



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*August 11, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Teen Mass—6:30, TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.

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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 WEDNESDAY 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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PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:00 - Pam Adornato — 3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Anna Biagi — 24th Anniversary

Saturday, August 17, 2019

4:00 - Kay Grazardo — 15th Anniversary

Albert Ialongo — 65th Anniversary

Linda Lynch — 31st Anniversary

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - George & Rose DeChristopher — Mem.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

9:00 - Donna McGrath — 17th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:00 - Gertrude Duford — Memorial

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:30 - Mary K. Linehan — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo — Mem.

Friday, August 16, 2019

9:00 - Robert Smith — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, August 17, 2019

4:00 - Brian Spillane — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, August 18, 2019

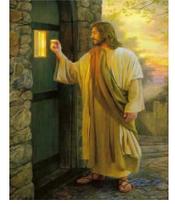
8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — 16th Ann.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Jesus, Help Me!

In every need let me come to You with humble trust,
Saying, *Jesus help me!*
In all my doubts, perplexities, and temptations, *Jesus help me!*
In hours of loneliness, weariness and trials, *Jesus help me!*
In the failure of my plans and hopes; in disappointment,
trouble and sorrows, *Jesus help me!*
When others fail me, and Your grace alone can assist me,
Jesus help me!
When I throw myself on Your tender love as a Brother
and Saviour, *Jesus help me!*
When my heart is cast down by failure to see any good
come from my efforts, *Jesus help me!*
When I feel impatient, and my cross irritates me, *Jesus help me!*
When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot work and I
am lonely, *Jesus help me!*
Always, always, in spite of weakness, falls and shortcomings
of every kind, *Jesus, help me and never forsake me!*
The Catholic Devotional

My Dear Friends in Christ,



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 to 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

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

The Next Second Collection September 15, 2019 — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY 7/28/19	\$ 3,165	\$ 3,412	\$ 5,178	\$ 5,333

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your stewardship way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VOLUNTEER TUTORS WANTED

Literacy Place, a literacy center for adults in Bridgewater, is looking for tutors for one-on-one tutoring in basic education and tutoring for English language learners.

Tutors will help teach conversation, reading and writing skills.

Literacy Place holds training classes to help volunteers become tutors. For information : 508-944-7232



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis has asked families to set aside time to pray both individually and together as a family.

His prayer intention for the month of August invites people to pray that "families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly schools of true human development."

At the start of each month, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network releases a short video of the pope offering his specific prayer intention at www.thepopevideo.org.

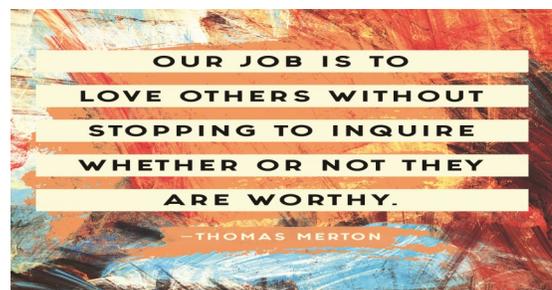
Focusing on the church's mission of evangelization, the pope asked in the short video, "What kind of world do we want to leave for the future?"

The answer is a "world with families," he said, because families are "true schools for the future, spaces of freedom, and centers of humanity."

"Let us care for our families" he said, because of this important role they play.

"And let us reserve a special place in our families for individual and communal prayer."

"The Pope Video" was first launched in 2016 to encourage people to join an estimated 50 million Catholics who already had a more formal relationship with the prayer network -- better known by its former title, the Apostleship of Prayer.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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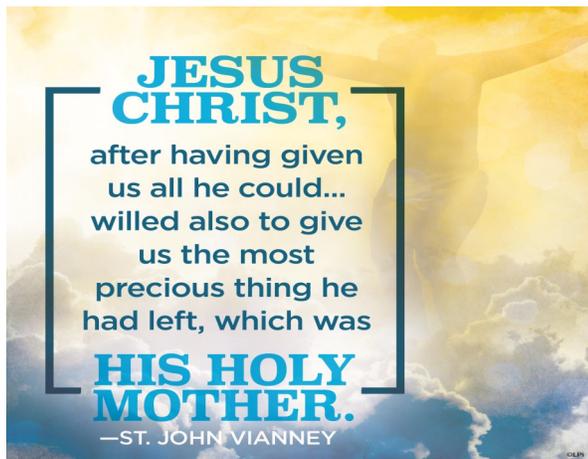
IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday
Adoration — First Friday of the month following
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at
10:30 a.m.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 IS A HOLY DAY FOR THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

MASSES WILL BE AT ST. JOHN AT 9:00 AM
AND AT ST. ANN AT 7 PM.



AUGUST 21, 2019



Their valuable contributions to our communities create better places to live.

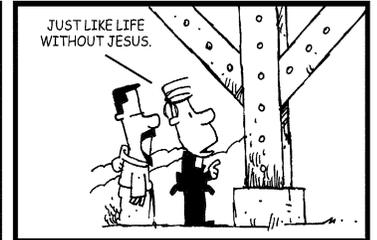
Take time today to spend with seniors you know, and listen to their stories of wisdom and experience, gain from their hard-earned knowledge.

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.

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Patience is a virtue. At least that's what they say. You might think Geoffrey Chaucer in "The Canterbury Tales" first used the saying. There he wrote, "Patience is a great virtue of perfection." However, William Langland first used the saying in 1370 in his poem, "The Vision of Piers." The poem was in Middle English, so the saying reads, "Suffraunce is a soverayn virtue." But you get the picture and you have something to store away for your next trivia contest.

Jesus hadn't read Chaucer or Langland when he was talking to his disciples in Luke 12 about the servant who begins to act improperly towards his charges because he believes there has been a delay in the master's return. But Jesus was talking about the values of patience and commitment. He was urging them to stay ready and keep working to spread the good news. It is easy for a person to get complacent and let down one's guard. It is easy for a person to get tired of waiting and then turn to other sources of satisfaction.

The stewardship way of life is just that: a way of life. It is 24/7. We sometimes want to reduce it to a series of activities or take a break from giving of ourselves so much. We are not only talking about the second coming of Jesus Christ, but the ways that Jesus comes to us daily in the form of people in need. If we are not vigilant, we run the risk of being found asleep or even worse when the Master comes to call.

A virtue is a trait or quality that we see as morally good or a necessary component for a moral life. Patience is important because staying the course and carrying the cross of Jesus is not easy. But Jesus, and Chaucer and Langland, are sure the reward at the end of the road is well worth it.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 — ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY — holy day of obligation

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

August 11: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel, Jesus says “Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find “an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!”

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

**TICKETS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC
ARE ON SALE!!!!**

At the doors of the church or at the Rectory in WB

**After each Mass at St. John OR At the Rectory Office
at St. Ann's**

**THE PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR
AUGUST 25TH (rain or shine)**

**PLEASE BUY YOUR
TICKETS EARLY. IT HELPS IN ORDERING THE
FOOD.**



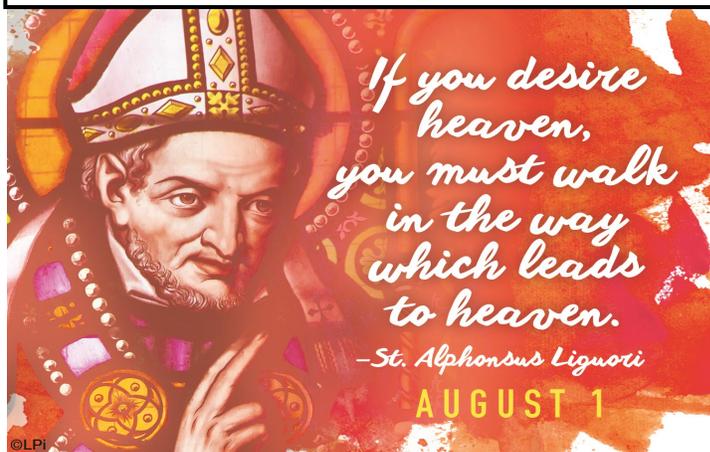
The Picnic this year will be a celebration of the time and talents that all our volunteers offer to our Parish. Without them, the Parish could not flourish and we would like to show them our appreciation, consequently, we hope that the turnout will be exceptional this year to show our support!!!

All donations of food and desserts are greatly accepted. Please let Carmen know if you are planning to bring something. You can call the Rectory and we will get the message to her.

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A SET UP CREW.
TO:**

**SET UP THE TENT (the week before the picnic)
&
MOVE TABLES & CHAIRS FROM THE HALL
OUTSIDE**

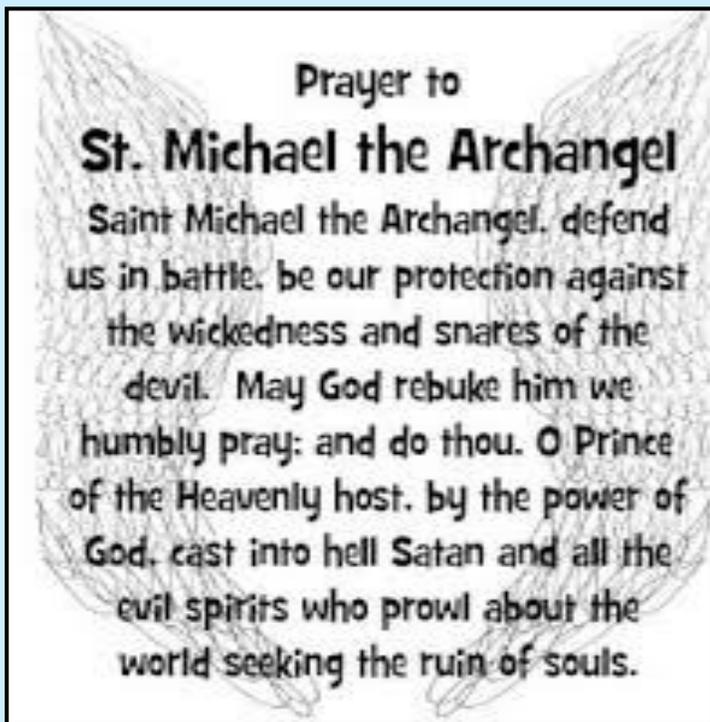
Please contact the Rectory if you can help. 508-378-4207



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
103 Center St., Bridgewater

Will host the fourth of the 2019 season's
Candlelight Rosary Processions on
Tuesday, August 13, 2019,
At 7:30 PM

The guest speaker for August 13 will be
Reverend Leo Polselli, CSC,
Holy Cross Family Ministries

Processions are held on the 13th of the month
From May to October
In honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Join us for inspirational music, a Candlelight Rosary
Procession led by a beautiful statue of
Our Lady of Fatima
And Benediction.

All are welcome to pray for Peace in our troubled world
at war and for our service men and women in the Armed
Forces, and for their own personal intentions.
"The Family that prays together, stays together."