

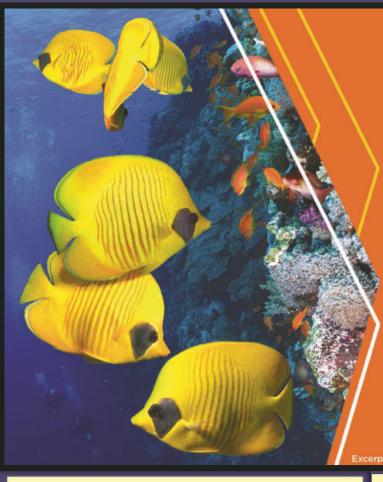
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Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
June 22, 2025
The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ



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

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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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

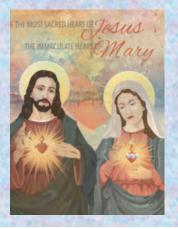
If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 21, 202

4:00 - Dennis Cabral — Month's Mind **Sunday, June 22, 2025**

> 9:30 - Sgt. Gregory Ames — 12th Anniversary 6:15 - Maria & Joseph DeAndrade — Memorial

Saturday, June 28, 2025

4:00 - Katherine & Frank Toland — Memorial <u>Sunday, June 29, 2025</u>

9:30 - William O'Neil —1st Anniversary 6:15 - Walter Chase — Memorial

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Sunday, June 22, 2025

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

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 11:30 - Manuel Luz Tavares — 30th Anniversary

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in

common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we in the Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is appropriate that we celebrate this feast on a Sunday. For many years, it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (which was this Sunday, past). Because it is not a Holy Day of Obligation here in the United States, it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This was done so that the faithful could develop and grow a deeper appreciation of, and devotion to, the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC, 1324). It is also seen by the Church as "the efficacious sign of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being" (CCC, 1325). In a nutshell, it is what we are all about in the Church and world. It is, to a great degree, what makes us "Catholic". Many of our Christian brothers and sisters celebrate Holy Communion, but see it as a **symbol** of a greater mystery. We in the Catholic Church, on the other hand, see Holy Communion as the Real Presence of Christ: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, found in the offering made at the altar each and every Sunday (if not each and every day). This gift of "transubstantiation", done in memory of Christ, joins heaven to earth; it links the Kingdom of God created here on earth by God's grace with the Kingdom of God yet to be seen by us. Furthermore, it makes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ real for us, helping us to remember the power in the words offered by Christ at the Last Supper: "this is my Body...this is my Blood" (Mt 26:26, 28; Mk 14:22, 24; Lk 22:19-20).

This "power" translates into action, the action of the people to carry forth the Presence of Christ into the world. We become, in essence, "living tabernacles" - repositories for the Body and Blood of Christ for our brothers and sisters to see. While they cannot see the actual Body and Blood, the world knows that we have partaken in the Eucharistic celebration by how we live our lives. They know by our words and deeds that we are living the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us until He comes again. The reception (both in demeanor and attitude) of this gift, therefore, is important. One should be as "properly disposed" (i.e. in a "state of grace") as possible, availing oneself to the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and living in union with the Church and Her ways. One should always strive to be in "right relationship" with God, knowing in their heart that they are committed to the principles which Christ, Himself, established – to love God and neighbor. When one does this, one can receive Holy Communion with an open and loving heart, ready to share that love (which comes from God) with all whom they meet.

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

Saturday, July 26 — 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**

Vacation Bible School

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.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Though he lived eight centuries ago, St. Francis still inspires people

today with his radical embrace of "Lady Poverty" and his love for all of God's creatures. Yet, it is his zeal for something else that comes out most strongly in his writings: his great love of Christ in the Eucharist and concern that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be offered properly.

"I conjure you all to show all reverence and all honor possible to the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ," St. Francis wrote in his *Letter to All the Friars*, "in whom the things that are in heaven and the things that are on earth are pacified and reconciled to Almighty God."

In his *Letter to All the Faithful*, he exhorts Christians to reverence priests, not on account of their own holiness (or lack thereof), but because they offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: "We ought...to visit Churches frequently and to reverence clerics not only for themselves, if they are sinners, but on account of their office and administration of the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which they sacrifice on the altar and receive and administer to others."

He addressed priests as well, and wrote *On Reverence for the Lord's Body and on the Cleanliness of the Altar* in which he exhorts them to take seriously their sacred duties at the altar. "Let us all consider, O clerics, the great sin and ignorance of which some are guilty regarding the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His most holy Name and the written words of consecration." He continues: "[L]et all those who administer such most holy mysteries, especially those who do so indifferently, consider among themselves how poor the chalices, corporals, and linens may be where the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is sacrificed. And by many it is left in wretched places and carried by the way disrespectfully, received unworthily and administered to others indiscriminately.

"Shall we not by all these things be moved with a sense of duty when the good Lord Himself places Himself in our hands and we handle Him and receive Him daily? Are we unmindful that we must needs fall into His hands? Let us then at once and resolutely correct these faults and others; and wheresoever the most holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ may be improperly reserved and abandoned, let It be removed thence and let It be put and enclosed in a precious place."

He solemnly warns priests that they will be judged by how they perform their sacred duties: "[W]e know that we are bound above all to observe all these things by the commandments of the Lord and the constitutions of holy Mother Church. And let him who does not act thus know that he shall have to render an account therefore before our Lord Jesus Christ on the Day of Judgment."

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 will keep you posted. St Ann's Rectory also has mice.

But his ardent belief of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is expressed most clearly in his *Letter to All the Friars* with this poetic exclamation: "Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread."

May we have a similar love of Christ in the Eucharist and reverence of Holy Mass! St. Francis of Assisi, please pray for us.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



Bridgewater Community Blood Drive Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas Aquinas Church - Parish Center 103 Center St Bridgewater, MA 02324

> Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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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, 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, 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,
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Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald
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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.



Thank you to all those who donated to the book and clothing drive at Saint John's. A big shout out of thanks to our neighbors and volunteers who helped with all the lifting and such. We anticipate it was a very successful drive!

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: September 9 @ 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

August 4 & August 18

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.

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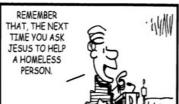


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Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.







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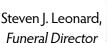
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