

Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday 6:15 PM Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John June 15, 2025 The Most Holy Trinity

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

Church of Saint Ann

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Collaborative Office Hours are 9:00-3:00 M-TH A Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ. –Pope Leo XIII

Saint John the Evangelist

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

Permanent Deacons:

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

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 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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<u>Thursday, June 12, 2025</u> 9:00 - Carolyn Ritucci — Birthday Remembrance

<u>Saturday, June 14, 2025</u> 4:00 - Thomas Garvey — 9th Anniversary <u>Sunday, June 15, 2025</u> 9:30 - Francisco Figueiredo — 30th Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

<u>Thursday, June 19, 2025</u> 9:00 - Joseph Ritucci — Memorial

<u>Saturday, June 21, 202</u> 4:00 - Dennis Cabral — Month's Mind <u>Sunday, June 22, 2025</u> 9:30 - Sgt. Gregory Ames — 12th Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

<u>Sunday, June 15, 2025</u> 8:00 - Elizabeth Gostanian — 2nd Anniversary 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

<u>Wednesday, June 18, 2025</u> 9:00 - Ken Mackinaw — Memorial

<u>Sunday, June 22, 2025</u>

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



Gracious God, bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout history, the concept of the Trinity has been hard to explain and harder yet to understand; St. Patrick used the



shamrock, St. Augustine used the triangle. In attempting to do so, these learned men attempted to do something seen by many as quite impossible: explain what is, in essence, a mystery. This daunting task shouldn't cause us to abandon all attempts at understanding the Trinity, nor should it cause us to give up our belief in the Trinity. There are mysteries all around us that, while challenging, aren't things on which we give up. Try as we might, we've never come up with a full understanding of the concept of "love", yet that doesn't keep us from entering into the mystery which lies therein.

Entering into a mystery can, in many cases, help us to live it out in our everyday lives. When one speaks of the Trinity, one is confronted with understanding how three "persons" can make up one God. The coexistence of the Trinity comes in the cooperative nature of the same. We may rely on one or the other "persons" in the Trinity given where we are in our journey of faith; this does not preclude the existence of those other persons. When one calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit, we aren't abandoning the Father or the Son. When we receive Eucharist (understood in the Catholic-Christian tradition as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ), we don't "set aside" our devotion or belief in the Father or the Holy Spirit. When one marvels at the beauty of the created universe (including the greatest creation of all, the human person), one does not remove the Son or the Spirit from the equation. The Trinity (as understood in our tradition) stands in our midst as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, unique in "persons" (again, a term used for our understanding) yet one in Being.

The Church on this day celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday). In doing so, it recognizes that in this important teaching of the Faith, we do not abandon such mysteries – we enter into them. We do so by prayer and study, coming through faith to a better understanding of who God is and, by association, who we are. The doctrine of the Trinity is something which may never fully be understood, perhaps not until we reach the Kingdom. At that time, we shall see "God as God is" in the fullness of God's presence. In the Kingdom, all mysteries will be "solved". Until that time let us engage ourselves in this holy "struggle", asking that God the Father sustain us, God the Son walk with us and God the Holy Spirit enlighten us. May the Trinity be for us a source not of confusion, but great joy. In our celebration of Trinity Sunday may we call upon God: Father, Son and Spirit to bring us deeper into the mystery of the Godhead and in doing so move us to a greater love of God, the people of God, the world and, ultimately, the Kingdom.

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

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

<u>Saturday, July 26</u> — St. Ann's Lawn 4 pm Mass, 5 pm Barbecue Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Meal Cost: \$10/person, \$45 max per family Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

Tickets will be sold at the doors of the churches after the Masses of the weekends of June 28-29 and July 5-6. Or you may call the offices Monday through Thursday.

There will be lawn games and more fun! Please join us!

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. **774-533-2002**



July 21-25 9-noon at St. Ann Children entering grades preK-5 Cost: \$75/child



Registration Deadline: June 20

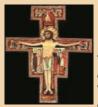
One of the most important things we can do is trust in Jesus. Join us for a fun week of games, activities and Bible stories as we learn to grow our faith in Jesus. For more info and to sign up, please contact Matt Brady.

Volunteers are also needed- high school students and adults welcome. Contact Matt for details.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Monday, 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

These days we have the great grace of celebrating the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. 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 ever where, He acts and He pleases, with the Lord God the Father and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete forever 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. May we have that same love as we celebrate Trinity Sunday and recognize the mystery of God as it manifests itself in our lives.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. Paul, OFS

Foreign Exchange Student Program Is Seeking Host Families for the Upcoming School Year

Alexandria, VA, May 07, 2025 – Families across the U.S. have a unique opportunity to experience a new culture right in their own homes. ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, a non-profit public benefit organization, is currently seeking warm and welcoming host families to open their homes to international exchange students for the upcoming school year.

Hosting an exchange student is a life-changing experience for families that fosters cultural understanding, builds lifelong friendships, and enriches local communities. <u>Students, aged 15-18 years</u>, come from over 60 countries around the world, including France, Japan, Italy, Denmark, Australia,

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 appox. \$2,000 so far.)

The misery continues—A situation at St. John's that we have been trying to correct ourselves has reached a level beyond our control.

Animals and mice are getting in the Rectory and we need an exterminator ... another unexpected expensive bill. We keep you posted.

Spain, and many more. The students are carefully selected based on their academic performance, English proficiency, and personal character, and they are eager to become part of an American family, attend a local high school, and share their own traditions.

During their stay, ASSE exchange students immerse themselves in American culture by living with and <u>becoming</u> <u>part of a volunteer host family</u> while attending a local high school. This experience allows them to improve their English skills, form lifelong friendships, and gain a deeper understanding of American life and values. In return, host families and communities benefit from the unique perspectives and cultural exchange that these students bring.

"Being a host family isn't just about providing a place to stay; it's about making a student from another country part of the family," says Lori Wichael, ASSE Regional Director. "Many host families find that the experience is just as rewarding for them as it is for the student. The bonds formed often last a lifetime." "Exchange students bring energy, curiosity, and fresh perspectives to their host families and communities. They attend local schools, participate in activities, and become a real family member."

Host families provide a safe and supportive home, meals, and encouragement, while students come with their own spending money and health insurance, ensuring that hosting is a rewarding and enriching experience without financial burden. Anyone with a warm and welcoming home can host an exchange student! Host families come in many forms, including married couples (with or without children), single parents, young professionals, empty-nesters, same-sex couples, and retirees.

Families interested in hosting an exchange student are encouraged to learn more and apply by visiting <u>www.host.asse.com</u> or contacting Lori Wichael at (800) 677-2773 / <u>east@asse.com</u>.



Make a difference. Open your home and your heart—host an exchange student today!

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, 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'Guiseppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, Sandy, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell & 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

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: July 8, 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 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

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

NEWS

Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the

Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity.

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