



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017*



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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**St John's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA**

**Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 9:00 a.m.**

**In the Chapel**

**Divine Mercy every Thursday**

**After Mass.**

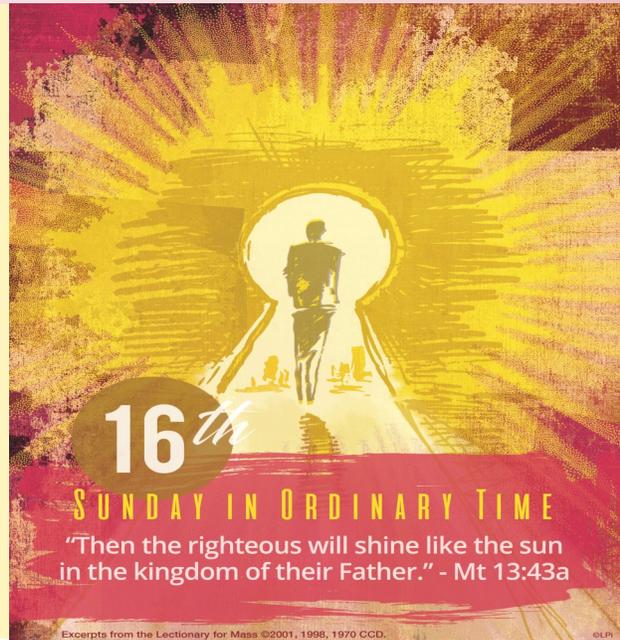
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**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.**

**9:00 a.m.**



**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 for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

**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 Tuesday of the month 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.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

July 23, 2017—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017 ~ ~ No second collection

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 22, 017

4:00 — Richard Hutchins — 5th Anniversary

#### Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Jean Marie Lyons — 20th Anniversary

#### Thursday, July 27, 2017

9:00 — Rev. Charles Murphy — Memorial

#### Saturday, July 29, 2017

4:00 — William Monahan — Birthday Remem.

#### Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:00 — Maria C. DaPonte — 24th Anniversary

10:30 — Jessica Thurston — Birthday Remem.

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 22, 2017

4:00 - Gertrude Duford—13th Anniversary

Malcolm LeGay—Birthday Rem

#### Sunday, July 23, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Christine Cole—4th Anniversary

#### Saturday, July 29, 2017

4:00 - Carolyn Oliviere — Birthday Remem.

#### Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carolyn Oliviere — Birthday Remem.

## DEACONS' CORNER

I left off writing that the Eucharistic prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest invites us to lift up our hearts. We unite our thoughts with those expressed by the priest, who addresses God in the name of the entire community. The priest may choose from a variety of Eucharistic prayers. Eucharistic prayer II is the shortest and is written especially for weekday Masses. It is based on a prayer that is from the third and fourth century. Most prefaces are appropriate for the Season.

The following are the common aspects of the Eucharistic prayers. We sing or say, "Holy, Holy.." as we join our voices with those of the Angels to give universal praise to God. After a brief transition, the priest asks the Holy Spirit to come down upon the bread and wine and change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. [Epicicles] Then the story of the Last Supper is recounted, when the priest utters the sacred words of consecration, "This is My Body... This is My Blood". We firmly believe that the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. We proclaim the death and Resurrection of Christ until He comes again—we say this Memorial Acclamation and the priest repeats the message. He then offers the consecrated bread and wine to God. It is the perfect self-offering of Jesus Christ. The priest continues and prays for the "Church spread throughout the world.." for our deceased brothers and sisters. He prays that Our Lord will listen graciously to the prayers of those surrounded before Him. That is all of us gathered. He prays that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ. The entire prayer concludes with praise to God the Father; through, with and in Christ; in the unity of the Holy Spirit. [Doxology] We respond with Amen.

God Bless, Deacon Brendan



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Anyone who has lived a certain length of time knows that there is evil in the world. Our young people may not know this reality (which is a good thing, for sure), but (sadly) one day they will come to experience this truth. For centuries theologians, philosophers and scholars have wrestled with the question of evil, its existence and how and why it comes about in the world. I'm not sure they're any closer to figuring it out than they were when they first tackled it!

The reality of the Christian life is that, along with the good in our life, there is evil in the world. God does not cause this evil to occur (contrary to what many in the world may think), but He does allow it to exist. This is known in theological terms as "the permissive will of God", and it basically states that God allows suffering and evil in the world as part of God's "overall plan". We may *speculate* as to why this happens, but no one can say with absolute certainty why it does. As my father used to say, "God only knows, and He ain't tellin' ", which I always took as a pretty direct way of saying "Don't worry about it, God will let us know when we get to Heaven". I'm sure for most of us, in fact, that may be on the top of our list of questions that we'll want to ask God if/when we get to the Kingdom. It is one of life's great mysteries, this question of evil and suffering.

In today's gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to explain the parable about "the weeds and the wheat". In doing so, they are trying to probe the mind and heart of someone who knows all and sees all. Most likely, they don't ask Jesus to explain the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, because they speak to the same point: the beginnings of the Kingdom here on earth may be small at first, but they are yielding (and will continue to yield) great results. The "weeds and the wheat" is a little trickier, because it seems that prudent thing to do would be to uproot the weeds when they grow; they are, however, "entangled" in the roots of the wheat and thus would uproot the wheat if pulled. One must allow for evil to exist, for at the harvest (read: the end of the world), the harvest master (read: God) will separate the weeds from the wheat and cast them into the furnace (read: Hell), taking the wheat with him into the barn (read: the Kingdom). This requires great patience on our part, a patience which only comes from God.

Let us pray for patient endurance, recognizing the "bigger picture" at work in the plan that God has for us all. Let us know that God, who knows and sees all, will see the good we do and reward that good. Let us pray that we may be gathered up with the wheat (i.e. the good people of God) and put into the barn (i.e. the Kingdom) where we will "shine like the sun" (Mt 13:43).

Have a Blessed Week,  
Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WEEK OF JULY 31—AUGUST 4TH  
AGE 3 YRS AND UP  
\$43 PER STUDENT/\$100 FAMILY CAP  
ON-LINE REGISTRATION:  
<https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>  
Contact Nancy Smith for more information.



### A Great Day of Golf, Food and Fun to Support Our Collaborative!

The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per golfer, and includes greens fees, golf cart, and a Chicken BBQ lunch. Four-somes welcome!

There is a lunch-only option for non-golfers. There will be a variety of contests (Long Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, and more), raffles during lunch, and team awards.

Come and join us for a day of golf, food and fun to support our Collaborative ventures such as, but not limited to, PYM. Visit [www.stannstjohngolf.com](http://www.stannstjohngolf.com) for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at [stannstjohngolf@gmail.com](mailto:stannstjohngolf@gmail.com) or call 508-280-1428.



Please check out Saint Ann Page for details.

Call the Rectory to add your name to the count!

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Just a reminder that Offertory Envelopes for both St. Ann's and St. John's are coded so they can be used at either church and the money will be appropriated to the correct church.

This includes second collections.

### NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (Due to the retirement of Fr. Skerry at St. John's)

BEGINNING JULY 31, 2017

MONDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

TUESDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

WEDNESDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

THURSDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

FRIDAYS @ BOTH CHURCHES

Masses will be at 9:00 AM  
(as usual)

BEGINNING JANUARY OF 2018

SPECIAL PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS WILL BE ELLIMINATED

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
SELF-FUNDING  
PROGRAMS, Ie.,

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY  
RELGIOSU EDUCATION  
LEADERSHIP RETREAT

All Diocesan Collections will remain in place.



URGENT NEED! PLEASE GIVE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017  
St Ann's Parish, 103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater, MA  
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by  
St Ann's Parish & The Knights of Columbus  
Bridgewater Council 488

## Vacation Bible School

The best week of the summer!

New friends    Amazing Crafts    Creative games  
Lip-smacking snacks    Surprising adventures    Incredible music



July 31st– August 4th  
9:00-12:00

Programs for children starting at age 3  
\$43.00 per child/\$100 family maximum  
St. John's Parish Hall



You may register on our special event web-site or  
by calling/emailing Nancy Smith  
at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com  
<https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>



## Country Shindig August 5th



\$5.00 per person  
\$15.00 family maximum

St. John's Backyard or St. John's Parish Hall in case of Rain

Tickets do not need to be purchased ahead of time, but if you could please RSVP at nhenn71@hotmail.com for planning purposes.

### Amazing Food

BBQ    Salads    Corn    Lemonade

### Wonderful Family Fun

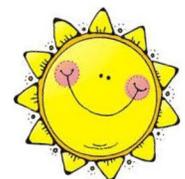
Volleyball    Cornhole  
Water Balloon Fun  
Country Line-Dancing



We are hoping Pony Town Parties will be able to reschedule and join us!



Hometown Mission-Serving our Communities  
Saturday, July 29th at 9:00 am  
A Neighbor in East Bridgewater needs our help cleaning up her yard.  
Please contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com to volunteer.



## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

### St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

July 9, 2017 — \$3,256

Thank you for your continued contribution.

### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty.

There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!**



### 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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.



### SAINT ANN'S DAY

Friday, July 28, 2017  
5:30—7:30 Rain or Shine



Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs  
Potato Salad, Toss Salad  
Baked Western Beans  
Potato Chips  
Soda, Water, Coffee, Tea  
Desserts

All are Welcome!!  
Please call the Rectory to have your name  
added to the count by Tues., July 25th.



Every Thursday night  
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
Doors Open at 5:00



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent dePaul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, JULY 22 & SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

#### LECTORS

4 PM—Lynn Lindsey  
8:30 —Ann Werner  
10:30—Benjamin Williams

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey  
Ray Ledoux  
Sandy Mehl

8:30 — Linda Santry  
Martin Heavey  
Jo Ann Kennedy

10:30 — Margaret Mary William  
Charlotte Leines  
Peter DelSette

# PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

*St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900  
July 16, 2017 error in reporting, actual  
offertory was::*

*\$4,117*

*There was a reporting error on 7/9  
The Actual offertory for 7/2 was \$6,274*

## St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

Hearing today's Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

**This week, please say an extra prayer for any neighbors in our parish who are having a difficult time.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. John's is open on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Any East Bridgewater resident in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to contact our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



## REVEREND DONAL P SKERRY, S.V.D



**SAINT JOHN'S MASS ASSISTANT  
FOR 30 YEARS**

**WILL BE RETIRING THIS MONTH.**

Fr. Skerry has blessed us over the years with his Masses, his humor, his warm and quiet manner, and his true love of God and his people.

He has guided us to be better human beings and better Catholics through his example and preaching.

We will miss him.

If you would like to wish Fr. Skerry well, please place a card in the baskets that will be on the altar the next couple of weeks.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Saturday, 7/16—7/26 — Mission to Rome  
Mon.-Fri. 7/31—8/4 — Vacation Bible School  
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. — Masses 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.



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