationship, there is nothing more defining, more fulfilling.

We are part of Christ's family, and what we can expect from that is certainly not a life of simple, clear-cut, undemanding discipleship. We can expect confusion. We can expect discomfort. But we can expect to be perpetually drawn to the heart of one who loves us without hesitation, without condition.

In the end, we're family.

"Here are my mother and my brothers." — Mark 3:33

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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, Patrick McCormick & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



Join the C21 Community on **Zoom** throughout the summer.

<http://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/centers/church21/programs/faith-feeds/Summer-Faith-Feeds-2024.html>

Explore Summer Faith Feeds

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.

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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, 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



The lack of water is an often insurmountable obstacle to helping oneself. You can't grow food, you can't build housing, you can't stay healthy, you can't stay in school and you can't keep working. With unclear water sources often miles from villages, many of the able-bodied members of a community are forced to spend hours each day simply finding and transporting water. The typical container used for water collection in Africa, the jerry can, weighs over 40 pounds when it's completely full. When a water solution is put into place, sustainable agriculture is possible. Children get back to school instead of collecting dirty water all day, or being sick from waterborne illnesses. Parents find more time to care for their families, expand minimal farming to sustainable levels, and even run small businesses.

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