

Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday 6:15 PM Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John July 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope



Sunday, 8:00 AM Sunday, 11:30 AM



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Church of Saint Ann

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Collaborative Office Hours are 9:00-3:00 M-TH Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Saint John the Evangelist

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

Permanent Deacons:

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6 :15 p.m. Daily Mass Thursday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

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

Holiday Schedules will vary

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano stanns@comcast.net 508-586-4880



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

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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<u>Saturday, July 12, 2025</u> 4:00 - Kathleen Kiley — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, July 13, 2025 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 6:15 -Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, July 19, 202 4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative Sunday, July 20, 2025 9:30 - Mark & Patricia Eugenio — Memorial Sgt. Gregory Ames — 12th Anniversary

Sgt. Gregory Ames – 12th Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 11:30 - Jonathan Murray — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55 Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165

Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.



Please pray for the people of Texas who were devastated by the flood this past week. Pray for their healing from their losses and pray for the children who have still not be found.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Most of you, by now, know my love of bumper stickers. I read them when I am stuck in traffic (which happens far too often than I'd like!), and they help pass the time. Sometimes, the bumper stickers I read make it into a homily or bulletin column (as is the case today). Recently, I read a bumper sticker that read, "If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us 'The Ten 'Suggestions'". I think the point of the sticker is that the Ten Commandments (the item to which the bumper sticker was alluding) are not merely things we *should* do, but that we *must* do (i.e. we are *commanded* to do them).

Jesus, in today's Gospel passage, is asked a question of the law. What is offered is a synthesis of the Commandments (of which there are 613 in the Jewish tradition), namely that you "shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk 10:27). This is a correct answer, but it wasn't enough for the scholar; he felt he needed to justify himself, so he took it further. The scholar asked Jesus who his neighbor was, and this is where it gets interesting.

Jesus, always looking for the hearer/reader of Scripture to grow in faith, takes the letter of the law and moves it beyond, to the spirit of the law. It is in the spirit of the law that one can live out the faith proscribed. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us what it means to be "neighbor", to go beyond what is expected, and to move into what is desired, by God. God desires us to extend ourselves beyond that which is comfortable. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man beaten is approached, first by a priest and then by a Levite. The priest avoids the man because he does not want to be rendered impure; the Levite avoids the man because he has no legal obligation to help and so he doesn't.

It is at this point that the Samaritan comes upon the scene. The Samaritan, being an "outsider" (that is, outside the Jewish Community) has no obligation to help this man...but he does so anyway. Beyond helping the man – by dressing his wounds, placing him on his own animal (thus forcing him to walk beside the injured man), and bringing him to an inn and caring for him – he takes it one step further, by letting the innkeeper know that if there is any further expense, he will take care of it on his way back. Why do all of this, if there is no obligation? Because faith isn't about obligation, it's about expectation – what God expects from us. God calls us to go beyond that which is comfortable, to reach out to those in need out of love, to see Christ in the "other" and to be Christ for them.

May we have the courage to act as the Good Samaritan did, by extending ourselves beyond that which is "comfortable" and do what God wishes us to do: to put our faith into action, to "put our money where our mouth is" by putting our faith into action. May we do this without "counting the cost", for we know that the "price is paid" already – by Jesus Christ, Himself.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

<u>Saturday, July 26</u> — St. Ann's Lawn 4 pm Mass, 5 pm Barbecue Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Meal Cost: \$10/person, \$45 max per family Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Sides, Chips, Water, & Dessert,

Tickets will be sold by calling the office and after Masses at the doors the weekends of June 28-29 and July 5-6, and at the event. Office numbers are St. Ann 508-586-4880 St John 508-378-4207

There will be lawn games and more fun! Please join us!

Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026

Registration for faith formation 2025-2026 is now open. The schedule and registration form can be found on the parish websites.

As we work towards shifting Confirmation to grade 8 in response to last year's change from the Archdiocese, all students in grades 9 and 10 will receive Confirmation next spring.

Catechists are also needed for all grades. No experience required, just a love of God and our young people! Please contact Matt Brady if interested. **774-533-2002**

<u>Sandwich Making for Capuchin</u> <u>Mobile Ministries</u>

July 14 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, especially those in need of service hours!

We do this every month on the 3rd Monday so please join us any time. We do switch off churches, so check the bulletin for the location. Saint John's is have a

RECYCLE DAY AGAIN

SATURDAY

JULY 26



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus is asked about inheriting eternal life. As a Secular Franciscan, one is called not to fear death, but to embrace it. St. Francis in his "Canticle of the Sun" speaks of this when he refers to our eternal passing by praising "Sister (Bodily) Death". Death is not to be avoided, as it is a natural part of our humanity, but to be welcomed as it is a passing from this world to the Eternal Kingdom. In the passage from the "Canticle", he speaks this way about death:

Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no living man can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those who will find Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

St. Francis in his passing, spoken of in the Franciscan community as the "Transitus" holds no fear of death and even goes so far as to give "marching orders" to his fellow friars when he instructs them thusly: "I have done what is mine to do. May Christ now teach you what you are to do". In essence, he was giving them the resolve to figure it out for themselves.

Each one of us is called to "figure it out" when it comes to life and death as a Christian. May we be like St. Francis and not avoid or fear death, but embrace it as one would embrace a loved one. May our passing be concluded with hearing the words we would all long to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant...come and share in your Master's joy" (Matthew 25:23).

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked.

Your kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with Godly generosity.

Amen.

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A LOOK INTO WHAT WE ARE FACING WITH A 35% DROP IN WEEKLY GIVING.

St. Ann — Offertory 6/29/25 Second Collection Sacramental Donations + Misc Total	— \$2647 \$ 753 <u>\$1506</u> \$4906
St John — Offertory 6-29-25	\$1517
Second Collection	\$1845
Sacramental Donations + Misc	<u>\$1232</u>
Total	\$4594

The bill from the exterminator is not in yet but the problem at St. John's seems to be better. Thank you to the parishioner who donated \$500 to help with the Extermination issue. We are very grateful.

St Ann's Rectory also has mice and will need an exterminator. Presently we are buying mouse traps from Lowes to correct the problem.

Some of the extra bills that we have incurred lately are:

Lift Inspection for the State — \$1800 — St John's Replacing the lights at St. John — \$1600 Fire Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Inspections for both Churches — \$1600 Parking Lot patch for St. Ann's — \$1600

As you can see, finances at both churches are very tight. We still have the monthly bills to pay.

Fr. always says that your time, talents and tithings help keep the parish going.

We truly appreciate all the help you have given and hope that you understand our situation.

Some of the time and talents that have been donated over the past years are:

Paul Allen and Joe Moriarty have volunteered their time and talent making sure the grass has been mowed at the churches.

Janet DiFalco, Alice Hooper, Mary Langer, & Nancy Wejkovic have educated themselves on how to melt down old Easter candles or the left over altar candles to fill the Sanctuary Candle Bottles. A big savings.

The rectory at St. Ann's has no cleaning service and the staff takes care of some of it as best they can, as well as purchasing items needed when money is tight ie. Paper, paper towels, cleaning items, stamps etc.

Planting the flowers around the church at St. Johns has been volunteers led by Janet DiFalco. Father Francis keeps the prayer garden at St. Ann's full of beautiful flowers

Volunteers help on Monday night making sandwiches for the homeless. Watch Matthew's column for the dates .

If you have the time or talent to help in any way, please let us know.

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, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad,

Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guiseppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim &The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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Thank you for your monetary donations. Your generosity has helped several families this winter. Thank you for all your help collecting donations for our homeless neighbors.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: September 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry 457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1 West Bridgewater 02379 WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM Need: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 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

July 21

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, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

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

NEWS



Dear Friends,

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, and as we gather with friends and family, let us praise God that, spiritually speaking, each day is an independence day-despite our sins, each day is the day we are loved by God and can count on His mercy, which never grows old.

Know of my prayers for you, and please pray for me, too.

In Jesus and Mary,

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Rev. Sebastian White, O.P.

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