



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



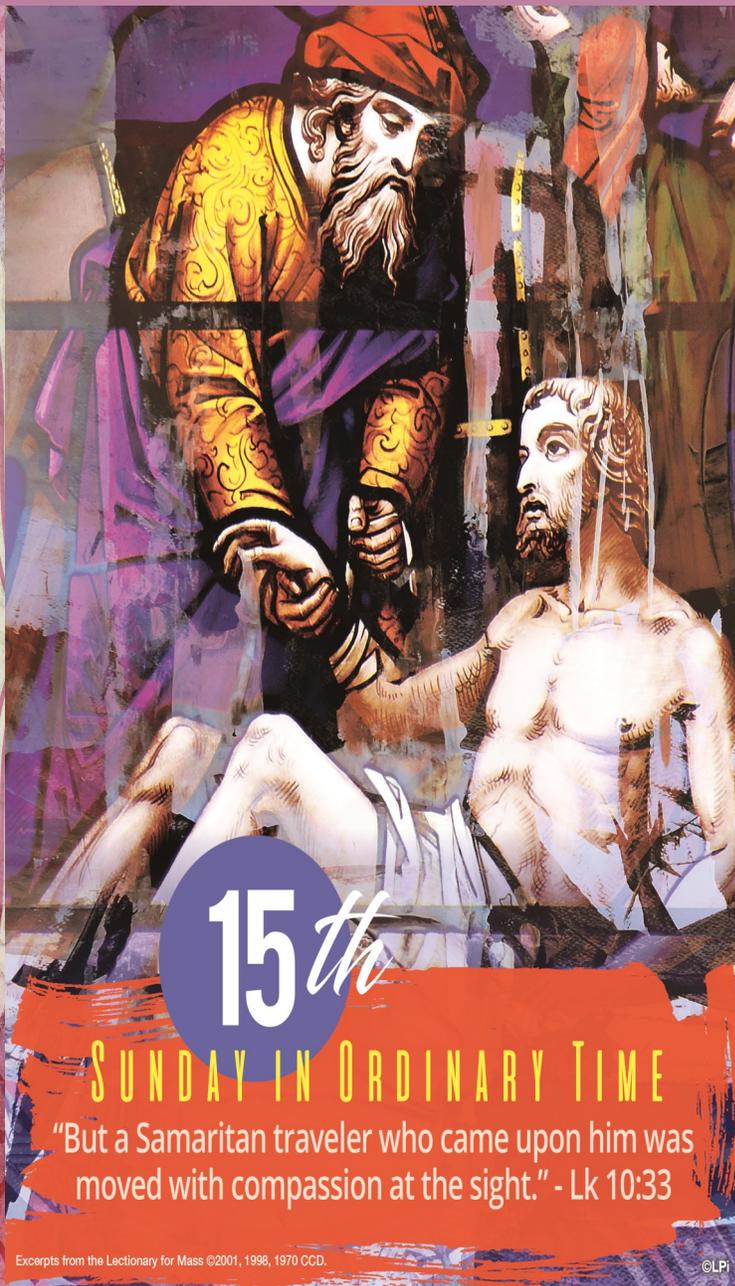
*July 14, 2019  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME



"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him." - Lk 10:33-34

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**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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**

## 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., 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

Paul Hoffman

Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams

Nancy Maloney

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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.

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

9:00 — Brittany Paluch — Birthday (living)

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

9:00 - Mary Davis — Birthday (living)

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

4:00 - Betty Cerci — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

8:00 - Michael Catania 2nd Anniversary  
Sheila Creney — Birthday Remem.

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

4:00 - Gertrude Duford — 15th Anniversary

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann  
10:30 - Christine Cole — 6th Anniversary

**La Salette Retreat Center**

Many of us grew up with this old saying. The good sisters told us, our priest told us, or our catechism teacher said it. Hate to break the news to you, but it's not in the catechism or anywhere in church law. If you arrive after Mass has begun because you wished to sleep in a bit, watch the last of a show on TV, or are habitually late: **it probably doesn't count**. If you are late because there was a car accident and you had left in plenty of time: yes it does count. It isn't so much a when question but a why question.

Same goes with the end of Mass. If you receive communion and are out the door because you want to beat the parking lot traffic, be first at brunch, or get home to watch the beginning of the game: **It really doesn't count**. But if you get a text that a loved one has been rushed to the hospital, you can leave anytime and it counts. Again it's a matter of *why, not when*.

The gospel of Matthew states that when Jesus discovered the apostles asleep after the Last Supper, he said to them "Are you not able watch with me for one hour?" (MT 26:40) When we consider all that God gives to us, can't we spend an hour a week, from beginning to end, with Him? I would hope we can.

The good news is that if you always assumed the "in by the Gospel, out after communion," adage to be true, you committed no sin, because you did not know. But, now you know and it's a different story.

*"Get Me To the Church On Time!"*

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

## 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
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY      6/30/19	\$ 3,394	\$ 3,680	\$ 4,630	\$ 5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,588	\$32,000	\$20,245	\$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) or [stjohnsb.org](http://stjohnsb.org)  
And download a registration form.

Questions? call 508-697-3652

### 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 14, 2019  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### TICKETS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC ARE ON SALE!!!!

After each Mass at St. John OR  
At the Rectory Office for St. Ann

THE PICNIC IS  
SCHEDULED FOR  
AUGUST 25TH

PLEASE BUY YOUR  
TICKETS EARLY. IT HELPS  
IN ORDERING THE FOOD.



## 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.**

#### FRIENDS OF THE UNBORN

“We wish to thank you most sincerely for your ongoing charity to our shelter home. We have received your latest Baby Shower donations totaling \$380 and we are most grateful. Presently, we house two baby girls and seven baby boys. We look forward to the upcoming months, as we await the birth of three additional babies that will join our family here. The summer promises to be a very busy and blessed time for “Friends”.

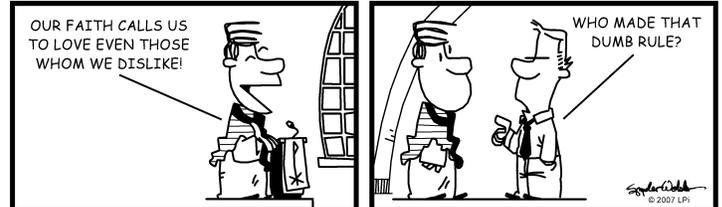
Our residents, staff and Board of Directors wish to thank you most sincerely for partnering with “Friends” in the care of God's little ones, born and unborn.”

#### 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.

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### OFFERING COUNTERS

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 3 1/2 teams.**

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

To the Parishioners of St. Ann's Parish

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, prayers and rides home during my illness.

I don't know what I would have done without you all.

Love and Prayers  
Ann Smith

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 Nicoliar, 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.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- In the light of "a worrying negative prejudice" against the Catholic Church, Pope Francis ordered the publication of a document affirming the absolute secrecy of everything said in confession and calling on priests to defend it at all costs, even at the cost of their lives.

The need for the absolute secrecy of confession "comes directly from revealed divine law and has its roots in the very nature of the sacrament to the point that no exception whatsoever can be admitted in the ecclesial sphere and even less in the civil one," a new Vatican document said.

The "note of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the importance of the internal forum and the inviolability of the sacramental seal" was approved by Pope Francis June 21 and published by the Vatican July 1.

The note was signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience.

Some recent challenges to the secret of confession have come from states trying to react to the Catholic Church's clerical sexual abuse crisis, the note acknowledged. The document did not mention any specific proposed legislation, such as that working its way through the California legislature or proposed in Australia in response to a government inquiry into the sex abuse crisis.

The Catholic Church "always has safeguarded the sacramental seal with all its moral and juridical strength," the note said. "It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent."

When administering the sacrament of reconciliation, it said, a priest acts not as himself but "in the person of Christ." Not only is he not free to divulge anything about the confession to anyone, including the penitent outside the confessional, but he even is "obliged to suppress every involuntary memory of it."

A refusal to reveal what was said in a confession can never be described as complicity with or covering up evil, the note said, insisting that confession is "the one real antidote to evil" because it is the place where a person can abandon him- or herself to God and repent.

The complete article can be found on line in detail from the Pilot — 7/1/19

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
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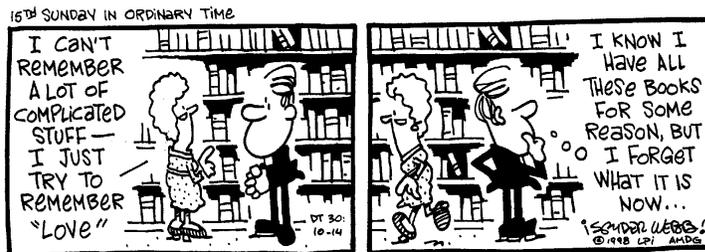
July 14: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise."

This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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

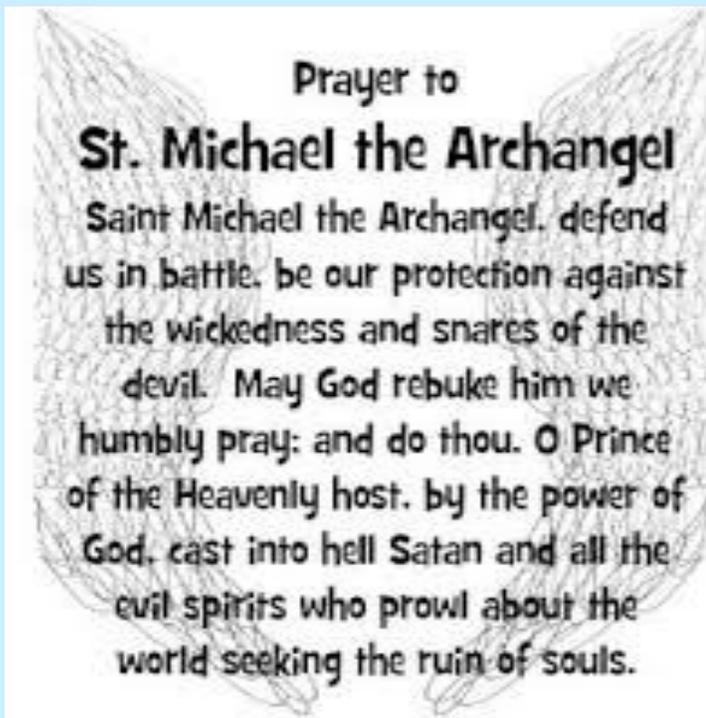
The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



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!

**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.