



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 June 16, 2024*

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



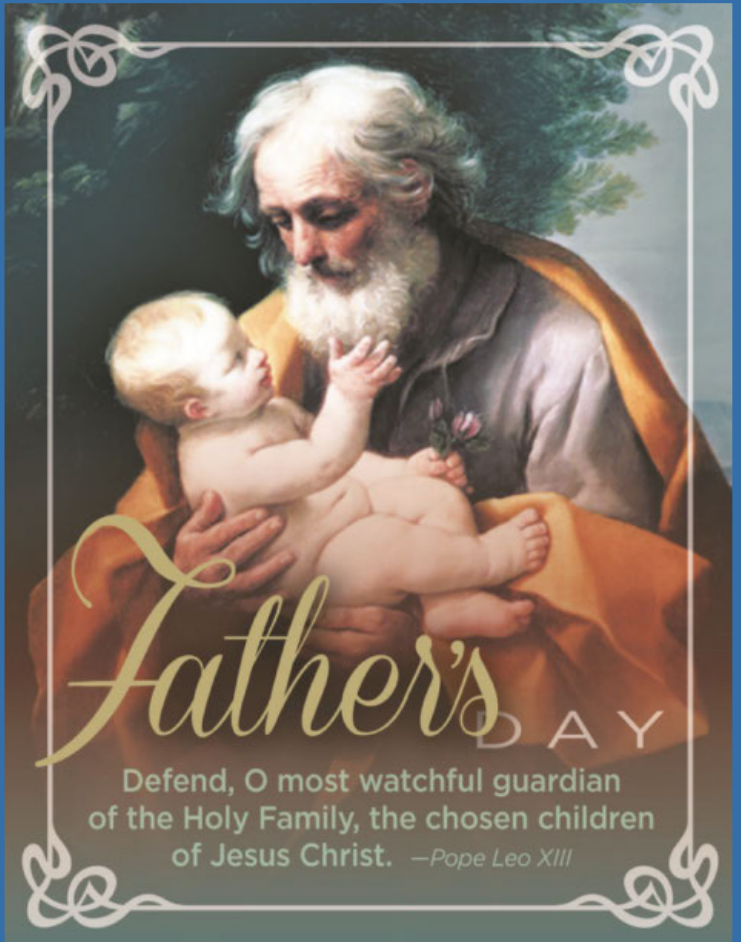
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." - Mk 4:29

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Defend, O most watchful guardian
 of the Holy Family, the chosen children
 of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII

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

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 16, 2024

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

11:30 - Jerry Marochino — Memorial

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

Thursday, June 20, 2024

9:00 - James Holland — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, June 23, 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 15, 2024

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — Memorial

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:30 - Elizabeth Gostanian — 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

9:00 - Ken MacKinaw — Anniversary

Friday, June 21, 2024

9:00 - Eugene & Ellen Murphy — Memorial

Saturday, June 22, 2024

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE
SOCIAL AFTER EACH
MASS TODAY
FOR
FR. JOHN FISHER.

1st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, my family never began a meal without “saying grace”. When the food was ready and on the table, and everyone was seated, we would offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God “for the bounty we are about to receive” (using the “old school” grace!). It is a small gesture, but one which can bear great fruit. Evidence came of this when I was out to dinner recently and engaged in this practice. A fellow diner at a nearby table commented that it “did his heart good” to see that some people aren’t afraid to express their faith publicly. As I say, it’s a small gesture, but sometimes the smallest acts can bear the greatest benefits.

Isn’t that the way it is with God? Jesus uses two parables today, the “parable of the sower” and the “parable of the mustard seed”. While the latter image is the one we tend to remember, we shouldn’t lose sight of the first story. In the parable of the sower, the one who scatters the seed doesn’t see immediate results. This can cause frustration, confusion and anger. One can lose heart, and think that God isn’t working in our lives. Patience is the key; if we persevere, we will see results. In the story of the mustard seed, the adage that “good things come in small packages” might come to mind. It is often from small, humble beginnings that great growth can occur. One only need look at the Savior to see that thought come to bear; it was from the small town of Nazareth (a town so small, it probably didn’t warrant a mention on the map) that the great King comes forth into the world. One cannot underestimate potential growth, no matter how humble the beginning.

In “cultivating” our faith, we must exhibit both patience and perseverance. If we allow God to work in our lives and if we “stay the course”, then amazing things can happen and God’s glory can come shining forth into the world. If we look to God to place in our hearts a spirit of patient endurance, then we can hold out until the end and receive the reward of the just, the Kingdom of God. May we pray for these gifts so that God may work in our lives. May we come to know that God is at work in our lives so that our lives may “bear great fruit”.

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.

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

Sunday, August 18th
St. John's Back Lawn
4 pm Mass* 5 pm Barbecue

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family
Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

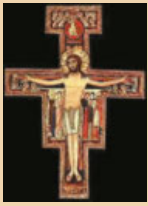
We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.

Fr. Peter Francis's niece who is a Neurologist is coming to the states to
Work in Cincinnati.

She will be arriving two weeks early to spend time with her uncle.

Does anyone have a spare room to rent to her?

Father Francis would be very grateful.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

A few weeks ago, I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) celebrated my 2nd Anniversary of Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. Anniversaries are often times of reflection as to how the journey has come along, and this anniversary is no different.

In many ways, my life hasn't changed due to my Profession, and in many ways it has changed greatly. What hasn't changed is my commitment to the Church and how my dedication to it remains strong. What hasn't changed is my relationship with God and how my dedication to God remains strong, as well. What HAS changed is how I have lived out those commitments since becoming a Secular Franciscan. Before my Profession, any conversation I had about Church and my involvement in the same revolved around my priesthood and my work in the parish and in the Archdiocese. Since my profession, my work has been colored and motivated by the question "How would St. Francis approach this?" This Franciscan "lens" through which I now look at the Church, my priesthood, and the world has permanently altered my thoughts, words, prayers, and actions.

What has also changed is how others approach me. Before, when walking around (either at work or in the world) most would notice the Roman collar which I wear (as a sign of my priesthood) and ask me where I was stationed and how long I've been a priest. Now, along with the collar, they notice the "Tau Cross" (the Franciscan cross which I wear most/all times) and ask me about it. The statements/questions range from "What type of cross is that?" to "Are you a Franciscan priest?" to "Does that cross mean anything (special)?" This cross, which is the "habit" of the Secular Franciscan (as opposed to the brown "habits" (or robes) most Franciscans wear), is a constant reminder to me and the world that my life is different than it was two years ago (when I made my profession).

I can certainly say, without a doubt, that my life as a Secular Franciscan has most definitely changed for the better. My relationship with God has taken on a whole new dimension that has made my life richer and more centered on "relationship" rather than just "rules". St. Francis' influence on my priesthood and my life has caused both to be richer, fuller, and deeper in spiritual ways. I pray that St. Francis continues to draw me closer to Christ and that through his intercession I grow deeper in my relationship to Him and His gospel message of love.

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 hardcore. 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, 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.

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: All meetings are suspended for the Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!

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 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 to distribute than large sums, ie \$100



This picture depicts the end goal of the water project that Fr. John is here to accomplish. His parishioners have to walk to swamps and water holes to fill very large containers with water which then has to be carried back to the parish to be sanitized before the people can drink the water. He wants to build a water system that would carry the water to a sanitizing station in the parish where the people could pump the water conveniently. This would save the parishioners many hours that they could use more productively working or studying.

Every time you pour a glass of water from your faucet, please think of the people in Fr. John's Parish!!

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