



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017*



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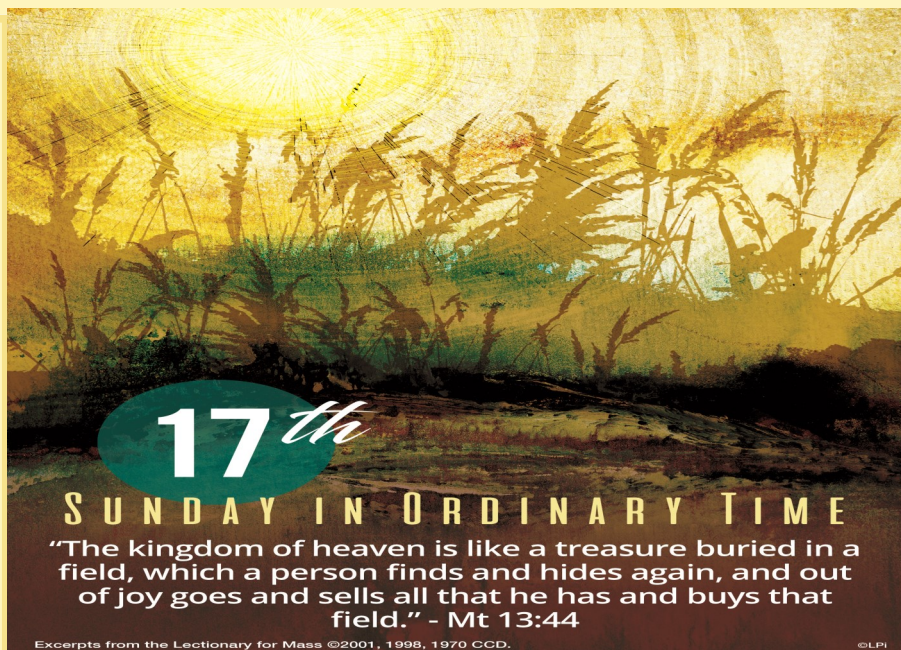
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

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 30, 2017—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 6, 2017 ~ Catholic Communication Campaign

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:00 — Jeannette Lavoie — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Angela Viera — 30th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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.

Monday, July 31, 2017

9:00 - Joseph Ritucci — Memorial

Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:00 - Scott Andrews — 39th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Robert Watkins — Month's Mind

DEACONS' CORNER

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It is a time for families and friends to share some relaxation time together. I have been doing the same as Lorry and I spend some quiet time on the Cape. But we are entering August and plans for the fall are already beginning. I am sure you and your families are thinking about the start of a new school year and getting back into a regular work schedule. We are doing the same with Religious Education starting soon and planning the various Parish activities this fall. I would like to invite you to join the Bible Study group that meets on Monday evenings from 7- 8 in the St. John's Religious Education office. We break for the summer but will be starting up September 11th. We are reading about Samuel and I believe you will find it informative and interesting. The group is a very informal group allowing for discussion and all levels of scripture knowledge are welcome. If there is interest in a men's or women's only faith sharing group to be formed, please email me and we will start one if there is enough interest.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood

My Dear Friends in Christ,



One often hears of someone having the “wisdom of Solomon”. Often times, it is a judge, a teacher, a parent or, in the case of the man himself spoken about in our first reading, a ruler. When Solomon assumes the kingship of Israel (following the death of his father, David), he is visited by God in a dream. When given the opportunity to receive anything he wishes to make his rule successful, he doesn't opt for the “quick fix” or the “easy out”. In recognizing an apparent shortcoming in being “a mere youth” (1 Kgs 3:7), he opts for “an understanding heart to judge...people and to distinguish right from wrong” (1 Kgs 3:9). Solomon starts off on the “right foot” with God by not being concerned with himself, but with his people.

This gift of **discernment** is a key element to having true wisdom, the God-given variety which we attribute as a Gift of the Holy Spirit. What is it that makes us successful and happy? Surely the world would say “riches” or “power” or “prestige”; this flies in the face, of course, of the life God wants for us. We would do well, like Solomon, to ask (in prayer) for those things (attributes, behaviors, mindsets) which will help us to grow in faith, hope and love. In looking at not merely what we *want* but what we *need*, we grow in the eyes of God. We grow in the gift of Wisdom (a Gift of the Spirit given at Confirmation, free for our use) by discerning, in union with God's plan for us and for the world, by separating out the wants (which we can pray for, but not necessarily rely on getting) from our needs, that which helps us truly grow in the Spirit. It all works together for our good and the good of the world

It is in the gifts of discernment and wisdom that help us to determine that which is of true and lasting value, that which will bring to life and light the Kingdom (both the Kingdom awaiting us, as well as the Kingdom in our midst (which, when discerned properly, are one and the same!)). In the gospel, the “treasure in the field” (Mt 13:44) and the “pearl of great price” (Mt 13:46) are images of that Kingdom. These images are used because, like the Kingdom, they are only found by discerning what is lasting from what is fleeting, what is finite from what is infinite. This “separating” is like the “dragnet” (see Mt 13:47) which is cast into the sea and collects fish of all kinds (the fish, in this passage, being an image of humankind); the good (godly) and the bad (worldly) are separated, and the bad is thrown away. In that same way, we will be separated at the end of time with those who have striven to follow God's way welcomed into the Kingdom.

May we always strive to discern God's will for us, for our brothers and sisters and for the world. May we look to God for all things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love. Finally, may we continue to (like Solomon) ask (in prayer) for those things which will build up the Kingdom, serve the needs of ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and usher forth the greater glory of God!

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 15th 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.stannstjohnsgolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohnsgolf@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 29 & SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Joe Wilkinson
8:30 —Andrew Pellitier
10:30—Stephanie Churchill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Mary Lou Boyd
Ed Lindsey
Ann Zenus

8:30 — Linda Santry
Valerie Pelletier
Maria Baker

10:30 — Jessie Russell
Mary Alice Balboni
Colette Yeo

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

*St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
July 23, 2017 error in reporting, actual
offertory was:.*

\$4,249

Thank you to all.

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

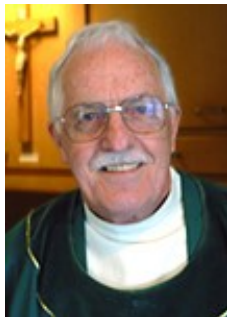
In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

Each month, through your generous gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are able to assist many individuals and families. We sincerely appreciate your support!

If you know anyone from East Bridgewater who is in need of food or other assistance please have them call 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

Saturday, 7/16—7/26 — Mission to Rome
Mon.-Fri. 7/31—8/4 — Vacation Bible School
Mon.—8/7 — Religious Education Registration Begins
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. —
Masses 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Mon.—9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen

Debenedictis, Carter Cullen Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, 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 Bundeiff, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7TH CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Religious Education

**WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY
FOR CONFIRMATION**

9TH GRADE — 6:00—7:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

10TH GRADE — 7:00—8:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

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