

Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday 6:15 PM Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John June 29, 2025 Saint Peter & Paul Apostles



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



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

Church of Saint Ann

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Collaborative Office Hours are 9:00-3:00 M-TH





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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano stanns@comcast.net

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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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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



<u>Saturday, June 28, 2025</u> 4:00 - Katherine & Frank Toland — Memorial <u>Sunday, June 29, 2025</u>

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

Saturday, July 5, 202

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative Sunday, July 7, 2025

9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

Sunday, July 7, 2025

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

St. Paul Conversion

Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit geii.org. My Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Sunday, we have a rather unusual circumstance in that the "usual" rhythm of Ordinary Time, with its "ordinal" numbering system (hence,



the name "Ordinary" Time), is interrupted by a particular feast of the Church, that of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. While we get back to our "count-up" of Ordinary Time next week, this week we set aside a day to celebrate two of the "Founding Fathers" of our Church, Ss. Peter and Paul.

St. Peter, long considered the "first Pope", was a fisherman (along with his brother, Andrew) from Bethsaida. When approached by Jesus, he considered himself too sinful a man to follow the Lord. Jesus reassured him that this was not the case, and that "from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10). It was Peter, ultimately, who identified Jesus as the Christ (as evidenced in today's gospel passage from St. Matthew). At that moment, Jesus "commissioned" Peter to lead the Church into the future, beyond Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Peter has long been one of my favorite saints, as in one breath he can identify Jesus as the Messiah and seemingly, in the next breath, put his foot in his mouth and seek to prevent Jesus from fulfilling His mission! I think that Peter reflects both our humanity and our share of the divine nature of God.

St. Paul, for reasons that should be obvious, is my favorite saint! While I have a connection to St. Francis and a devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Paul is my "nominal" patron, the one after whom I was named. I don't know if my parents thought of all that St. Paul was and did when they named me, but I can certainly relate to St. Paul on many levels. As first a persecutor of, and then a follower of Jesus, it took him a while to figure out who Jesus was for him and for the world. While Paul was "late to the party" when it came to proclaiming Christ, he certainly made up for lost time through his zealous devotion to the Lord after his conversion.

Saints Peter and Paul are often known as the "Super Apostles" (sounding less like followers of Christ and more like a Marvel/DC creation). Their love of Christ and His Church have become evident over the centuries, despite the shaky start for the both of them. May we, on this Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, follow in their footsteps by devoting ourselves to both following Christ and proclaiming His truth in love to all whom we meet.

A Blessed Feast to All,

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, Sides, Chips, Water, & Dessert,

Tickets will be sold by calling the office and after Masses at the doors the weekends of June 28-29 and July 5-6, and at the event.

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**

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

July 14 at 6:30 pm at St. John 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

On this Sunday, we take a bit of a "detour" from our numerical journey through Ordinary Time to celebrate two of our saints, Ss. Peter and Paul. I think

that St. Francis would have certainly looked upon Ss. Peter and Paul with both admiration and amazement (much like we all do!). I think he also could relate to the two of them in many ways.

I believe that St. Francis could "connect" with St. Peter in a related sense of "unworthiness". St. Francis would be the last to consider himself "saint material". One of the hallmarks of the life of St. Francis was his humility. St. Francis is quoted as saying "the greater the gifts we receive from God, so much greater must be our humility". In viewing life this way, there is no doubt that St. Francis could relate to St. Peter, who felt himself to be "a sinful man" (Luke 5:9).

I think that St. Francis could relate to St. Paul in how bold both became when coming to conversion, to a deeper understanding of their calling from Christ, Himself, in leading His Church. Whether it was St. Paul on the road to Damascus or St. Francis in front of the Cross at San Damiano, both men came to conversion in a momentary encounter with the Lord but one which grew over time into "greatness" (not in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God).

St. Francis, in achieving sainthood, took paths similar to both Ss. Peter and Paul. May we mirror the humility of all these men, and may we come to believe that God is calling each one of us as it did Ss. Francis, Peter, and Paul.

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 appox. \$3,900 Just a little bit more and we are there. Thank you.

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. We have not received a bill as of yet.

St Ann's Rectory also has mice and will need and exterminator, as well. Presently we are buying mouse traps from Lowes to correct the problem.

Some of the bills that we have incurred lately are:

Lift Inspection for the State — \$1800 Replacing the lights at St. John — \$1600 Fire Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Inspections for both Churches — \$1600 Parking Lot patch for St. Ann's — \$1600

The exact cost of the bulkhead was \$3500 and because of a dedicated parishioner who did the siding for us, the cost of the siding was \$400.

As you can see, finances at both churches are very tight. And we still have the monthly bills to pay.

We truly appreciate all the help you have given and hope that you understand our situation.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. ... Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. ... Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition.

Amen



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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, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim &The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Thank you to all those who donated to the book and clothing drive at Saint John's. and St. Ann'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!

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Karen Fontaine from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our churches in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Karen Fontaine 617-967-2285

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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

July 7 & July 21

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



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