



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 3, 2025
 Eighteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*



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

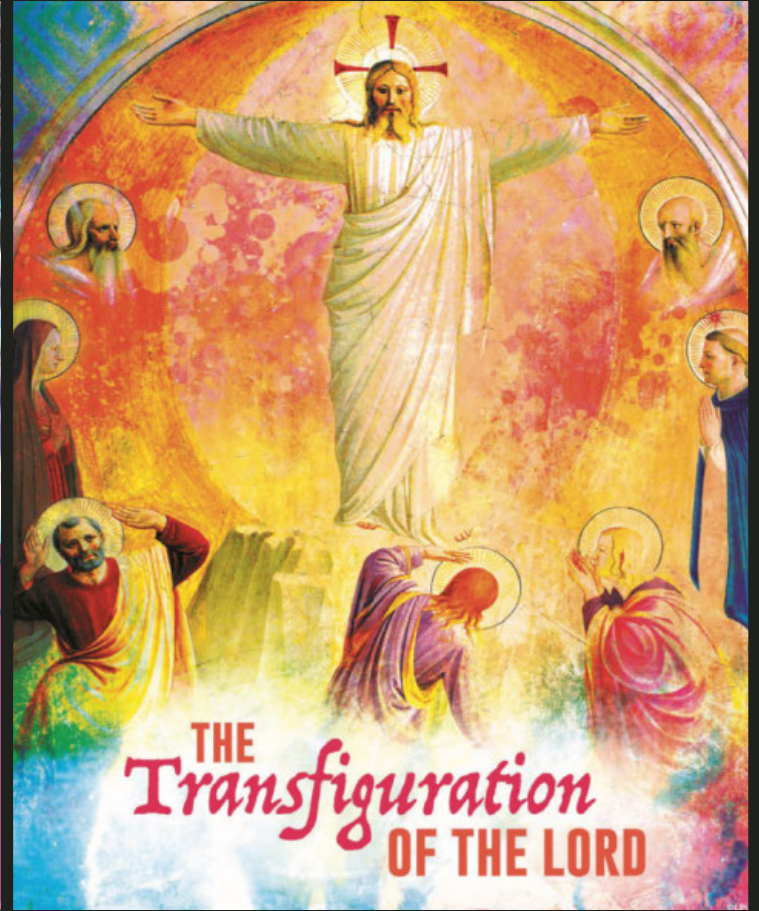
Jubilee — Pilgrims of Hope



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."
 - Lk 12:20-21

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
 9:00-3:00 M-TH**

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

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fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

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Fr. Michael Diochi

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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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SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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508-378-4207
Music Minister: Erica Vinton



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

MASS AT SAINT JOHN'S — 9:00 AM

MASS AT SAINT ANN'S — 7:00 PM

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

Finance & Operations Manager:
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Director of Music: Rich Cesarini
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Director of Ministries: Matthew Brady
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774-533-2002



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 2, 2022

4:00 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family
Memorial

Sunday, August 3, 2022

9:30 - Catherine Connolly — 2nd Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, August 9, 2022

4:00 - Tina Marie Hunnewell — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 10, 2022

9:30 - Esther Sweeney — 1st Anniversary
Thomas Sweeney — 3rd Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 3, 2022

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2022

9:00 - Antonio Sousa — 5 month - Memorial

Sunday, August 10, 2022

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

Thursday, August 14, 2022

9:00 - Eli Perrault — 2nd Anniversary

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

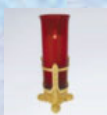
MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

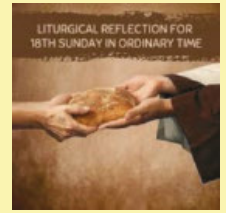
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

**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.



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a lawyer-friend of mine who is fond of saying that “where there’s a will, there’s a way...and greedy relatives!” While this is humorous, it speaks to the readings we have before us today. The danger of wealth is that it can come to possess us and become the “driving force” in all that we do in life. To have the “best of everything” might get us far in this world, but it won’t “get us to the (Pearly) Gates”, as my mother would say. The treasures we store up for ourselves in this life perhaps will give us comfort and security for a time, but that time eventually runs out. It is at that time that we have to make an accounting of how we spent our time, talent and, yes, treasure.

This final accounting, given to Almighty God, is one that won’t take into account how much wealth we amassed, how many zeros are in our bank account or how “secure” we made ourselves in this life. We might well be asked questions like “how did you spend your time with your family?”, “how did you reach out your hand to a brother or sister in need?” or “what ‘heavenly treasures’ (such as love, justice and peace) did you store up for yourself?” These questions are indicative of how we should be spending our time here on earth. Many have the mistaken notion that “this is all there is”, or that “God won’t care how I spent my time, as long as I was a good person”. These misguided thoughts are fostered as a result of “buying into” a culture that offers platitudes such as “Follow the Golden Rule – the one who has the gold makes the rules!” or “The one with the most ‘toys’ at the end wins”. How sad it must be to live one’s life like this.

The beauty of the Christian life is that it offers so much more than the world can give. The strength of the Christian life is that the “treasures in heaven” which we store up for ourselves are the “bricks” that pave the way to the “road” to the Kingdom. This not to say that we can “earn” our way into heaven, for the gift of Eternal Life is just that – a gift. It is one freely given by God, paid for by Jesus through His death on the Cross. It is not something we merit on our own, but it is something in which we can participate. This participation comes when we offer ourselves as “gift” to the world, using our God-given talents and abilities to their fullest.

May we heed the words of Scripture given to us today by realizing that all that this world has to offer isn’t all there is. May we believe that we are destined for great things and that we can participate in them with the help of the Holy Spirit. May we come to the Kingdom and be welcomed in with those beautiful words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant; come, share your master’s joy.” (Mt 25:21)

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

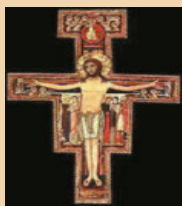
*** Note the change in date**

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.

Photos from last Saturday's BBQ. Thank you to all who came, and the Disciples of Hospitality for their help in putting it together!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Think you're a serious minimalist because you got rid of your television and cleaned some boxes out of the basement? Downsized to a tiny house and now own just three shirts and one pair of shoes? We'll, you still have way more than St. Francis of Assisi did. This is a guy who famously took off the very clothes he was wearing in front of a bewildered crowd because he refused to be beholden to his father for material possessions. He then became a wandering beggar because even a tiny house would have been too luxurious. It wasn't about minimalism for Francis, though, and his goal wasn't simply to live with less stuff. A person could easily get rid of everything, de-clutter, become an icon of minimalism — and still have an empty heart. It isn't as if emptying out the closet is a magic pill for all that ails you and if you simply toss it all you'll be as happy as Francis. There was actually a method to his madness, and his minimalism was just a by-product of a larger vision he had of human fulfillment.

“Stuff” isn't bad simply because it's stuff; stuff is bad when we have too much of it and it overwhelms us. But even if I'm drowning in an overstuffed wardrobe of clothes that I don't need, it doesn't mean the solution is to throw it all away. Someone else could greatly benefit if I were to share it. Francis didn't live a minimalist lifestyle for his own selfish purposes; he lived that way so that he could be more generous to others. He was unencumbered as he traveled to spend time with and encourage charity for the poor. He got rid of all material restrictions on himself so that he could give his life away in love to others. So, when the cleaning bug strikes, we too can consider how to be generous not only with the things we want gone but maybe to give just a little more than we're comfortable with, because generosity builds up treasure in the heart and wins a far more important possession — the love and gratitude of others.

Francis famously preached a sermon to a group of songbirds because he wanted to emphasize how, even if we fail to realize it, nature is heaven-shaped. The beauty of nature reveals a deeper, even more beautiful world beyond this one. Man-made things aren't always able to convey the same message; some objects might be beautiful and lovely but other products are disposable and utilitarian. Francis may have given away all his possessions, but he never gave away his appreciation for natural beauty. To be a minimalist doesn't mean we have to only inhabit plain, ugly surroundings. In his “Cantic of the Creatures” Francis enthuses: “Brother Sun, who brings the day ... is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!” The more we're able to share this attitude and see the beauty all around us, whether that be simply noticing the sunrise, taking a walk in the park, or playing catch with your dog in the backyard, the less stuff we'll need in our lives. It takes courage to let go, to loosen your grip on the material possessions that provide comfort. It takes courage not to worry about people making fun of you for being different, or to stand up to the social snobbery of having a house that isn't all that large, or only having one car instead of two. Francis shrugged off his fears, left everything behind and never worried what anybody said about him. If there's one thing that minimalism can teach us, it's that life is what we make of it and if we're brave enough to cut ourselves free from anything that holds us back, the reward is well worth the effort.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

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

St. Ann — Offertory 7-22-25	— \$ 2,478
Second Collection	\$ 1,051
Sacramental Donations + Misc	\$ 135
Total	\$ 3,664

St John — Offertory 7-22-25	— \$ 2,472
Second Collection	\$ 527
Sacramental Donations + Misc	735
Total	\$ 3,709

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
Knox box for Fire Department to protect St. Ann's three buildings for a total of \$650.
Exterminate bill for St. Ann's is 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 Masfield, Lisa Ames, Nancy Malone, & Connie Fiorentino clean St. Ann's. Mary Langer cleans St. John'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.

If anyone in the parishes has the ability to paint the white areas of St. John's help is truly needed.

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'Guisepe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan & 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. "LOL" 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 faith-based setting please reach out to the principal, Mary Turner (508-822-3746).



18TH 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

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

Please remember in your prayers:

*Mesmin Lecoín
Joan Kelly
Carol Fratus
Denise Kelly
Sheila McLaughlin
Delores Oriola
Joanne Maturo
Robert W. Wippen
Carol A. Servino*

*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
Jesus Christ.*



*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*

*Camryn McLaughlin
Trevor Daniel Mackey
Nathan Robert Thibeault
Jack Richard D'Allessandro*

*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*



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