



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 10, 2025
 Nineteenth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee — Pilgrims of Hope

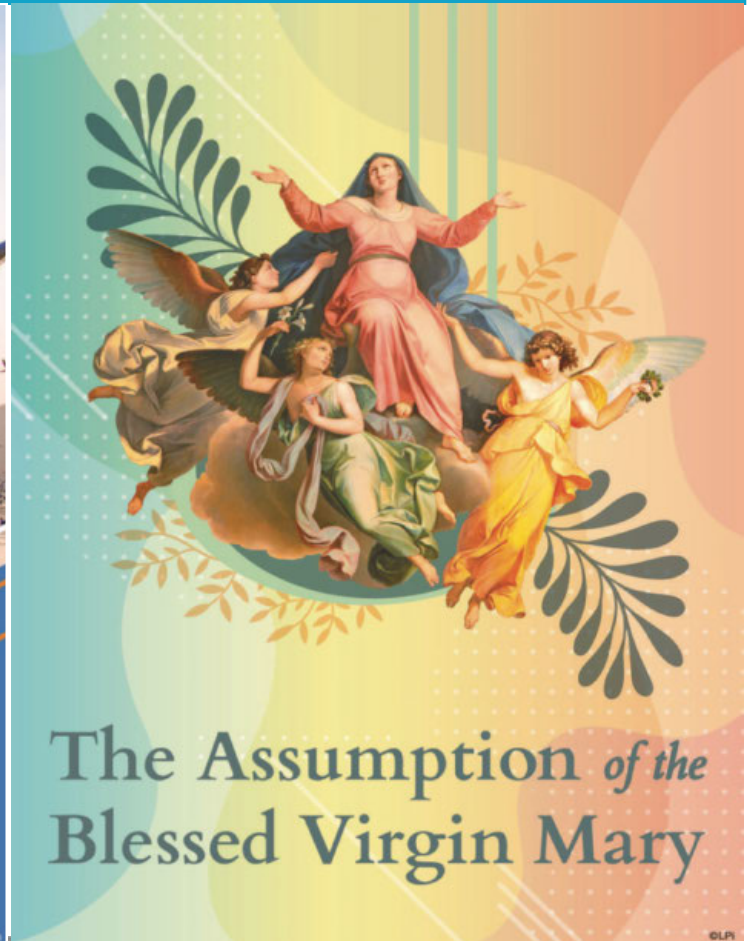


19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
 - Lk 12:39-40

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**103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater
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 508-586-4880 (24 hour service)**

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

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Pastor:

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Fr. Michael Diochi

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC 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:
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Music Minister: Erica Vinton



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

MASS AT SAINT JOHN'S — 9:00 AM

MASS AT SAINT ANN'S — 7:00 PM

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774-533-2002



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 9, 2025

4:00 - Tina Marie Hunnewell — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 10, 2025

9:30 - Richard McGrath — 10th Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, August 14, 2025

9:00 - Eli Perrault — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00 - Alice & John Frenette — Memorial

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:30 - Catherine Connolly — 2nd Anniversary

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

11:30 - Esther Sweeney — 1st Anniversary

Thomas Sweeney — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 - Ken MacKinaw — 2nd Anniversary

11:30 - Christian D'Ottavio — 3rd 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

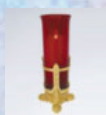
\$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

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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,

**PRIOR PREPARATION
PREVENTS
POOR PERFORMANCE**



My brother, a former Marine, used to tell me to “always remember the ‘Five P’s’ – **prior preparation**

prevents poor performance”. It was a good way to remember that the groundwork laid before a task is just as important as the task itself, and that when one has foresight, patience, and perseverance, one can accomplish most anything.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, reminds His disciples that one’s focus should always be on the Kingdom. It doesn’t do anyone any good to store up for themselves treasures in this life, treasure that could be stolen or become moth-eaten. The true and lasting treasures are the ones which we store for ourselves which are rooted in heaven. We are the servants of whom Jesus is speaking. We have been placed in charge of a great treasure, the “deposit of faith” passed down from generation from generation. In being caretakers of this treasure, which is always growing and evolving, we would do well to be mindful of the master’s return. This return, which will happen at the end of the earthly age, is not known. This is why we must be vigilant, for we know neither the day nor the hour. Perhaps it is a good thing that we don’t know this; I think if we knew, we might become complacent. This “unknowing” gives us the benefit of having to be mindful that every day is a gift. This gift, freely given by God, is meant to be returned in the service which we offer to God as disciples.

We have been made known of this gift. In the two-thousand year history of the Church, countless teachings have been handed down to us. More importantly, this faith has been “imprinted” on our hearts by the Holy Spirit. It is this divine inspiration which has led the Church forward for two millennia. You might remember when I first came to the parish, I mentioned that “I wasn’t in charge”. I’m sure this frightened many (if not most) of you! What I came to explain, however, is that “the Holy Spirit is in charge”. This was not to let me “off the hook” as your shepherd; it was to help us all understand that we are all called by God to assume some level of leadership in our Church. This doesn’t have to be done in a grand way. Often times, it is leadership by example that is the most powerful. In this way, it is more who we are and how we live, rather than what we say, that provides the Spirit a vehicle to be seen and felt in the world.

May we be vigilant in our watching. May we come to know the Lord intimately so that when He comes we may be ready. May we seek out opportunities to live and share fully this “deposit of faith” which has been entrusted to us. May the Spirit find in us a welcome home, a secure dwelling and a loving reception so that it may grow and flourish in our hearts, our homes and our world.

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

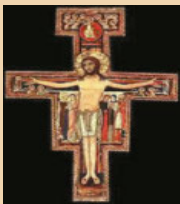
*** Note the change in date**

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

Tomorrow (August 11th), the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi. Often referred to as a "disciple" of St. Francis, St. Clare's status as a Saint in the Universal Church shows that, in and of herself, she deserves recognition and attention - although that would be the last thing that she would seek, to be quite honest. While perhaps lesser known than her mentor, St. Clare nonetheless can show to us how to live one's life in true Franciscan fashion.

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi. As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At eighteen years old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Portiuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown. Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare. While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty." In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. "O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi. St. Clare of Assisi, patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and television...PRAY FOR US!

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

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

St. Ann — Offertory 7-27-25	— \$ 2,138
Second Collection	\$ 416
Sacramental Donations + Misc	\$ 225
Total	\$ 2,779

St John — Offertory 7-27-25	— \$ 2,440
Second Collection	\$ 869
Sacramental Donations + Misc	\$ 1,445
Total	\$ 4,754

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 and Alice Hooper. 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.

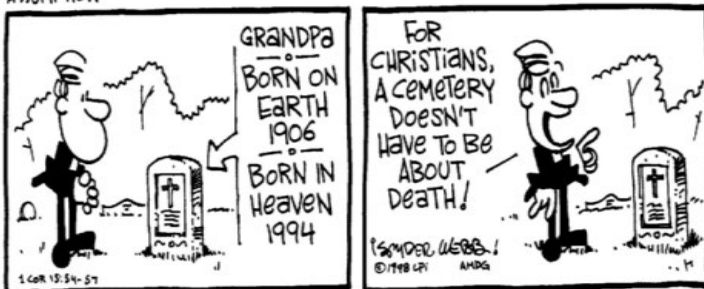


Attention all Teachers:

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).



ASSUMPTION



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

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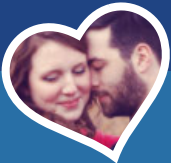
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