



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 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.

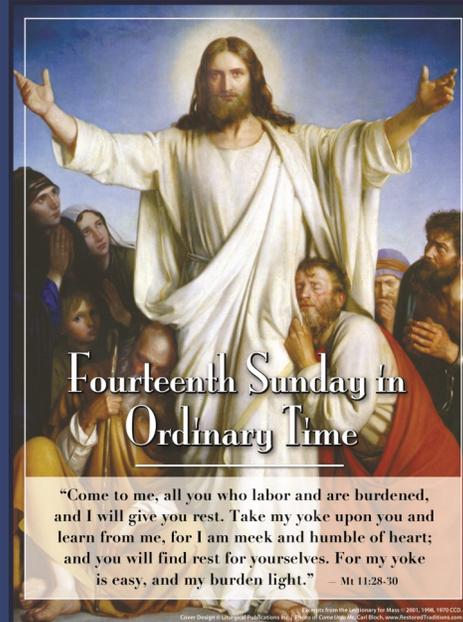
St Ann's

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.



**Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and
learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke
is easy, and my burden light.” — Mt 11:28-30

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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

July 9, 2017—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017 ~ ~ No second collection

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, July 15, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:00 — Bread & Wine in Memory of Sheila Crenney

10:30 — Deceased members of the Mulkern Family — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 8, 2017

4:00 - Sister Emily Pugh

Sunday, July 9, 2017

8:30 - Sister Emily Pugh

10:30 - Sister Emily Pugh

Saturday, July 15, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 16, 2017

8:30 - Senior Priests within the Archdiocese

10:30 - Eleanor Hanson — 1st Memorial

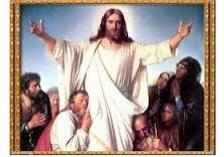
DEACONS' CORNER

By Deacon Brendan

Let me continue my remarks about the Mass. We come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist which begins with the Presentation of the Gifts. The early Christians each brought some bread and wine to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Once the priest has received the gifts of bread and wine and stands at the altar, he praises God Who has provided them. To the prayer over the bread and then the wine, we respond "Blessed be God forever".

After the priest washes his hands, he invites us to pray that his sacrifice and ours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father. Standing we pray "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy church". In the first letter of Saint Peter we are reminded that we are meant to be a holy priesthood, (each baptized member of the assembly is offering a spiritual sacrifice, in keeping with his or her priestly role). We each participate in the one Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Not to be misinformed, the Mass is a single sacrifice offered by all present.

In the next issue of my corner, I will write about the Eucharistic prayer which is the center of the entire Mass. It is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. I will need more space, so I will conclude right here for now.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today our Savior invites us, in today's gospel, "come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). This past weekend was, for most, a time of rest from our labors. We, as a nation commemorate this Fourth of July Weekend with parades, cookouts and, of course, the requisite fireworks demonstrations. Among all of this pageantry, let us never forget the sacrifice that has gotten us this freedom to do all of this celebrating. We "stand on the shoulders of giants", of all of those brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, for our freedoms and liberties which we enjoy. It is imperative that we never forget this sacrifice, lest we sully their memory.

We recognize, as well, that as we rest from our labors, the work of Christian discipleship knows no holiday. We are always Christians, whether at work, at school, at home or on a holiday/seasonal break. Our holiday this past weekend gave us the appropriate time to reflect on what true freedom is all about for the Christian disciple. It is not liberty to do as we please, but to do as we ought in the name of God and, in doing so, honor God with the gift of that service. We come to realize, as we celebrate the gifts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness", that these gifts come from the "giver of all good gifts" – Almighty God.

Life, the first and greatest gifts, is to be afforded to all – the preborn, the mentally and physically challenged, the poor and marginalized, the imprisoned, the elderly and infirmed, and even those actively dying. It is given by God and, as such, is neither ours to bestow or remove. Liberty, the second gift, is that opportunity God gives us to worship Him free of constraints from the world. We are pleased and privileged to have it, and must cherish it always. The Pursuit of Happiness is not the attainment of material goods, but the "storing up in heaven" the gifts that last – peace, justice, truth and love – gifts that have permanence and meaning.

I pray that we used this weekend (as well as subsequent holiday weekends) wisely and well, reflecting on the goodness of God and all of the gifts He has given us. May we pray that God will continue to pour out His Spirit upon us, so that we may seek out these gifts, use them for the betterment of ourselves and our brothers and sisters and always strive for the greater glory of God!

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WEEK OF JULY 31—AUGUST 4TH
AGE 3 YRS AND UP

\$43 PER STUDENT/\$100 FAMILY CAP
ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

<https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

Contact Nancy Smith for more information.



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.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

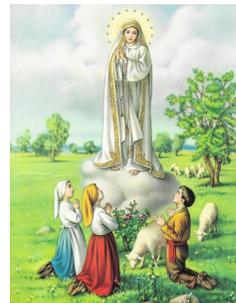


The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is meant to symbolize hope, to be a symbol of life. Several things are possible to take advantage of this seasonal color. We can imagine taking a green plant that we already have, or getting one, and placing it, or a cutting from it, in a prominent place in our house to say that we are going to be hopeful in God's love for us. God's love, like the life flowing through this plant, is faithful. When we look at the plant, we can be conscious of an inner desire - perhaps expressed in a verbal prayer - that God give us hope and trust. And, when we water the plant, or perhaps give it plant food, we are nourishing this life, as God nourishes us. A simple symbol, but it can be a very ordinary time gift for us.

Other basic symbols can be drawn from where we are and what is common and ordinary in our region. I might, for example, be near the sea or a lake. I could gather some beautiful shells and put them in a simple bowl as a sign of the life around me. I might be in a more arid or even desert area and a number of stones or a small amount of sand could be placed in a bowl to be a sign for me of the earth and God's care for us in this area. I might be in a rural area, and have the opportunity to bring some flowers from a garden or simple wild flowers from a nearby field.

Whatever we gather and intentionally let be a symbol by assigning it some meaning, we open a door for God's grace to bless us. In general, the themes we might consider to find symbols for are about the journey we are on. We are counting time, week by week, listening to God's word and growing in our relationship with God. This is not a season of "nothing going on." It is a time which we can symbolize growth, movement, process, life.

During Ordinary Time, we can do something as simple as taking something we always do each day and doing it in a symbolic way. For example, we might be in the practice of putting our keys on a table when we come in the house. We might be in the habit of putting our mobile phone on the table as well. During Ordinary Time, we could get a simple bowl or plate and put our keys or phone on that bowl or plate. We could perhaps find a simple green cloth to put in the bowl or on the plate. It can be the symbol of our commitment to be faithful to the journey of these days, and to place our trust in our faithful God. We can even offer a simple prayer, like, "Lord, these keys represent (this phone is a symbol of) so much of the commitments I have made and the places you have called me to be and where you have called me to serve. Let my placing them in the bowl all during this season give me a sense of taking up this mission you have given me, with hope in you."



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Thomas Aquinas
103 Center St.
Bridgewater

Will host the third of the 2017 season's
Candlelight Rosary Procession

Thursday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Reverend Leo Polselli, CSC of Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Easton. All are welcome to come—to pray for Peace in our troubled world at war and for our service men and women in the Armed Forces and for their own personal intentions.



The best week of the summer!

New friends Amazing Crafts Creative games
Lip-smacking snacks Surprising adventures Incredible music



July 31st– August 4th
9:00~12:00

Programs for children starting at age 3
\$43.00 per child/\$100 family maximum
St. John’s Parish Hall

Our volunteers our what makes this week such a special experience!
We would love your help!
Junior Crew Leaders start in 7th Grade
Crew Leaders start in High School
Parents and Grandparents are welcome to help as Station Leaders



You may register on our special event web-site or
by calling/emailing Nancy Smith
at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com
<https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

July 2, 2017 — \$2,814



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 8 & SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Elaine Landolphi
8:30 —Ann Werner
10:30—Mark Churchill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey
Ann Zenus
Joe Ritucci

8:30 — Linda Santry
Chis Baker
Maria Baker

10:30 — Jessie Russell
Betty Lindberg
Colette Yeo

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

SISTER EMILY PUGH



Newsline

June 29, 2017

<https://i2.wp.com/scnfamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/EmilyPugh.jpg?ssl=1>

Emily Pugh, SCN, 91, was born in Bardstown, Kentucky. She died at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Sister Emily had been a professed Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 72 years.

From 1945-1963, Sister Emily served as a teacher in elementary education in Memphis, Tennessee; Paducah, Kentucky; Bridgeport, Ohio; Bellevue, Kentucky; and Hyde Park, Massachusetts. From 1963-1972 she served as a teacher of English, French, and history in secondary education at schools in Brockton, Massachusetts; Birmingham, Alabama; Owensboro and Louisville, Kentucky. Sister Emily also served as the director of religious education in Brockton and Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Sister Emily is survived by her nieces, nephews, by her religious community, and by the many persons whose lives she touched.

Visitation will be held at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Kentucky on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and after 4 p.m. at St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Kentucky.



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 Bundeuff, 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:

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As the initial phase of the Increased Offertory Campaign comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of you that made it a success. We have realized a 23% increase in our regular giving and I am confident that, as faithful stewards, we will sustain this generosity to the parish.

Over the next year, I promise to keep you informed on how we are doing as a parish in meeting the commitments that have been made.

And Going forward, I look forward to incorporating this new way of giving into our annual budgeting process.

Please know how grateful I am at the response of St. John Parish.

The Women's Pray Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during the Summer but will resume their ministry in September. Any questions, please contact Mary Ann Boyle!



If you go to our home page, you'll find our most popular services listed on the left-hand side of the page. These include getting or replacing a Social Security card, applying for retirement or disability benefits, applying for Medicare, and getting "Extra Help" with Medicare prescription drug costs. There is so much you can do at Social Security's Web site you may find yourself celebrating National Social Security Online Month throughout the year.

St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
July 2 2017 \$7,228
ABOVE goal \$1,928

Thank you to all.

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



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens.

Don't be overwhelmed! Help is available! Anyone in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** here at St.

EVERY MONTH IS "NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE" MONTH

Have you ever stopped to appreciate the many celebrations we enjoy in this country? For example, did you know that July is National Baked Beans Month? It's also National Hot Dog Month. If beans and hot dogs are not on your diet, that's okay--it's also National Blueberry Month!

July also happens to be National Ice Cream Month--something almost as American as apple pie (National Apple Pie Month was in May).

As you're marking your calendar to keep all of these festivities in mind, we want to make sure you're aware that every month can be National Social Security Online Month!

As you're taking all of these commemorative foods out on a picnic (July is also National Picnic Month), take your laptop or tablet with you so you can visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Whether you want to see what's new at Social Security with our news section, find an answer to a question with our frequently asked questions section, or plan for your retirement with our "Retirement Estimator" or "Benefits Planners," you can do it all easily at our Web site.

Make www.socialsecurity.gov a part of your recreation (July is National Recreation Month). Visit our History page to learn all about the history and early days of Social Security. Resting on a blanket under a tree is a fun way to spend a picnic, but if that begins to get boring (July is National Anti-Boredom Month), you'll want to tune into some of our fun public service announcements featuring Patty Duke, George Takei, Chubby Checker, and Don Francisco at www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/psa-video.html.

If you're feeling ambitious and ready to retire, you may even decide to apply online for benefits as you're enjoying your baked beans and ice cream. You can apply easily in as little as 15 minutes. Patty Duke and George Takei will tell you all about it in the online videos. Con't...

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