



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 9, 2023*



The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**IT IS SUCH
A FOLLY TO
PASS ONE'S
TIME FRETTING,
INSTEAD OF
RESTING QUIETLY
ON THE HEART
OF JESUS.**

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-ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

PSALM 145

**MY GOD,
I WILL PRAISE
YOUR NAME
FOREVER.**

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
&
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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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 private and 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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**DURING THE
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AUGUST**

**DUE TO FISCAL
CONSTRAINTS**

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 — John C. Adams — Memorial

Sunday, July 9, 2023

9:30 — David Paul Churchill — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, July 15, 2023 -

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday July 9, 2023

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

11:30 - All those who served in the military, past and present

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

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

11:30 - For all the people in the world without faith

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

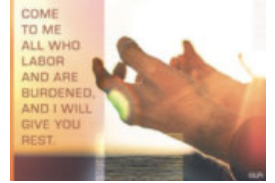
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
103 Center St. Bridgewater, MA, 02324

Fatima Rosary Procession

DATE: Thursday, July 13th
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: St. Thomas Aquinas
SPEAKER: Fr. Adrian Milik

*St Ann's
Flowers Memorial
this week is for:*

*George Daynes
&
Daniel Fitzgerald*



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 week was, for most, a time of rest from our labors. We as a nation commemorate this Fourth of July Holiday 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 week 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 holiday (as well as subsequent holiday breaks) 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

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation 2023-2024 is now open!

I am happy to announce that registration for faith formation for the fall is now open! Classes will begin on Sunday 9/24 and run through the first week of May. The schedule remains roughly the same, but there are some adjustments based on your feedback and the current Mass schedule. The 2023-2024 schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9 and 10
Sundays 8:20-9:20 @ St. Ann	Sundays 5:00-6:00 @ St. Ann	Sundays 7:15-8:15 @ St. Ann
Mondays 4:30-5:30 @ St. Ann	Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John	(Grades 9 and 10 meet on alternate weeks)
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John		

The registration form can be found on the Faith Formation pages of both parishes' websites or emailed to you by contacting Matt Brady.

July Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

As we do every month, we will be making sandwiches for Fr. Paul to take with him on his volunteer day with Capuchin Mobile Ministries.

The July date is 7/10 at 6:30 pm at St John. All are welcome to join us. Sign up is not required, but we do like to have a count of how many people are coming. You can find the sign up form here: <https://forms.gle/48iXQ8XUhzkDYe6v9>

Celebration of St. Ann's Feast Day

Wednesday, July 26th 6-8 pm at St. Ann

Join us as we celebrate the feast day of St. Ann, the patron saint of our church in West Bridgewater, with a party!

There will be lawn games, board games and a whole bunch of crafts. All the activities are free, and we will be selling a meal of a hot dog, chips, water, and cookie for \$5. If you prefer, you can get 2 waters, 2 chips or 2 cookies or any combination there of for \$1.

The money raised will support our collaborative's Disciples of Hospitality, who plan and organize the social activities for our parishes.

August Movie Nights

We will be hosting 4 movie nights over the course of the summer, 2 at each parish. There will be free popcorn and other snacks available for purchase.

Schedule:

8/5: [Encanto](#)

8/9: [Zootopia](#)

8/19: [Inside Out](#)

8/23: [Shrek 2](#)

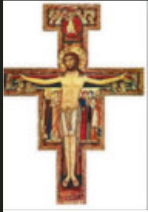
7 pm outside at St. John (inside if it's bad weather)

7 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center

*Wine, Hosts & Sanctuary Lamps this
week are in memory of*

John C. Adams





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

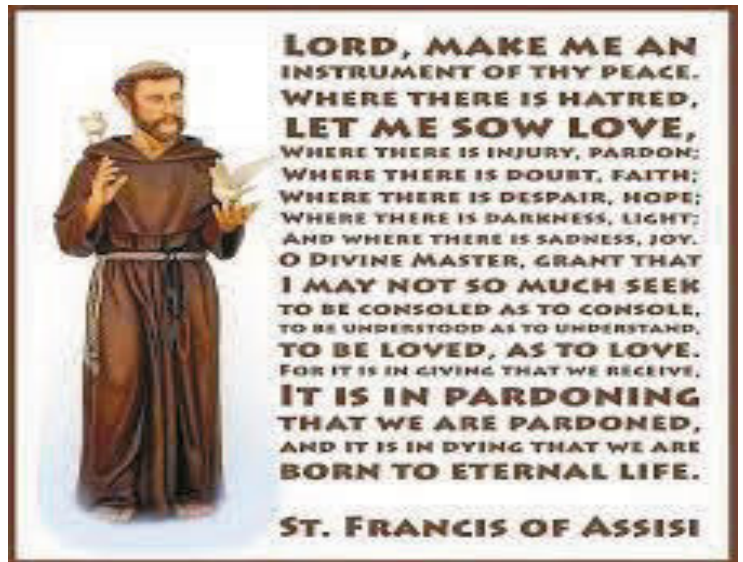
Often times, we think of ourselves as bodily entities with a soul. If we are to put things in proper perspective, however, we should think of ourselves as soulful beings that have a body. This is due to the fact that while our bodies are perishable, our souls are imperishable. They are not, however, beyond the scope of God. This is something important to keep in mind as we evaluate our lives from time to time, seeing where we stand with God. In today's second reading, for example, St. Paul reminds us that we **"are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you"** (Romans 8:9).

Before his conversion, St. Francis of Assisi lived very much dictated by the flesh and by what he did in the body. He didn't give much thought to his souls, if he did so at all. He lived in the moment, but not in a positive way. He lived for today, not giving any thought to the consequences of his actions here on earth while in the body. He gave no thought to the state of his soul, only seeking those things in the here and now. This is a dangerous way to live, because Sacred Scripture reminds us that **"...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil"** (2 Corinthians 5:10). Francis neglected to see the ramifications of his hedonistic lifestyle, not seeing the damage he was doing to his soul while living fully in the world in the body. It wasn't until his encounter with the leper, a pivotal point in his life (and, subsequently, in the life of the Church), that he saw beyond this world and glimpsed what true living was, a life of not only the body but of the spirit as well.

In today's gospel Jesus reminds us that God has **"hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."** (Matthew 11:25) And what, exactly, are these "things"? Nothing less than the fact that Jesus relies not on wisdom but innocence, purity, and charity. While St. Francis certainly wasn't innocent, he strove for a purity and charity beyond measure and beyond this world. May we come to recognize that in these opportunities, God gives us the same opportunity as He did to St. Paul and to St. Francis of Assisi. May we strive to look at people and see Christ and to be Christ, until the day we reach the Heavenly Kingdom.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



Summer Lunch

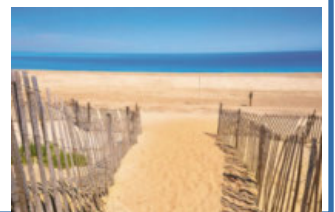
The St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Ann's is again providing grocery cards for the summer to families in town who are on free lunch. We are asking for donations of grocery gift cards in the amount of \$25. They can be put into the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church. If you know anyone who needs help, please contact Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org.

Here is a bit of inspiration from Rosemary Maffei from the Faith Formation Office at the Archdiocese of Boston:

....Summer has arrived and it's officially time for you to relax. We hope that you will use this time to refresh, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the outdoors.

For myself, I plan to return to the basics and get out in nature. As they say, the best things in life are still free and they are all gifts from our loving God and Creator. On my personal checklist, I hope to see the waves crashing on the beach and feel the sand in my toes, hear the birds on an early morning walk (when I'm not counting my steps), smell the fresh air from a hike in the woods, and see multiple sunrises and sunsets. For as surely as the sun will rise and set, we can be assured of our God's infinite love for us.

Words to live by this summer.



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:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Tom Blanco & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. *If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.*



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WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
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HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK — \$30+



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PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

Monday, July 3, 2023
Monday, July 17, 2023

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.



**Please remember to fill out
the Registration Form to
update our databases.**

Hi Friend,
Does prayer make a difference?

(Daughters of Saint Paul)

In a world that values productivity, it can be easy to approach prayer as a kind of exchange: we ask for something, and God answers. But when prayer runs dry or doesn't seem to be "working," we may wonder if it's worth it (or if we are doing something wrong).

When this happens, it is helpful to remember that prayer is relationship. We do not spend time with the people we love most because we want something from them, but because we want to be with *them*.

Jesus wants to be with us, too, on an infinitely greater scale. We can—and should!—share our needs and desires with Jesus. But Jesus also wants to introduce us to *his* desires. Little by little, he helps us grow in communion with him, and our hearts learn to move with his heart

In this sense, prayer always makes a difference—because it changes *us*. The question is, are you ready to be changed?

As Sr. Mary Lea Hill writes in [Prayer and You](#), "Prayer makes us more receptive, more open, available, and understanding of God's plans for us.... Whether I pray for myself or for someone else, for something urgent or useful, what prayer *does* is enhance my union with God. It fills me with awe and gratitude that God has such concern for me that he listens and hears."

Prayer Tip:

Commit to 15-30 minutes of prayer today at an [Adoration Chapel near you](#), or at a time when your parish is open for prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayer. Read John 1:38-39. Then, close your eyes and imagine that you are one of the disciples following Jesus. What are you looking for? What does Jesus want to show you? How might he be inviting you to follow him more closely?

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