



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*August 4, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary time
In memory of Saint John Vianny*

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never
hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."**

- Jn 6:35

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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, Wednesday– Friday:
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 the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every Tuesday 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:00 — William McEnaney — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Rick Hutchins — 6th Anniversary

Saturday, August 11, 2018

4:00 - Ana Biagi — 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Kenneth McLaughlin — 5th Anniversary

Thursday, August 16, 2018

9:00 — Pam Adornato — 2nd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 4, 2018

4:00 - Laurre Avitabile— 18th Anniversary

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:30 - The souls in Purgatory

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, August 11, 2018

4:00 - Mac Lindsey — Memorial

Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Dorothy Lindsay — 3rd Anniversary

Washington D.C., Jul 30, 2018 CNA.- A Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life is being led by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Catholics are being encouraged to take part ahead of the Senate confirmation hearings for Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination to the Supreme Court.

The novena will be prayed each Friday between August 3 and September 28. The initiative is part of the USCCB’s ongoing Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty.

Every Friday, those who have signed up to the Call to Prayer program will receive the day’s prayer intentions by email or text message.

Senate confirmation hearings are set to begin in September, and there are expectations that Kavanaugh could be confirmed by the time the Supreme Court begins its next session in October. Kavanaugh’s nomination was welcomed by Catholics and pro-life groups who hope he could form part of a majority on the court in favor of overturning controversial abortion decisions like Roe v. Wade.

Roe, along with the companion decision in the case Doe v. Bolton, found a legal right to abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy, regardless of circumstances.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

In most parts of the world, bread is a “staple” in one’s diet; there’s a reason that it is called “the staff of life”, for it provides one with basic sustenance and allows one to survive. There is also a comfort that comes from eating bread, probably because it is so filling and allows us to be fed in a very simple way.

This is really what is at the heart of today’s readings. Bread (manna, actually, which is bread-like in taste) plays a key part in the Israelites journey, for it sustains them on the way to the Promised Land. They had been starving to this point, not only hungry for food but for a sign that God was with them. This gift from God shows to them that God is caring for them, for the manna that they receive comes from Heaven and is derived from God’s goodness to His people. It feeds them both physically and spiritually, and allows them to carry on in their journey of faith. This is what the Eucharist does for us; it’s bread-like quality might feed us physically, but more important is the way that it feeds us spiritually. The real presence of Jesus is in the Eucharist; it is not a sign or symbol which we are receiving, but the actual Body of Christ. This spiritual “feeding”, which the Israelites receive in the desert, is one we experience at the Eucharistic table.

This leads into the “culmination” of God’s plan to feed His people, found in Jesus Christ. Today’s gospel passage is taken from John’s sixth chapter, which is often referred to as the “Bread of Life Discourse”. Throughout this chapter, the gospel writer makes reference to Jesus as the “Bread of Life” (as he does in this passage today). Jesus, in this chapter, looks back at the Israelites journey in the desert led by Moses. Jesus remarks how the source of the manna was not Moses, but God the Father. In doing so, Jesus establishes the relationship He has with the Father by “linking” Himself to that event. The people ask Jesus for the bread from heaven; Jesus, for His part, declares Himself as the “Bread of Life” (Jn 6:35). In doing so, Jesus establishes both Himself as the Messiah (which “comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (Jn 6:33)), and the giver of Eucharist, for it is in Holy Communion that we receive the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.

May we always hunger for this Bread from Heaven. May we come to know and experience Jesus as the Bread of Life. May we trust that Jesus will always keep us fed and close to the Father. May we as a people of faith, in becoming “living tabernacles”, take the Body of Christ we have received at the Eucharistic table and share it with the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection Not until September!!!!

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	7/22/18		7/22/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,338	\$3,680	\$4,631	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

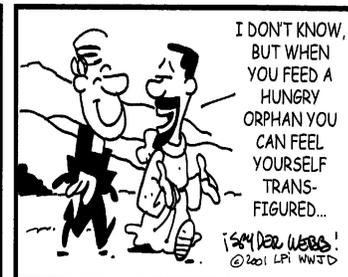
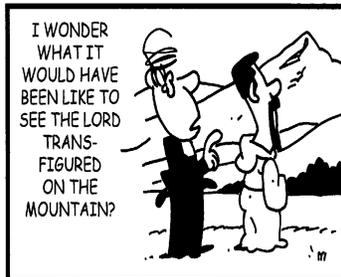
Reflection

Indifference toward religion, coupled with a love for material comfort, seem to be common signs of our times. A person from another planet observing us would not likely judge us to be pilgrim people, on our way to somewhere else. John Vianney on the other hand, was a man on a journey, with his goal before him at all times.

Saint John Vianney is the Patron Saint of:
Priests — August 4th is his obligatory memorial.

See back page for more information.

TRANSFIGURATION



Please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
When doing your
Estate Planning!

LIFT Ministries' 12 Year Anniversary Celebration

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 12 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 25th at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7pm. This event is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to www.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



Assumption of Mary



The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, as well as parts of Anglicanism, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assumption_of_Mary)

Date: August 15

**Masses: St. John 9 AM
St. Ann 7 PM**

SAINT JOHN'S OFFERTORY HISTORY

Date	Actual FY18	Prior Year FY17	Diff
2-Jul	\$6,530.50	\$5,503.00	\$1,027.50
9-Jul	\$6,600.50	\$6,944.50	(\$344.00)
16-Jul	\$4,160.00	\$4,160.00	\$0.00
23-Jul	\$0.00	\$4,114.00	(\$4,114.00)

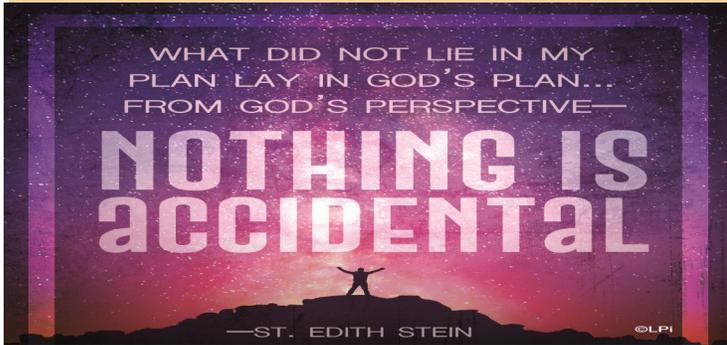
NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



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Consecration to Jesus through Mary

“It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he will reign in the world.”

That’s St. Louis de Montfort teaching about the relationship between devotion to the Queen of Apostles and devotion to her son Jesus Christ: the more one is consecrated to Mary, he argues, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.

by Jeannette de Beauvoir

“Our entire perfection,” he writes, “consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, his Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ.”

Like Mary, de Montfort experienced challenges in his efforts to follow Jesus. Opposed at times in his preaching as well as in his other ministries, he knew that “neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who causes the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:7). He understood clearly that any attempt to succeed by worldly standards runs the risk of betraying the Good News of Jesus, and that challenges are an integral part of the journey, whether to Calvary, the resurrection, or the Kingdom of God.

Mary is “the first and most perfect disciple,” as Sulpician Raymond Brown described her. And as such, she is most clearly and truly the Mother of Apostles. The end of de Montfort’s Marian devotion is “being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus.”

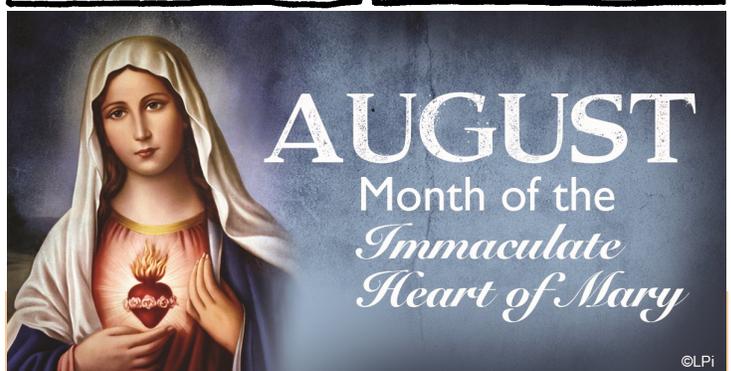
St Ann Prayer Line:



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.



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

Saint Ann’s will be hosting an Electronic Recycle Day in the Fall. Please read the bulletin for up-coming details of this event.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Martha Bundeff, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Jim Cullen, Mary Jane Coakley, Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Karen Parenteau, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Tim Lehane, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Attorney General Jeff Sessions spoke about ongoing threats to religious freedom and what can be done to halt them at a conference held July 30 at the Department of Justice.

"Let's be frank. A dangerous movement is now challenging and eroding our great devotion to religious freedom. It must be confronted, both intellectually and politically, and defeated," he said.

"In recent years, the cultural climate in this country has become less hospitable to people of faith. Americans from a wide variety of backgrounds are concerned about what this changing culture means for the future of religious liberty."

While Sessions provided no vision of what the world might look like if the culture continued to change, he said that "I believe that this unease among the American people is one reason President Donald Trump was elected."

That election, Sessions said, will aid the cause of religious liberty.

"The last election gives us a rare opportunity to arrest these trends, and this president and this Department of Justice are determined to advance our magnificent heritage of freedom of religion."

He also outlined what he thought was important to religious liberty.

"The government has no business telling the Little Sisters of the Poor that they need to buy an insurance policy that violates their religious beliefs," he said. "Free exercise means both the right to act and the right to abstain from acting."

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

August 12 — Shawl Meeting

AUGUST 15 — ASSUMPTION OF MARY — HOLY DAY

AUGUST 26 — PICNIC — FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

St. John's Conference



The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to *live* the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

Call the St. Vincent de Paul HOTLINE at 508- 378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



SAINT JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

AUGUST 26TH THIS YEAR.
(following the 10:30 Mass)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Various Salads, Corn on the Cob, Homemade sweets and Watermelon are on the menu.

Tickets are now on sale after all the Masses

It is really helpful if people purchase tickets early, so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Saint John Vianney's Story

Patron Saint of: Priests

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies.

His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

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