



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 July 21, 2024*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM

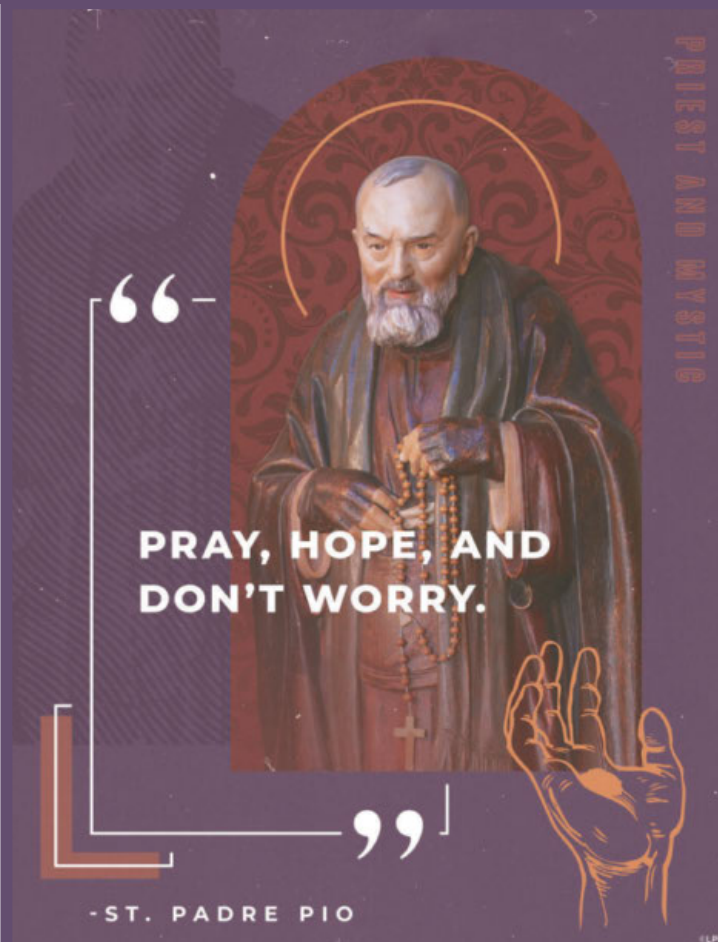


16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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 Monday through Friday**

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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

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

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

St John's

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

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

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano
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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 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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Members of the Walsh & O'Malley Families
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 20, 2024

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

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:30 - John McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Remem.

Saturday, July 27, 2024

4:00 - Maria C. Bragga & Family — 31st Anniv.

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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

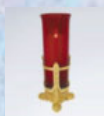
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MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK + the Mass = \$55

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$85+ the mass = \$110

For host, wine & sanctuary lamps, flower and the mass, it is a cost of \$165



The bookkeeping on payment for these memorial masses has become an issue. Therefore, we are asking that you distinguish your payment from your offertory. Please mark your payments for the memorials and send in the payment AT LEAST TWO WEEKS prior to the mass. That will give us enough time to if necessary to order the flowers and pay for them BEFORE the actual mass. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As a priest, I am “required” to take an annual retreat. I put that word in quotes because while it is a *requirement*, I always look forward to going on retreat and of renewing my relationship with God and I always come back refreshed and revitalized. One of my favorite places to go (on retreat) is on the Jersey Shore to a Redemptorist-run retreat house whose motto is “Where God and Sea Come Together”. It is a special place, one where I always reconnect with God.

The disciples are invited by Jesus to find themselves a “deserted place and rest a while” (Mk 6:31), so that they can “recharge” their “spiritual batteries”. As it turns out they can’t even do that, for the people who had been following them see them leave and get to the place where the disciples are headed to before them! Their need for spiritual nourishment was so great that they couldn’t let the disciples out of their sight. Jesus sees this and His heart is moved with pity; He begins to teach them, which leads Him to perform the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mk 6:35-44, which follows this gospel passage). Jesus sees (and meets) not only the spiritual but the physical need of the people, so great is His love for the people. The disciples help in this effort, so attuned were they to Jesus’ ministry and their own part in it.

There are times when we need to “retreat”, to remove ourselves from the everyday experiences of our lives. We can do this for a dedicated period (such as a “retreat week”), or a little each day or week (which might be the only time for some). I truly believe that as followers of Jesus, He calls us to do this. If we don’t avail ourselves to be “filled” with God’s love, Jesus’ presence and the Holy Spirit’s power, then we are shortchanging ourselves. We need time for ourselves so that we can make time for others; we need to “fill up” (with grace) so that we can be “emptied” (sharing those graces with others).

May we have the presence of mind to attune our hearts, our minds, our very lives to the voice of Jesus when He calls us to come away to that deserted place (wherever it may be). May we come to know Jesus as Savior and friend in these moments. May we live out our call to serve others by first being filled with God’s love and grace. Finally, may we look for opportunities to “retreat” (even if only for a little while), so that God may reveal His plan for us, for our brothers and sisters, for our Church and for the world.

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

Registration for Faith Formation

Registration for faith formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

Sunday, August 18th
St. John's Back Lawn
4 pm Mass* 5 pm Barbecue

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family
Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Tickets will be sold the weekends of July 20/21 and July 27/28 and at the door.

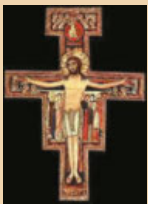
We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.

Fr. Peter Francis's niece who is a Neurologist is coming to the states to
Work in Cincinnati.

She will be arriving two weeks early to spend time with her uncle.

Does anyone have a spare room to rent to her?

Father Francis would be very grateful.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As we move into the summer months, we find ourselves experiencing what many would consider “unseasonably warm” temperatures. Here in the Northeast, we have already gone through a few “heat waves” (three-day periods of at least 90 degrees). I was speaking recently with someone from Oregon, who was relating to me the 100+ degree temperatures, which are unseasonable - if not unnatural – for that region of the country. These things occur, yet many consider climate change to be a “myth” or “hoax”.

As a Franciscan, I am invited and led to see stewardship of God’s creation as an essential element of the Franciscan charism. Francis’ love of nature and creation, and his linking it with the Divine, is well known and well documented. The personification of natural elements such as sun, moon, wind, water, fire, and earth in the “Canticle of the Sun”, ascribing maternal, fraternal, and sororal names to these parts of creation show to us that we are linked to them in ways that go beyond the physical. They are part of God’s Creation, and thus are part of us and we of them.

In Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical, “Laudato Si” (translated “Praise Be To You”), subtitled “On Care For Our Common Home”, the subject of the environment, of creation, and of our responsibility to care for the world around us was broached. In this missive, Pope Francis addresses topics such as “Pollution and Climate Change”, “Loss of Biodiversity”, and “Environmental, Economic, and Social Ecology”, just to name a few. In this important work, which my local Fraternity “unpacked” earlier this year, His Holiness sought to bring into focus the responsibility which humanity has to care for the world around us, not only for our own sake, and the sake of future generations, but as a clarion call to the stewardship to which God holds us accountable. Since the creation of the world, scripturally rooted in Genesis with Adam and Eve (the “first” stewards), we have been mandated by God to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth” (Gen. 1:28). Many have taken this call, I’m afraid, and seen “dominion” as “domination”, caring only “for what’s in it for them”. Personally, as a Franciscan, I don’t believe this is how God meant it to be, how God wants us to be. As a Franciscan, the “care of our common home” focuses on the “common” element – that we are all in this together. While it may be the case that we are seen by God as the “highest form” of creation, I believe that this also imparts upon us a duty to be faithful, responsible stewards, caring for all elements of creation and nurturing them as we would one of our own children or pets. The care that we exercise is a direct result of the mandate which God has placed on our hearts as stewards.

As we move through the summer months, let us strive to see creation as a gift from God. Let us act as responsible stewards, exercising “dominion” and not “domination”. Let us, from a Franciscan perspective, see the world around us as part of our “family”, caring for it with a generous love. Let this familial bond be strengthened by the love which God has placed on our hearts to exercise prudent and careful stewardship, caring for our “common home” with care and love.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

**MONEY AT THE PARISHES IS DIRE.
PEOPLE ON VACATION, THE ECONOMY,
AND ON AND ON....
BOTTOM LINE IS OFERTORY IS DOWN;
EXPENSES ARE UP.
THAT IS WHY WE HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION.**



Save the Date

**43RD ANNUAL LAWN PARTY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**



Prayer to the Shepherd

My Good Shepherd,

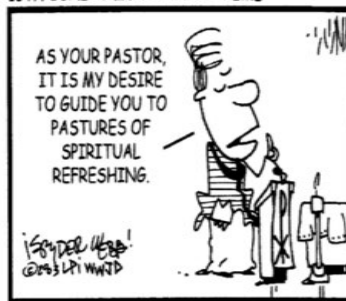
There are so many things I don’t understand about the paths where you lead and the pastures where you release me. But I believe that you are a Good Shepherd. I have known your protection and provision in so many ways. Please keep me under your care. Amen.

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick Rob Levesque & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



YOU'RE PRAYERS ARE HELPING

More than 500 arrests were made in a week-long, statewide [anti-human trafficking operation](#) that included personnel from the [Los Angeles Police Department](#) and the [Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department](#), authorities said Tuesday.

Luna said authorities made 539 arrests during the operation, including 40 suspected "sexual traffickers or exploiters" and 271 suspected "sex buyers." Also, 54 adults and 11 juveniles were rescued, including a 14-year-old girl, Luna said. It was unclear how many arrests were made in [Los Angeles County](#).

"This week-long operation demonstrates that if you engage in human trafficking activities, harm our children, and destroy lives, there will be absolute consequences; and there is no refuge for predators in the state of [California](#)," Luna said.

In one Los Angeles County operation, task force personnel conducted an undercover "sex buyer" operation on a stretch of Holt Avenue in [Pomona](#), Luna said. Twelve males, two of whom are registered sex offenders, were arrested on suspicion of solicitation of prostitution, Luna said.

Luna noted that although the annual statewide operation is conducted each January, which is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, law enforcement personnel work year-round to target human traffickers.

What we can do to help this situation:

- Pray
- Stay vigilant with your families and neighbors.
- Be aware
- Call your local police to see what the situation is in your area
- Call your congress representatives and local officials to make sure there is funding for the policing necessary.
- If you see something, say something!

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

**We need jelly & rice pilaf
Cash donations also accepted**

**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**

**To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

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

Next meeting: All meetings are suspended for the Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
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

**Monday, August 5, 2024
Monday, August 19, 2024**

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.

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

SUCCESS THE MONEY HAS BEEN RAISED!!!!



THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE SANITIZED
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TO THE PARISH AND VILLAGE.

THE ULTIMATE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$27,975 BASED ON THE FIGURES PROVIDED. THE SURVEYING
PROCESS HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW THE NEXT STEP IS TO DRILL FOR WATER.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FOUND IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO BE GENEROUS IN GIVING TO
THIS PROJECT. THE MONEY RAISED TOTALED: \$4786 (7-12-24)

THE WATER PROJECT WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN DUE TO THE KIND GENEROSITY OF AN
ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO WILL COVER THE MONEY NOT RAISED BY THE
PARISHES

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! — Fr. John Fisher

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