



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 11, 2024*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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 WHILE THE EUCHARISTIC
 SPECIES REMAIN WITHIN
 US, JESUS IS THERE AND
 WORKING IN US
 INSEPARABLY WITH THE
 FATHER AND THE HOLY
 SPIRIT AND THEREFORE
 THE WHOLE HOLY
 TRINITY IS THERE.
 ”

- ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI

*The
 Assumption
 of the
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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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

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 11, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Michael Thibeault — 20th Anniversary
- Ginny Forde — 30th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, August 18, 2024

- 8:00 - Edward Joseph Twomey — 5th Anniv.
- 11:30 - Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 10, 2024

- 4:00 - Thomas Sweeney — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, August 11, 2024

- 9:30 - Marie Lourdes Jasmin & Lemeze Alexandre Memorial

Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 4:00 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 18, 2024

- 9:30 - James K. MacKinaw — 1st 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

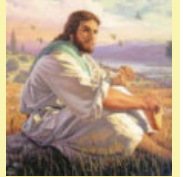
HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



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,



Something that has been (and will, I think, continue to be) debated is the “nature” of Jesus. For centuries, theologians have ponder the question of “what did he know, and when did he know it?” when it comes to the divinity and/or humanity of Jesus. Some “camps” will say that Jesus always knew He was divine; some will place this knowledge at the point when He was found in the temple by Mary and Joseph; some will say that He had some knowledge early, and that He “grew” into full understanding when He started His public ministry.

Certainly, when Jesus encounters the Jewish crowds in today’s gospel passage, He has full knowledge of who He is. In this continuation of the “Bread of Life discourse” (found in the sixth chapter of John’s gospel, and the source of our gospel for the last few weeks), Jesus declares Himself as having come “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). The Jewish audience (who has been following Him) are surprised (one might even say shocked) to hear this. They know Jesus to be the son of Joseph and Mary; they know His relatives (especially John the Baptist); they know His background – or at least they *think* they do. This encounter is much like when Jesus goes back to Nazareth, where the people “knew him when...” Much like that encounter, they feel they have Jesus all figured out.

There’s only one problem with that logic: they’re only seeing one “side” (the humanity) of Jesus. I say “side” because to speak of Jesus, one must walk a “theological tightrope”. One cannot give too much weight to either the divinity or humanity of Jesus; they are equal in measure, equal in importance. Without divinity, there is no salvation; without humanity, there is no connection to you and me – both are necessary for us to have any chance at full redemption. While it is true that God could have saved us anytime, any way, anywhere, God chose Jesus (with the fullness of humanity and divinity) to be among us, similar to us in all things but sin. In this way, “one of our own” saved us. This is where it gets tricky for the Jewish audience: according to tradition, no one is supposed to know the origins of the Messiah – but they know Jesus’ roots. This is not so important for us as Christians (we should be happy that God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus as savior and messiah!), but it is a major issue for the Jewish audience of the day (and continues to be a point of division between Christians and Jews).

Today’s passage gives us hope, both for today and for the future. Today’s hope comes in the fact that Jesus gives us Himself as “food for the journey”, spiritual food that strengthens our souls. Future hope comes in the fact that Jesus came “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41), showing us the way to the Kingdom, and that with this “Bread of Life” we will live forever. May we come to know, appreciate and share this life, this life in Christ, with all whom we meet.

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

Registration for Faith Formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

August Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

August 19 at 6:30 pm,
St. Ann Parish Center

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!

Important Note:

Due to the Outdoor Mass at 4 pm on August 18th, there will be no 6:15 Mass that evening.

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

Sunday, August 18th
St. John's Back Lawn
4 pm Mass* 5 pm Barbecue

This 4 pm Mass will be in lieu of the 6:15 Mass Sunday Night

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family

Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

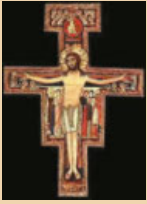
*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Tickets will be sold the weekends of July 20/21 and July 27/28 and at the door.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASS AT ST. ANN'S AT 9:00 AM
MASS AT ST. JOHN'S AT 7:00 PM**

MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



Along with today (11 August) being the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, it is also the Feast of St. Clare. Let's learn more about this great Franciscan woman of faith. Clare was born July 16, 1194 as Chiara Offreduccio the eldest daughter of Favorino Scifi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. There

are many legends of how Clare and Francis met, but it is clear that Clare would have known about Francis and his movement of brothers seeking to follow Jesus and embrace Holy Poverty. Having refused to marry at 15, she was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. At 18, she escaped one night from her father's home, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed the long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. She clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair and remained adamant. Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a guide to their life. The women were initially called the "Poor Ladies," later the "Order of San Damiano", and by 1263, just ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the "Order of Saint Clare" – commonly referred to today as the Poor Clares. The nuns went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat and observed almost complete silence. Later Clare, like Francis, persuaded her sisters to moderate this rigor: "Our bodies are not made of brass." The greatest emphasis, of course, was on gospel poverty. They possessed no property, even in common, subsisting on daily contributions. When even the pope tried to persuade her to mitigate this practice, she showed her characteristic firmness: "I need to be absolved from my sins, but I do not wish to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of her life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick, waited on table, washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals and bishops often came to consult her—she never left the walls of San Damiano. Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. She was always obedient to his will and to the great ideal of gospel life which he was making real. Clare's theology of joyous poverty in imitation of Christ is evident in the Rule she wrote for her community and in her four letters to Agnes of Prague.

A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenseless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled. On August 15, 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi. Construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was completed in 1260, and on October 3 of that year Clare's remains were transferred to the newly completed basilica where they were buried beneath the high altar. In further recognition of the saint, Pope Urban IV officially changed the name of the Order of Poor Ladies to the Order of Saint Clare. Some 600 years later in 1872, Saint Clare's remains were transferred to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare where they can still be seen today. St. Clare is the patron saint of television – and many people are surprised by that. The reason is that in the later years of Clare's life, when she was unable to arise from the sick bed and attend Mass, she was able to "view" the Mass being celebrated in a vision displayed on the wall of her small room.

Pax et Bonum, Fr. Paul, OFS

WHILE WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR PARISH FAMILY ARE ON VACATION, HOWEVER OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS NOT. PLEASE REMEMBER US AS YOU HEAD OFF FOR YOUR SUMMER TRIPS WITH A FINANCIAL OFFERING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER.

Please remember in your prayers:



*William E Foley
Stephen P. Curley
Loretta Murray
Noreen C. Clancy*

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.*

*Alessia Raquel Marino
Violet Marie Bonda
Michaela Alexandra Ruggiero*



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

FROM THE PRO LIFE OFFICE & Missy Schrader

On behalf of those served by the *Pregnancy Help/Fund for the Unborn* ministry of the Pro-Life Office, we would like to thank you for the recent Parish Baby Shower at St. John and St. Ann Parishes. Thank you! The beautiful baby items and monetary donation of \$160.00 are a much-appreciated response to the Church's call to accompany mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies

It is beautiful to see how thanks to the generosity of the people in the Archdiocese the Church is a sign of Hope and Love to so many. We are very grateful. As Mother Theresa used to remind us "*Not all of us can do great things, But we can do small things with great love*". Thank you for putting so much love into everything you do.



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, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
We need jelly & rice pilaf
Cash donations also accepted

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379

To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: All meetings are suspended for the Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!

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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

Monday, August 5, 2024
Monday, August 19, 2024

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.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute that large sums., ie \$100

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Join families, friends and peers from the Catholic community for a night of fun at America's Most Beloved Ballpark!

SATURDAY, SEP 7TH AT 7:15PM
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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT FRCONLEY@STMARYSCITUATE.ORG





Archbishop-elect Henning is currently the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

On behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Boston, including our priests, religious, deacons, and laity we welcome Archbishop-elect Richard Henning. We extend our deep gratitude to the Holy Father for this appointment demonstrating his ongoing pastoral care for the people of the Archdiocese. I look forward to our people and the wider community getting to know our new Archbishop-elect in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. He ministers with the heart of a pastor with a sincere commitment to serving Christ and the Church.

Archbishop-elect Henning will be installed as Archbishop of Boston on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA. Additional details to follow.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley

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