

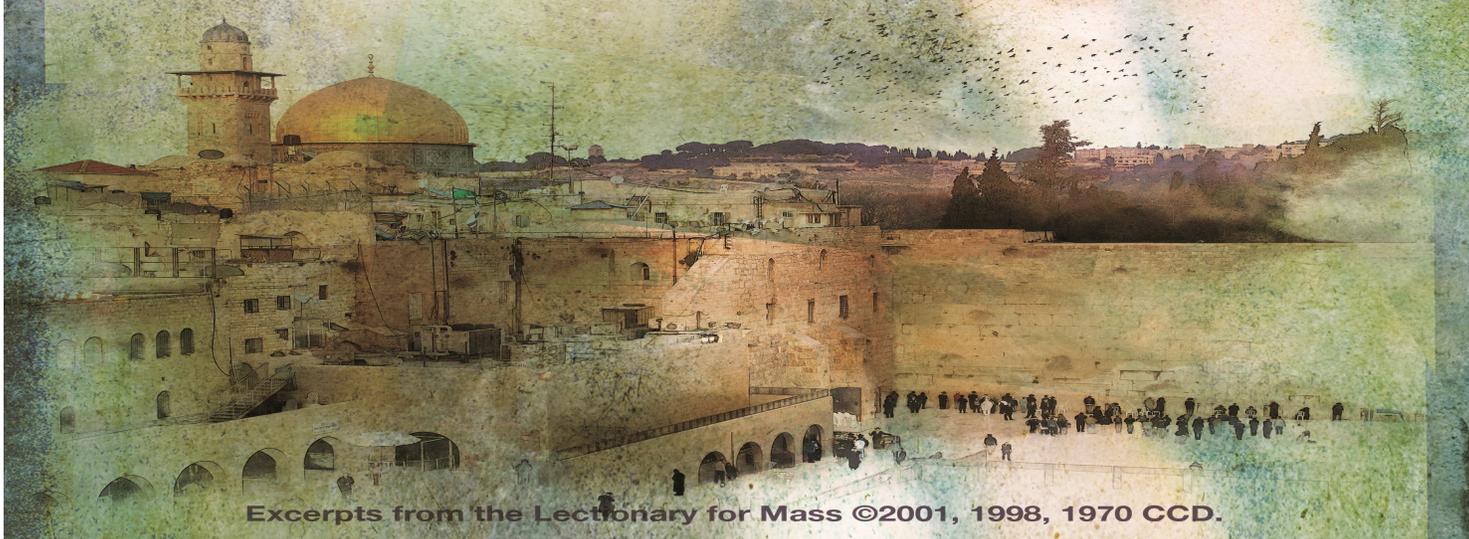


*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*July 7, 2019  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"Whatever town  
you enter and  
they welcome  
you, eat what is  
set before you, cure  
the sick in it and  
say to them, 'The  
kingdom of God  
is at hand for  
you.'"* - Lk 10:8-9



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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday**

## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Teen Mass –6 p.m., September—March

Daily Mass, Wednesday– 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.

Teen Mass—6:30, September—March

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m.

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## 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 the Rectory Office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY 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**

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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood

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Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams

Nancy Maloney

Margaret Mary Williams

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, July 6, 2019**

4:00 - Jessica Madigan — Birthday

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

8:00 - John Kenneally — Month's Mind

10:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — Month's Mind

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

4:00 - Gordon Ross — 8th Anniversary

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

8:00 - Janet Madigan — 6th Anniversary

10:30 - Deceased Members of the Mulkern Fam.

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, July 6, 2019**

4:00 - Kevin Bates — 10th Anniversary

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

8:30 - All the Souls in Purgatory

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Monday, July 8, 2019**

9:00 - Mary E. Hasomeris — Memorial

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

4:00 - Brenda Craig — Month's Mind

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Beverly Hyslip — Memorial



**La Salette Retreat Center**

Sunday, July 14, 2019

**Balancing Prayer and Work:  
Dancing the Delicate Dance**

Presenter: Michael Boover

Many of us seek to live a life that balances leisure and labor but are hard-pressed to actually do so. This retreat invites participants to explore the “ins and outs” of the spiritual life by opening to inner and outer movements that may prove helpful and hopeful in the daily round of faith. Participants will be invited to integrate needed contemplation with blessed activism in their particular life circumstances.

9:15 am – 4:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)  
Lunch and Mass included in the program.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this column, we are “on the heels” of a holiday weekend. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, when celebrating the gift of freedom, I thank God for the gift of *religious* freedom. I thank God that I live in a country where I can exercise my “freedom of religion” by publicly praying to our God for all of the good things that God has provided me over this last half century (plus!) of life.

Among the things which God has provided to me is an opportunity to serve His people in my priestly ministry. Over the last 24 years, God has given me the chance to respond to the call which He placed on my heart many, many years ago. While it took me a while to respond to that initial call (placed on my heart when I was in high school, responded to (finally) after college), these last twenty-four years have been amazing in all of the various ways God has opened up to me to bring souls to Christ by preaching, teaching and serving. In my preaching, God has given me the opportunity to enflame people’s hearts with “a word that will rouse them”. In teaching, God has given me the chance to educate God’s people about the truths of our Faith. In serving, God has placed in me a “servant’s heart”, putting me at the disposal of others, assisting them in ways that bring them closer to God.

The challenges to our religious freedom are there, as well. Now, more than ever, the ability to bring our faith into the “public square” is under attack. We are told that “religion is best kept for worship services” and that “it might be best if we didn’t bring God into this (situation)”. So, America, how’s that working for you? Are we better off now that we cannot pray in school? Are we better off now that we have put God in a “box”, like He is an article of clothing that we pull out only when necessary and when it is “convenient” (to all). I don’t think so. There is a growing attitude that “freedom of religion” means “freedom from religion”. I do not believe that this is what the founders of our great nation intended.

May we have the courage to live out our lives of faith “in season or out of season, whether convenient or inconvenient” (1 Tim 4:2). May we know that it is our God that calls us to live our lives in union with Him. May we cherish this union by living out our belief that we are sent by God to be His heralds. May our great land know the gift of God’s love. May God bless our Parish, may God bless our Church, and may God bless the United States of America.

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

### The Next Second Collection September 15, 2019 — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
OFFERTORY 6/30/19	\$ 2,681	\$ 3,680	\$ 4,189	\$ 5,625
PROMOTING THE GOSPEL	732		821	
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,588	\$32,000	\$19,734	\$32,000

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



July 29–August 2  
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Age 4–entering Grade 6  
Cost \$50 per camper, \$125 Family Maximum

To register, visit  
[www.stthomasaquinas.com](http://www.stthomasaquinas.com)  
And download a registration form.

### TOGETHER IN CHRIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### ELECTIONS

#### TO BE HELD THIS FALL FOR CURRENT VACANCIES

A Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body in dioceses and parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that serves to advise the parish priest or bishop about pastoral issues.

Meetings are once a month and usually don't extend more than an hour. Members from both churches serve on this Council.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this Council, please call the Rectory.

508-378-4207 OR 508-586-4880

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

July 7, 2019  
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If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

TICKETS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC  
WILL BE GOING ON SALE  
NEXT WEEKEND.  
JULY 13 & 14

THE PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR  
AUGUST 25TH



## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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New mailing address:  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday  
Adoration — First Friday of the month following  
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at  
10:30 a.m.



As part of Prophett Funeral Home and  
Pillsbury Florist;

**“Bring our Community Together”**

We are hosting a  
Night at the ROX.  
Come see the Brockton Rox  
Play the Bristol Blues  
TUESDAY, JULY 30TH AT 6:30

Bring the kids.  
Fun for the whole family from St. Ann's & John's

Tickets can be picked up at  
Will Call the night of the game  
RSVP by JULY 23rd  
Call 508-671-4332  
or Saint Ann's 508-586-4880  
Or Saint John's 508-378-4207

Thank you, Mark, Bill, Maggie, Denise and Carol

**We had a great time last year.**

## BIG THANK YOU TO

**JENNIE MACKIEWICZ**

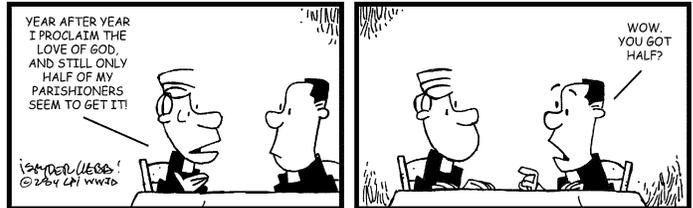
For her dedication to the First Communicants and the  
Confirmandes each year in making Rosary Beads  
For each child.

### 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.

(14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)



Saint Ann's is looking to build a team of Offertory Counters who will rotate on a 5-6 week rotation.

Counters will be responsible for processing the Offertory Collection from the Masses on the weekends.

Counting will take place on Monday mornings and should only take an hour or two. Training will be provided.

We are hoping to recruit 5-6 teams of 2 members each. So a total of 10-12 parishioners. We currently have 2 1/2 teams.

If you are interested in offering your time and talent, please contact the Rectory. It would be a big help!!!!



**FIRST COMMUNION  
PICTURES ARE IN!!!  
PICK THEM UP AT THE  
RECTORY  
BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM  
MON—THURS.**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

July 7, 2019  
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." As Catholic disciples, we are the laborers that the Master is sending. All around us are opportunities to share the love and mercy of Jesus Christ - our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, even our faith communities! Lest we feel unequipped for the task, Jesus gives us some advice.

"Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." We might not have a theology degree or training in public speaking, but that doesn't mean we can't share the Gospel. The power of God is at work in simplicity. The disciples went forth with nothing as a reminder to trust in the Providence of God. Say a little prayer that God will speak through you and has a need for your gifts, just as you are.

"Do not move about from one house to another." So much of the life of Jesus was about relationships. He modeled this attitude by journeying with his disciples. Here he makes the same recommendation to them, to remain with the same family for their entire stay in the town. Break bread with others. Invite them to coffee or a game night in your home. Sharing your faith isn't just about saying the right thing, but loving well over time.

"The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off." Sometimes we want to help someone, but for whatever reason, they don't receive it well. Sometimes people aren't interested in our efforts to invite them deeper into faith. When rejection happens, don't carry it with you. Don't let it over-burden your heart. Rejoice that you share in the mission of Christ, and keep on loving the next person

# IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after daily Masses.**  
**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**  
**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**  
**Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM**

**PARISH PICNIC — AUGUST 25, 2019**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul**  
**Saint John's Conference**  
**PO Box 544**  
**East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

**July 7: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members "go out two by two" to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

**Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.**

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

**THANK YOU TO  
THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB  
FOR THEIR DONATION  
TO HAVE THE PARKING LOTS  
SEALED AND LINED.**



Thank you to the people at Mark-a-Lot for doing such a great job. It looks great!

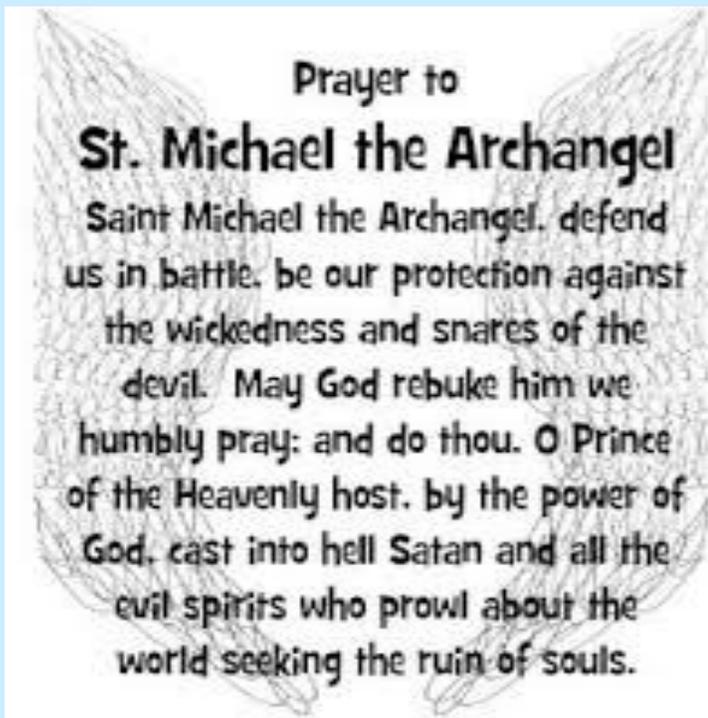
**Thank you to the two Parishioners who have been giving of their Time and Talents to make small repairs to the picnic tables and to clean and dress up the Chapel. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God called you and you responded.**

*Honoring God in all we do!*

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**About the Archdiocese of Boston:** The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).



## The Spiritual Direction Training Program at St. Anthony Shrine

is accepting applications for the 2019-2021 program beginning in September in Downtown Crossing, Boston. Have you become increasingly interested in developing your own spiritual life, and/or called to the ministry of spiritual companionship to others?

Classes meet on Saturdays, eight times a year for two years. For more information, please contact Carol Mitchell at 727-492-8315 or [cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org), or visit [stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan Spiritual Companionship](http://stanthonyshrine.org/Franciscan_Spiritual_Companionship) page for further information.