



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 17, 2025
 Twentieth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee — Pilgrims of Hope

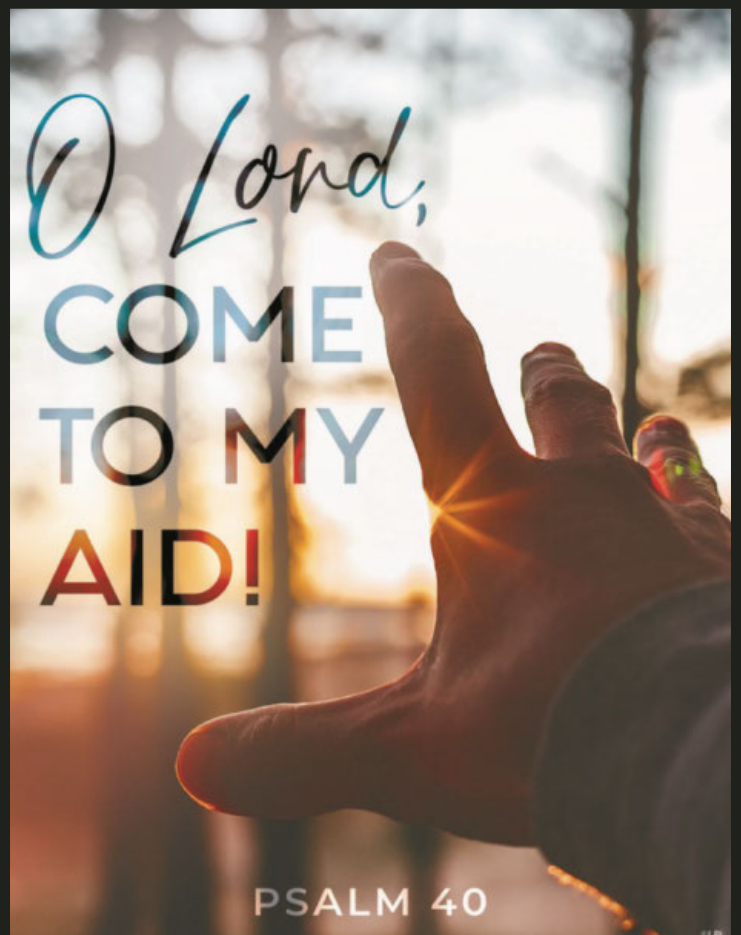


20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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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

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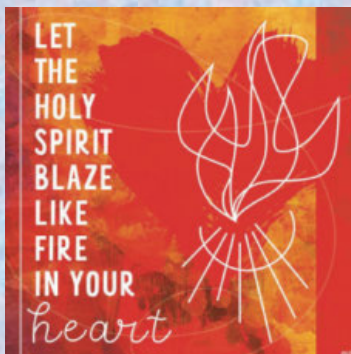
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:00 - Alice & Albert Frenette — Memorial

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:30 - Edward Twomey — 6th Anniversary

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:00 - Anthony Grasso — Memorial

Sunday, August 24, 2025

9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 - Ken MacKinaw — 2nd Anniversary

11:30 - Christian D'Ottavio — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 - Rita & Robert Farrell, Mary Kenn, & Stephen Mason — Memorial

11:30 - Jessica Thurston — 12th Anniversary

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MEMORIAL MASSES

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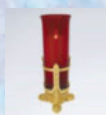
HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55

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,

The words we find spoken by Jesus in today's gospel seem somewhat incongruous with the "Prince of Peace" we know Him to be; as my seminary professor who taught us the "ins and outs" of the New Testament used to say, this is not the "warm and fuzzy Jesus" to which many are accustomed. Yet they are in line with Jesus' sense that the mission He has brought into the world will bring division. Not all will be able to listen to His words and follow His pronouncements. The life of a Christian is not an easy one, and Jesus makes that abundantly clear in this gospel passage from Luke. Even family relationships, which are supposed to be sources of comfort and security, are called into question by Jesus in this text.

So, where does this leave us? Quite simply, if even (biological) family relationships are a source of contention, then there is only one place to turn: Jesus. It is Jesus to whom we are to look for surety and safety. It is the Lord to whom we are to look when we are in trouble. It was that way with Jeremiah, with the Psalmist (in today's Psalm 40), it was that way with St. Paul and the other disciples, and it is that way with us. We do not, however, face these challenges alone. We have our brothers and sisters in faith, we have the Church, and we have God Himself. The "baptism" with which Jesus must be baptized is one of suffering, death and, ultimately, redemption. It is not, of course, His redemption which is at stake: it is ours. Jesus does, however, know what it is to suffer; He knows what it is to die. But through His suffering and death, we have not only won for us newness of life, but the security to go through this life courageously. We do secure in the knowledge that we have "not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood" (Heb. 12:4). We do, however, have to "die to self" so that Christ may live in us.

May we have the courage to follow Jesus with our whole heart. May we know that any suffering we endure is nothing as compared to the glory that awaits us in the Kingdom. May we know and trust that Jesus walks with us on our journey of faith supporting, lifting up and strengthening us. May this life bear fruit not only here on earth, but in the Kingdom of His Eternal Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME HELPING WITH FUND RAISING FOR OUR PARISHES, PLEASE LET ARLENE AND /OR DEBBIE AND/OR MATT KNOW.

WE WOULD LIKE TO DO SOME FUN THINGS, BUT WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN US.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

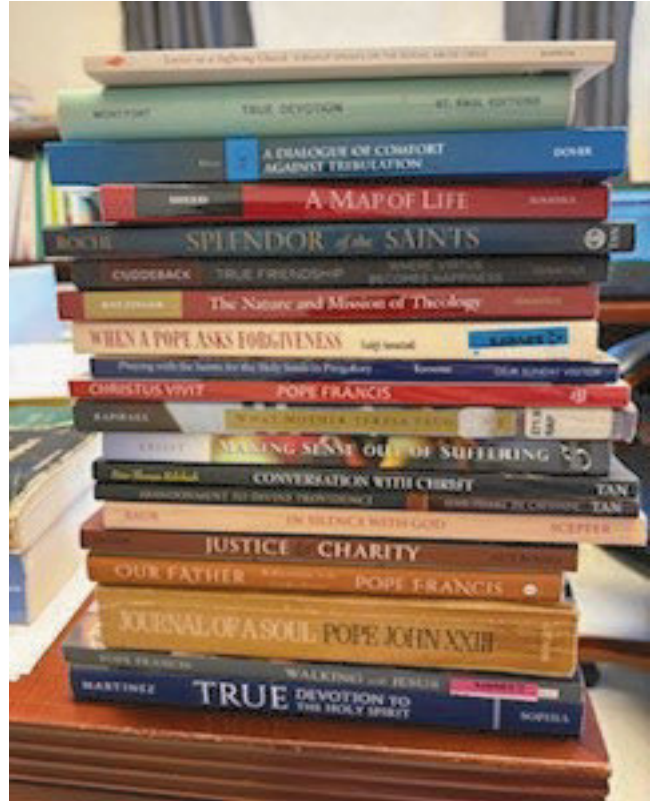
For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026

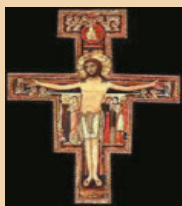
Registration for faith formation 2025-2026 is now open. The schedule and registration form can be found on the parish websites.

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**



Thanks to some recent donations, we have many new titles available in our Lending Libraries for your reading pleasure. Please stop by and check them out!



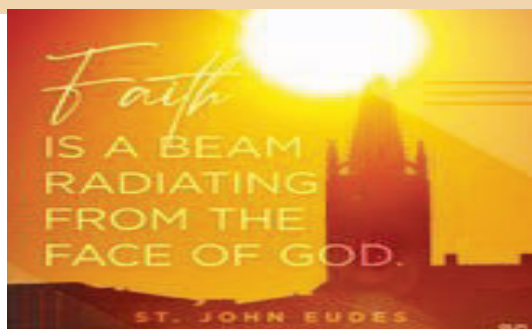
MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

For the last few years, I have been privileged to hear confessions and concelebrate Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula (2 August). In hearing confessions (one of my favorite things to do as a priest), and concelebrating Mass (the main reason why I was ordained!), I have had the pleasure of joining many of my fellow Franciscans (clergy and lay) in celebrating one of the major Feasts on the Franciscan calendar. August 2nd – Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (aka the Feast of the Portiuncula). The small chapel of St. Mary of the Angels (Our Lady of the Angels) was very dear to St. Francis of Assisi. He referred to it as the Portiuncula (or the Little Portion) and it is considered the cradle of the Franciscan Order. In 1209, as the quarters of Rivo Torto became too small for the newly forming religious order, St. Francis obtained from the Benedictines the use of the Portiuncula, for which he paid a basket of fish. The church and the surrounding small parcel of land were in disrepair. Just as he did at San Damiano, St. Francis rebuilt it, adding small huts (cells) and enclosing it all in a protective hedge. It was there that St. Francis gained a more vivid understanding of his own vocation. He held the annual meetings of the friars (Chapters) there and it is where he desired to spend his final earthly moments; dying in his nearby cell October 3, 1226.

St. Francis felt that the Portiuncula was a place filled with God's grace. In 1216, at the request of St. Francis, the Pope granted special privilege (plenary indulgence – a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins) to all those who would visit the little chapel. Although limited to noon on August 1st to midnight on August 2nd, the privilege continues to be granted to this day; not only to those who visit the Portiuncula, but to anyone who visits any church where the friars live and minister. To receive this privilege (for yourself or for someone else – living or deceased), in addition to the visit, one must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within several weeks of the feast, go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, recite the Our Father and Apostles Creed, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. May those of us who love St. Francis, follow St. Francis, and strive to walk in the way of St. Francis be blessed on this special Feast Day!

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



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

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| St. Ann — Offertory 8-03-25 | — \$ 2,925 |
| Second Collection | \$ 842 |
| Sacramental Donations + Misc. | <u>\$ 1,196</u> |
| Total | \$ 4,963 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| St John — Offertory 8-03-25 | — \$ 2,506 |
| Second Collection | \$ 322 |
| Sacramental Donations + Misc. | <u>\$ 970</u> |
| Total | \$ 3,788 |

Update of the outstanding extra bills:

All outstanding bills are caught up at this time due to your amazing answers to our call for help.

As you can see, finances at both churches are beginning to improve thanks to your generosity.

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.

We raised between both churches a total of \$2,578 for Fr. John's Water Project.

We are hoping to form a Uganda Committee that would be on-going throughout the year with the ultimate purpose of coming up with creative ideas to help raise money for these worthy projects; Like Raffles, bake sales, candy sales etc. We need helpers to brainstorm ideas and then to help occasionally with the activities. This way the burden of helping Fr. John and Fr. Stephen would not be concentrated in just the summer and with collections.

Please call the offices if you are interested in helping. Or you can reach out at mass when you see anyone of us. Bring a friend. The more the merrier.

Think about how lucky we are to turn on the faucet and get water. I can't imagine walking a long distant with a large jug on my shoulders to bring water back to the community and then have to process that water for drinking.

Imagine walking 5-7 miles to school in danger and then going home the same way? I know I hated walking a mile to school. These children walk in the heat or the pelting rain those distances for an education. Compare it to the blessings our children enjoy. We are soooo blessed.

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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'Guisepppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, 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. "OLOL" 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).



20TH 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 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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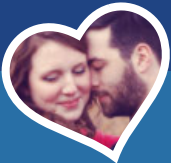
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