



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

*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 7, 2024*

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

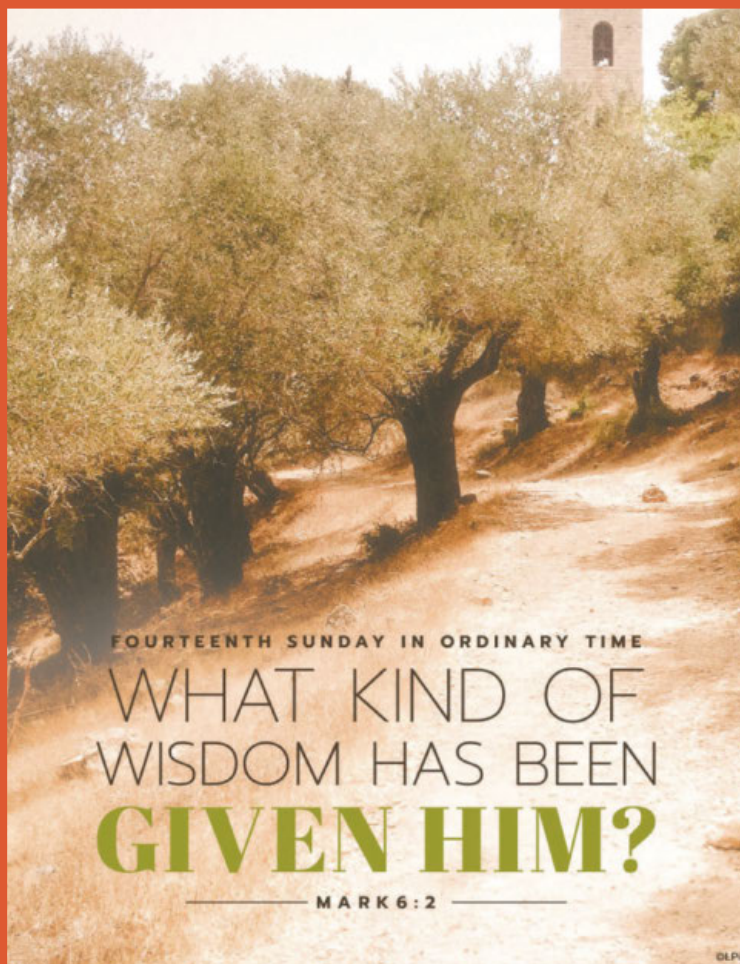


14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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(L.P.)



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT KIND OF
WISDOM HAS BEEN
GIVEN HIM?

— MARK 6:2 —

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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.

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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

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Brian Landolfi - 6th Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, July 14, 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, July 6, 2024

9:00 - Margaret Conniff — Memorial
4:00 - George Thomas — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Saturday, July 13, 2024

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:30 - Jonathan Murray — 4th Anniversary

This Week's Thought:

When we turn to the Lord in prayer, we should recognize who we are in our struggles and stand before the Lord in honesty. This allows us to recognize our need for God's grace and mercy. It further allows us to grow in faith and give a more faithful witness to the Gospel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a newly ordained priest, I spent a lot of time with family and friends at events at which I would be asked to offer a blessing/prayer. One such occasion was the first family holiday spent together after ordination, Thanksgiving Dinner at my parents' home. After giving what I thought was a genuine, heart-felt blessing, my brother asked me where I had come upon said blessing (assuming, of course, that I had read it somewhere and taken it from that source). When I informed him that I had come up with it myself, he responded (as only an older brother can) with the further inquiry of "YOU?!" incredulous at my ability to pray in such a "freestyle" manner! So I can tell you with some authority that I know how Jesus felt!

When Jesus arrives to His "hometown crowd", you might think that the people would hang on every word and "eat up" everything He had to say. While they certainly showed amazement, it was more along the lines of incredulity rather than happiness. They felt that they knew Him – they knew His origins, His background, His family history. What they failed to see was Jesus as Messiah; they couldn't get beyond seeing Him as "the carpenter, the son of Mary" (Mk 6:3). This, while not a "fatal flaw", was something that kept Jesus from fulfilling His mission among His own people.

How often in our own lives to people feel that they "know" us? How often do family and friends have us "pegged", thinking that we are "this way" or "that way", that they know us? How often has that kept us from achieving goals, reaching for the next "rung" on the "ladder of success" or doing what we are called (by God) to do? If it happened to Jesus, it can happen to us. Like Jesus, we must move beyond what people think of us; like Jesus, we must believe that God has a plan for us, a mission that we must accomplish.

May we never let others dictate what it is, who it is, that we are call do or be. May we know and believe that God has a plan for us. May we always look to God to fulfill that plan, never letting the naysayers inhibit who we are meant to be. May this summer be a time of reflection, rest and renewal for us, so that when we need to do this work God is calling us to do, we may do it with a renewed energy. May we be confident that God is calling on us to do great things, to fulfill our baptismal call...whatever it may be.

A Blessed Week 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

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.

Music at the 6:15 Mass

As faith formation ends for the summer, we will no longer have our monthly Teen Mass, but we will continue to have music monthly at the 6:15 Mass on the following dates:

July 14th

July Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

July 15th 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!

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.

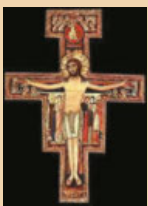
We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.

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

In today's gospel, Jesus is challenged by those around Him, who (in this case) happen to be friends, neighbors, and family. It is somewhat comforting to know that Jesus, Himself, often found Himself "pigeon-holed" by those around Him. How often in our lives do we encounter situations in which those around us "have us all figured out"; they know how we act, think, and feel, so they know how we are *going* to act, think and feel...or so they think!

St. Francis, no doubt, ran into this same situation. In his early years, his life was pretty much all "mapped out". Francis was going to follow his father in the "family business" of textile buying and selling. As part of the "merchant class", which was somewhat "upper-middle class" given the need for textiles in this (or any) age, Pietro de Bernadone was in this business so it was safe to assume that Francis would follow in this life. Francis had other ideas, however, and wished to become a soldier. This was a noble, albeit "lower-class", occupation, not to mention a dangerous one! With wars and insurrections cropping up almost daily, Francis set himself up for a career that could very well cost him his life – something his father (and mother) would not wish on any child. Being a merchant was not only profitable, but it was safe and free from risk. After his conversion, Francis would of course choose an entirely different life from textile merchant or soldier – that of religious life.

Religious life has, throughout the centuries, remained relatively unchanged. While it has its dangers, it has never been seen as dangerous as soldiering. It is not, however, without its risks. Religious life could (and can) be a challenging life, given the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. This is where diocesan priesthood and religious life can differ, as we (diocesan priests) do not take a vow of poverty. While it is understood that we are "not in it for the money", our needs are met and we do draw a salary (which is ours to keep, free and clear).

Even with the differences, however, the two lives (of diocesan priesthood and religious life) can leave us "pigeon-holed", as it did Jesus and Francis. In Jesus' case, His origins are known (which was thought not to be the case with the Messiah); in Francis' case, his path was set (by his father) and straying from that was not an easy thing. In my own vocational discernment, I have received both support and questioning ("are you *sure* this is what you want to do (for the REST OF YOUR LIFE)?"). In my life as a priest, I have been questioned as both what I do and why I do it. While I assure people that this is what God is calling me to do (as did St. Francis), even my closest friends and family sometimes called into question my life's choice.

May we all be like Jesus and St. Francis, and not allow anyone to "pigeon-hole" us into a life which others want us to lead. May we "tune out" those discordant voices which might pull us away from the path which God has for us. May we have the courage to not listen to "nattering nabobs of negativism" (as written by William Safire on behalf of Spiro Agnew), and follow the path which God intends for us!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR MISC. EXPENSES

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR MISC. EXPENSES

Migration can increase the risk of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, in a number of ways:

Border crossings: Victims of sex trafficking are more likely to cross borders using routes that don't have official border control points, such as irregular routes across the sea or cross-country.

Smuggling: Smugglers may charge migrants money to drive them across borders, bypassing official entry requirements and border controls. If migrants don't have enough money, the smugglers may take their valuable possessions as payment.

Forced migration: Climate change is expected to force 216 million people to migrate within their own countries by 2050, making them more vulnerable to human trafficking and modern slavery.

Other factors: In the United States, the crisis at the southern border is directly linked to an increase in child trafficking. Other factors that aggravate child trafficking in the U.S. include predatory social media use, pornography, and broken families.

Please use the following prayer to ask God for his help in eradicating this problem from the world.

Loving Father,

We seek your divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved.

For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom.

We beseech you to release them from their chains.

Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment.

Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning.

Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes.

Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Make us instruments of your spirit for their liberation.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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



St Ann Prayer Line:

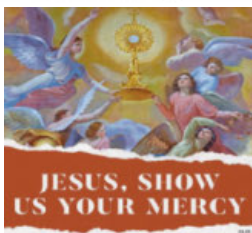
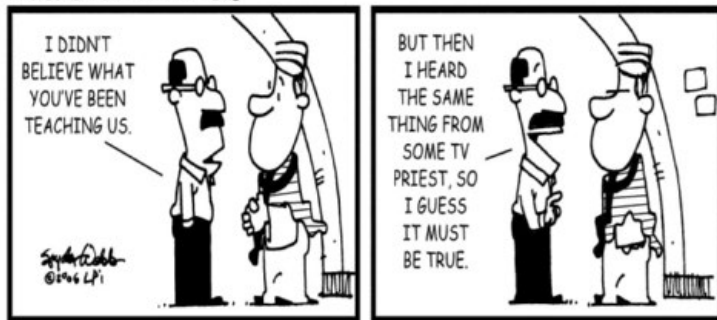
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like 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, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick Rob Levesque & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fr. John Fisher will be leaving us on this Wednesday, July 10th.

Please say a prayer for his continued success in raising money for the Water Project.

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, July 1, 2024
Monday, July 15, 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

NEWS



COLLECTING WATER FROM THE SWAMPS



THE UNTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE SANITIZED WATER PUMPED BY AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO THE PARISH AND VILLAGE.

THE ULTIMATE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$27,975 BASED ON THE FIGURES PROVIDED. THE SURVEYING PROCESS HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW THE NEXT STEP IS TO DRILL FOR WATER.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FOUND IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO BE GENEROUS IN GIVING TO THIS PROJECT. THE FINAL TOTAL OF MONEY RAISED IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS BULLETIN BUT WILL BE IN THE NEXT. ANYONE STILL WANTING TO GIVE TO THE PROJECT MAY DO SO BY PUTTING AN ENVELOPE IN THE COLLECTION MARKED:

WATER PROJECT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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