

Saturday, 4:00 PM Sunday, 9:30 AM Sunday 6:15 PM Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8:00 AM

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

Jubílee - Pilgrims of Hope



# NORDINARYTIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

# **Church of Saint Ann**

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Fr. Peter Francis Fr. Michael Diochi

**Permanent Deacons:** 

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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**

# Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano

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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

Saturday, August 2, 202

4:00 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family Memorial

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Connelly — 2nd Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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Sunday, July 27, 2025

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

Sunday, August 3,, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative 11:30 – B. Ann Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

### 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.









Friday, August 15

# NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The "Our Father" is one of the most, if not THE most, central prayer in the Catholic-Christian faith. It is the only "formal" prayer taught to the Twelve by Jesus. Jesus gave them this prayer

DUD FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORSIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORSIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGGOM, THE POWER AND THE BLORY FOREVER, AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

after being requested by the Apostles for a way to pray; they had known of/experienced John's disciples praying and that John had given them "formulas" to pray. The prayer which Jesus gives them is a perfect blend of adoration, petition and thanksgiving – it has all of the elements of a great prayer. The "version" given in Luke's gospel is somewhat truncated, but it gets the point across that the sentiment and power of the full prayer (which we offer in our liturgy).

The other benefit of having prayers like the "Our Father" is that they give us words to put to the feelings which we experience which we would have a hard time otherwise expressing. When words fail us, prayers such as the "Our Father" give us the opportunity to put forth our inmost desires and thoughts. The beautiful thing about using the "Our Father" in our liturgy is that we realize that, when we pray in community, that we are not alone in our need for God or our desire to receive those things from God which will help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Jesus further elaborates on this prayer by extolling the virtue of being persistent in prayer. This is not to say that if we ask often enough, we will get what we want. I remember as a child asking (on long car trips), ad nauseam, "are we there yet?"; it was if had I asked often enough that the answer would change. The only thing that changed was my mother's level of patience, decreasing with each petition! I think what Jesus is getting at in the gospel passage for today is that each time we ask for something and are told "no", then we have the opportunity to "nuance" our request and think about what we truly *need* (and not just what we *want*). If we "ask... seek...knock" (Lk 11:9), then we will "receive...find...be opened" (Lk 11:10). These are persistent actions with concrete results; they are opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love.

May we have the courage and patience to be persistent in prayer. May we be focused in our prayers so that we may ask for those things which we need, not just what we want. May we always know in our heart that God hears our prayers, gives us what we need and helps us to grow in faith, hope and love.

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 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** 

# Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

August 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann
\* Note the change in date

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.

# GLASTONBURY ABBEY RETREAT

A Weekend Retreat for Educators with John Hopkins, Oblate OSB, Poet, Teacher (Retired)
Friday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, September 14, 1:30 p.m.

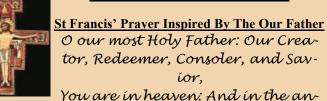
Teachers, it's a long year, more of a marathon than a sprint. Why not start the year with a quiet weekend with fellow teachers?

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Click below for more info and to register, or call (781) 749-2155, x300 with any questions.

### **MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY**



gels and saints, Inflaming us to love, because You, Lord, are love, And filling us with happiness as our Supreme and Eternal Good. Glorious is Your name:

May our knowledge of You become ever clearer That we may know Your blessings and Your majesty. Your Kingdom come:

Give us unclouded vision to let you rule in us through Your grace, And so we enjoy a blessed companionship with You forever.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven: That we may love You with our whole heart, Desire You with our whole soul, Always think of You with affection, Spend all our energies in serving You, And that we may love our neighbors with Your love.

Give us this day our daily Bread: Which is our Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And forgive us our trespasses: Through Your indescribable mercy to us in Christ, Which we see in the faith and prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Help us to forgive those who trespass against us: You, Lord, enable us to forgive to the full So that we may truly love our enemies and intercede for them.

Lead us not into temptation: Keep us from all sin, hidden or obvious.

Deliver us from evil: Keep us from all that's bad in the past, present, and to come. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, it is now, and will be forever.

### Amen.

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.

St. Ann — Offertory 7-15-25	<b>— \$3,368</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 912
<b>Sacramental Donations + Misc</b>	<u>\$ 50</u>
Total	\$4,330
St John — Offertory 7-15-25	<b> \$ 2,021</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	\$ 369
<b>Sacramental Donations + Misc</b>	781
Total	\$ 3,171

Update of the outstanding extra bills:

### Lift Inspection for the State — \$1800 — St John's

Replacing the lights at St. John — has been partially paid Fire Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Inspections for both Churches — has been paid

Parking Lot patch for St. Ann's — \$1600— Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for taking care of this bill. Extermination Bill for St. Ann's to be determined.

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

Maureen & Kristen Masefield, Lisa Ames, Nancy Malone, & Connie Fiorentino clean St. Ann's.

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.

# **Attention all Teachers:**

Our Lady of Lourdes, a Catholic school in the city of Taunton, is seeking teachers for the upcoming school year. "OLOL" school is centered on Christ and desires to foster a family-oriented environment for our classrooms. The school is looking for both middle and elementary school teachers. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a teaching position and would love to work in faithbased setting please reach out to the principal,

Mary Turner (508-822-3746).



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379 To join please call — TINA ANTHONY 508-245-5481

Saint Vincent de Paul (St. Anns Church) is looking for members, to include a secretary. Please reach out to Tina Anthony @ 508-245-5481 for more information

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 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

### BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?). We don't always know if we should (It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all). We don't even know if we want to (It's nighttime! He might be angry!).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One





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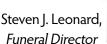
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