

Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday 6:15 PM Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday, 8:00 AM

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

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope



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

#### **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

#### 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 ANN'S STAFF**

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 19, 202

4:00 - Kathryn McLaughlin — Month's memorial Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:30 - Mark & Patricia Eugenio — Memorial Sgt. Gregory Ames — 12th Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, July 26, 2025

4:00 - Maria Braga Luz — 32nd Anniversary Sunday, July 27, 2025

> 9:30 - Christine Cole — 12th Anniversary 6:15 -Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

**Sunday, July 20, 2025** 

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

Sunday, July 27, 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 and New Mexico who were devastated by the floods. Pray for healing from their losses and pray for the children who have been lost.

#### **NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Friends in Christ,



The gift of hospitality is a multi-layered one. On one level, there is the act of opening up one's home to family, friends, or strangers (who are usually acquainted with those aforementioned family or friends). On another level, hospitality usually means offering food and/or drink to anyone who comes in. In any event, there is a "burden" put upon the host/hostess when one opens up one's home.

In today's first reading, Abraham has come upon him three strangers. Immediately, Abraham offers them all the comforts of home: water, rest, and food. In offering hospitality, Abraham (along with his wife, Sarah) is rewarded with the promise that by that time next year, Abraham and Sarah will be gifted with a son (and they are, their son Isaiah). Hospitality, in this case, has the reward of new life for Abraham and Sarah.

In our gospel passage, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. In this short, but powerful passage, there is a distinct difference in how Martha and Mary act during Jesus' time with them. Martha is the more "active" of the two, but Mary isn't exactly sitting around doing nothing (despite Martha's protestations to the contrary). Mary has, in fact, "chosen the better part" (Lk 10:42) according to Jesus. This admonition by Jesus isn't meant as a rebuke (although some may take it as such) inasmuch as it is a recognition of the importance of the "ministry of presence" in which Mary finds herself engaged. One of my favorite (and one of the most important) things that I do when I'm in front of the Blessed Sacrament (either in church or in my "home chapel") is to just "be"...to be in the presence of the Lord, not saying or doing anything, but just "being" in God's presence. Mary's gift of being "present" to the Lord isn't unnoticed and is recognized as that "better part" (ibid); what Martha is doing is important, but Mary's attentiveness to Jesus is more important at this moment.

How do we show hospitality to one another? Are we so busy doing that we forget that sometimes just being is enough of a gift, often times the best gift of all. May we have the courage to listen to that voice of God that says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). May we respond to that voice by just being present to one another. May God bless our faithfulness in this "ministry of presence", and may He reward us with those things that help us to grow in faith, hope, and love.

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

#### **Outdoor Mass and Barbecue**

Saturday, July 26 — 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.

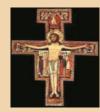
Catechists are also needed for all grades. No experience required, just a love of God and our young people! Please contact Matt Brady if interested. **774-533-2002** 

Saint John's is have a

RECYCLE DAY AGAIN
SATURDAY

**JULY 26** 

#### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



Today's readings speak of "service"... service to the stranger, service to our brothers and sisters, service to Christ. St. Francis lived a radical life of service after his conversion. Francis was ordained as a Deacon. (never a priest). And he LIVED his Diaconate in every sense of the work Diakonos...

service. Francis lived a life of radical hospitality. He welcomed all, strangers, Muslim, Christian, woman, child, etc as Christ. Ever since his encounter with the poor beggar man, wherein Francis gave him his cloak, Francis lived a life for others. He lived his life as an alter Christus (another Christ).

Francis had a great love for the Church, he had a great love for the people of God, a great love for the Liturgy in all its splendor, and he had a great love for beauty. Francis lived the radical hospitality, which the Gospel demands with such fervor that he saw God's presence in the beauty of each part of Creation. Whether it be Sister Moon, Brother Wolf, Sister Breeze, Brother Leo, Sister Clare, or even Sister Death...from whom no mortal can escape. Francis saw the presence of God, the incarnation of Christ in every living being. He lived the mystery of the Incarnation, because he honored Christ's presence, wherever and whenever he found it.

Francis was joyful. There's no doubting that. Read any commentary you ever could on him, watch Bishop Robert Barron's The Pivotal Players episode on him (I HIGHLY RECOMMEND DOING SO) and you will see a man, faced with trials, with sin, with struggles, yet as he walked he sang. As he received he gave. As he lived, so he loved. Francis abandoned the pleasures of the flesh, the pleasures of the world, because he had seen that only Christ could provide what he needed. He had fallen deeply and madly in love with the Bridegroom of the Church, and sought to offer his own life with Christ to the glory of God the Father. Francis embraced his trials. He received the Stigmata. He founded religious communities. He created the first "living" Nativity Scene. He rebuilt physical church buildings. He prayed often. He went away to quiet places for retreats. He stirred up the ardor of faith in men of no faith. He loved without being loved in return. Why? Because he embraced the Radical Hospitality of the Gospel. He embraced a life of joy. He embraced Christ, present in all of humanity and creation, with all of its boils, warts, pimples, scars, etc. because he saw the beauty of the Creator within.

St. Francis of Assisi lived a life of radical surrender to the workings of the Spirit. He lived a life of radical hospitality and love. He lived a life of joy as he embraced the cross. May we have the strength and courage to do the same.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. Paul, OFS

Some may be confused with exactly what is covered by Sacramental giving + Misc.

Here is a listing of the items covered by that line item:

Mail-in offertories or special collections
Grand Annual Mail –ins
Candles/Shrines
Sacramentals ie. Baptisms, funerals, Memorial masses
Religious Education
Donations
Other ie. Fr. John donations etc.
Fundraising
Rentals
Bingo donations

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

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\$15,137

St. Ann — Offertory 7-00-25	— \$ 2,849
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 617
Sacramental Donations + Misc	
Total	\$33,427
St John — Offertory 7-06-25	<b> \$ 2,308</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 486
<b>Sacramental Donations + Misc</b>	\$12,343

Off --- 7 06 25

Total

Two \$5,000 donations were made to St. John's. Thank you for your generosity.

St Ann's Rectory also has mice and will need an exterminator. Thank you to the parishioner who donated \$500 for this specific issue. We can now call an exterminator.

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— Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for taking care of this bill.

As you can see, finances at both churches are beginning to improve thanks to the your generosity.

As bills get paid, I will make every effort to inform you.

We truly appreciate all the help you have given and hope that you continue to help to improve our situation.

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

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 Weljkovic 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 and all the people suffering from the floods.

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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.

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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 August 4 & 18

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**

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.

All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.

What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS







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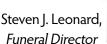
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