



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2017*



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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass - 6 p.m. TBA

Daily Mass, Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

9:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - Every Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

July 2, 2017—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017 ~~ Special parish collection

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 1, 2017

4:00 — Albert & Ronald Federico

Sunday, July 2, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Parishioners dealing with any struggles

Saturday, July 8, 2017

4:00 — Gordon T. Ross — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Peace around the World

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 1, 2017

4:00 - Evelyn & James, Robert & Daniel Burke —
Memorial

Sunday, July 2, 2017

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, July 8, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:30 - Increase in Vocations

10:30 - Peace around the World

DEACONS' CORNER

Here we are at the Fourth of July already! Summer is off to a very warm but pleasant start and I am sure many of us are enjoying the cookouts associated with the summer months. I believe it is important for each of us on the fourth of July to not only take time to enjoy the fireworks displays but also to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving to God for all the brave individuals that have made our freedom possible and still find themselves in harms way. I have been in other countries where one cannot take these same liberties of freedom of speech and religion for granted. Let us take time to pray for all the leaders of the countries of the world that they be guided by God and that peace comes to rule this world as Jesus Christ has asked us to have.

Closer to home let us be mindful of our elderly neighbors in this heat and check in on them to make sure they are doing well and share some of our time with them.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today's gospel reminds me of the scripture studies of the New Testament while in the seminary. In reading today's gospel, I am reminded that we used to say that a passage like this was not the "warm and fuzzy Jesus" to which most of us are used, and of whom most of us think when we think of Jesus. This is a challenging gospel, one which makes us set (or, perhaps, re-set) our priorities. Jesus calls us to establish our relationships in "proper" rank in order to put God first in our lives.

In today's gospel, we are told that "whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:37). As if this were not challenging enough, Jesus takes it further by telling us "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38). This first passage isn't telling us to abandon our familial relationships; it is simply, yet powerfully, calling us to put Jesus first – before mother or father, son or daughter. It is the relationship we have with Jesus that guides all other relationships. In the second passage noted, one is to take up one's cross and follow Jesus. If you're like me, you don't have to look too far or too hard to find the crosses in your life. Once we find them, what do we do with them? Do we leave them for someone else to carry? That would be unfortunate and unfair, especially to the one "stuck" carrying the cross. Do we carry them, but complain all the while? That would be unfortunate and unfair as well, especially to the ones forced to listen to these complaints. We are called to carry our crosses, uniting our sufferings to that of Christ, who first showed us how to carry one's cross with dignity and love.

St. Paul speaks of this union with Christ in a powerful way in our second reading. In the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul reminds us that "we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death" (Rom 6:3). This statement calls to mind TWO baptisms: the first is what we traditionally think of when we hear of baptism, that is the Sacrament of Baptism. The second "baptism" (the one "into his death" (ibid) is our entrance into Eternal Life when our earthly life ends. It is in these two baptisms that we have "newness of life" (Rom 6:4). When we are brought to the baptismal font (whether as infants, children, or adults) we experience a "death" of sorts, namely a "dying to self" so that Christ might live in us. When our earthly life ends, we die (physically) but are "reborn" into that "new life" which awaits us in the Kingdom.

May we have the courage to "take up our cross" daily, so that we can journey with the Lord. May we have the courage to put our own needs second, to "die to self" so that Christ might live in us. May this new life, won for us by the sacrifice of Christ, be one in which we share everything with Christ, so that He may share His very life with us.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

Protecting God's Children is a major priority with the Archdiocese of Boston.

Recently the staffs of Saint Ann's and Saint John's met with Moises Rodrigues from the Office of Child Advocacy to discuss some policies and procedures suggested for the parishes.

Some facts that came out of that meeting of which people should be aware:

The Office of Protecting God's Children is always re-evaluating their policies and trying to improve what they do to protect our children.

That there has not been a new case of clerical sexual abuse since 2005.

That anyone and everyone who has the possibility of dealing with children in the church must be cori'd each year and Virtus trained once.

Together in Christ Collaborative Parish Council Meeting Agenda 07/05/17

Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. Ring (10 mins)

Updates from Fr. Ring (25 mins):

- St. John's Offertory Development Program
- St. Ann's Finance Council
- Pastoral Planning Committee
- Survey Results
- August meeting date

Pastoral Planning Council – Fr. Ring (10 mins)

Open discussion (10 mins)

Closing prayer – Fr. Ring (5 mins)

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
For ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC.



A Great Day of Golf, Food and Fun to Support Our Collaborative!

The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per golfer, and includes greens fees, golf cart, and a Chicken BBQ lunch. Four-somes welcome!

There is a lunch-only option for non-golfers. There will be a variety of contests (Long Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, and more), raffles during lunch, and team awards.

Come and join us for a day of golf, food and fun to support our Collaborative ventures such as, but not limited to, PYM. Visit www.stannstjohngolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohngolf@gmail.com or call 508-280-1428.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your
creation.



2nd Annual Country Shindig

Saturday, July 8th

Fun for Everyone!

St. John's Backyard



We will celebrate our first full year of Collaboration together on Saturday evening

5:00 pm: BBQ \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family

(tickets will be on sale at the event)

The Country Shindig will include Pony Rides, Dancing, Games, and lots of fun!



Hometown Mission-Serving our Communities

We need volunteers!

Volunteer for part, some, or both days!

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME to join our two days of service for our Parishes and around our two communities. We will be doing yard work, general cleaning or small repair work for our neighbors that need a little help. You are welcome to join us for both days, one day or part of a day. Serving our neighbors will be our first priority but with enough volunteers we would love to get a crew in St. Ann's Parish Hall to clean the main hall and at St. John's to build new kneelers for the Chapel at St. John. If we do not have enough volunteers for our first year we will concentrate on volunteer work on Saturday.



A final decision will be made on July 2nd.

Contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Friday, July 7th

Mass at 9:00 am at St. Ann's Parish
Adoration from 9:30-9:45
Volunteer Meeting at 10:00 am
Service Work from 10:30-3:00

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 8th

Prayer Service at 8:00 am at
St. John Parish
Volunteer Meeting at 8:30 am
Service Work from 9:00-1:00



For more information about any of the Parish and Youth Ministry programs contact Nancy Smith

at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

June 11, 2017 — \$3,341
 Peter's Pence — \$ 990



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



Anyone interested in helping at the tent on weekends after a Mass, please contact the Rectory. Rectory staff is limited and we could really use the help!

Baptisms

Please welcome our newest member of Saint Ann's:

Austin John Pilon



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent dePaul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, JULY 1 & SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Donald Martin
 8:30 —Andrew Peletier
 10:30—Martin Heavey

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Anne Garvey
 Mary Lou Boyd
 Ray Ledoux

8:30 — Valarie Pelletier
 Martin Heavey
 Charlotte Leines

10:30 — Peter DelSette
 Jerry Bean
 John Zenus

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty.

There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

Prayer for FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Gracious and loving God,
 let your Spirit be with us today.
 Hear our prayers,
 and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus.

Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
 Amen.



Every Thursday night
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
 Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

IMPORTANT DATES

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Weds. 7/5 — Pastoral Parish Council Mtg. — 7 pm
Friday, 7/7 & 7/8 — Hometown Mission Trip
Saturday, 7/8 — Country Shindig — 5 p.m. — St John's
Fri & Sat, Sun 7/14- 7/16 — Stubenville East
Saturday, 7/16—7/26 — Mission to Rome
Mon.-Fri. 7/31—8/4 — Vacation Bible School
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. — Mass Schedule TBA

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

The Increased Offertory Campaign: MORE GOOD NEWS!

We are pleased to announce that the regular offertory to Saint John's Parish was sustained during the first week following the Increased Offertory Campaign Weekend. We have realized an increase in our offertory over the same two-week period last year.

Many thanks to all that have participated. If you have not already made your commitment, Commitment Forms are available in the back of the church.



Stewardship Link:

Luke 6:38 "Give and it shall be given to you."

A special wish and thank you to Patrick McKenna for the five years of service he has given to the parish as the Rectory Assistant. He will be dearly missed. May your experience at Anna Maria College be everything you hope it will be. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and may you come back often for visits.

<i>St John's Shared Treasure: Goal</i>	\$5,900
June 18, 2017	\$4,826
Below goal	\$1,074
Total Under Budget = \$16,958	
Peter's Pence	\$ 929
Grand Annual	\$31,226
Grand Annual goal \$36,000	

Financial Updates:

Recycle Day earned the Parish \$260 to cover expenses.

The Catholic Women's Club Yard Sale made \$1,305

The Gala earned \$19,337 minus Gala expenses of \$8,647 leaving a profit of \$10,689 to cover PYM expenses.

The tile that was missing in the Hall has been fixed for a cost of \$350.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This week, know that you bring hope to others when making a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

During the summer months, especially with children at home, families are in need of peanut butter and jelly, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, chicken soup, juice and juice boxes, etc. Every donation is appreciated.

Anyone in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



Holiday Office Hours



**The rectory will be closed for the
Holiday**

Tuesday, July 4th.

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