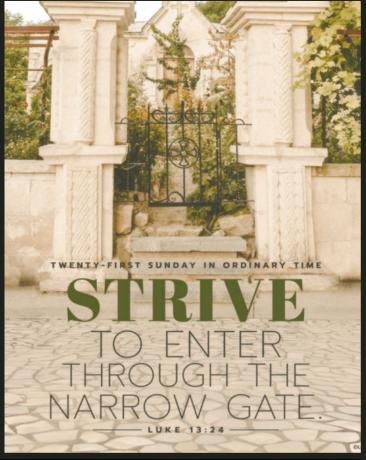


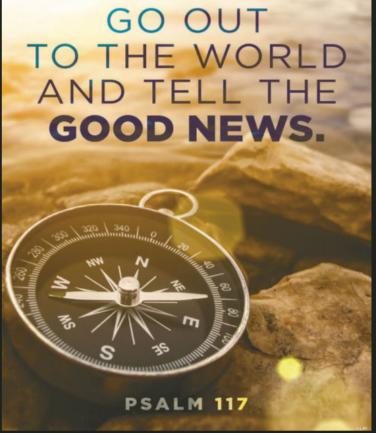
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Saint Ann & Saint John
August 24, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope



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





### **Church of Saint Ann**

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

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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

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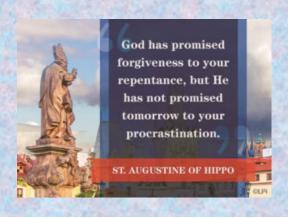
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Thursday, August 28, 2025

9:00 - Anna M. Ritucci — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, August 30, 202

4:00 - Dennis Rando — Memorial

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:30 - Prisco & Paula — Memorial

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

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

11:30 - Jessica Thurston — 12th Anniversary

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative 11:30 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative

#### 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,

As the story is told, a Baptist minister passes away and enters into the Kingdom. As he's being shown around, St. Peter is showing him the different "rooms" in Heaven. As they pass one room, the minister is informed that this is the "Baptist room"; as they go down the hall, the minister is shown the "Lutheran hall", the "Methodist hall", etc. As they pass by one room, St. Peter asks the minister to be quiet; when the minister asks why, St. Peter informs him that "this is the Catholic room – they think that they're the only ones up here!" I tell that story not to disparage the Catholic faith, but to illustrate a point.

I've always felt, as the song goes, that "there's wideness in God's mercy". Today's gospel reminds us that it takes more than "lip service" to be a Christian. It further reminds us that we might be surprised both who's *in* the Kingdom and who's *not*. We must not only *know about* God, we must *know* God. This comes from prayer, study and relationship. Our prayer draws us closer to God; our study helps us to understand our faith; our relationship with God helps us grow closer in relationship to one another.

There is no doubt that to enter into the Kingdom means entering through the "narrow gate" (Lk 13:24). This idea applies not only to our life after this world, but also our life in this world. To be a Christian means to enter into a focused way of living, sometimes shutting out or disposing of those things that are not of God. It could be a wrong attitude, an incorrect way of living or a bad relationship. In each of these cases, we must decide what matters most to us. Ultimately, we stand before the judgment seat of Christ answering for our life's decisions. At that time, it won't matter how many times we have uttered the Lord's name – all that will matter is whether we put the Lord first, above all things. God's mercy is, indeed, wide, but narrow is the way to the Kingdom. Let us prepare right here and now for that time, so that God may welcome us into His Kingdom of 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 Directorofiministries.tic@gmail.com

### **Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026**

# Classes start September 21, so please register soon!

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

### Class Schedule:

Grades 1-5 Sundays 8:20-9:20 am St. Ann

Grades 1-5 Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm St. Ann

Grades 1-5 Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm St. John

Grades 6-8 Sundays 5-6 pm St. Ann

Grades 6-8 Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm St. John

Grade 9 Sundays 7:15-8:15 pm St. Ann

Grade 10 Sundays 7:15-8:15 pm St. Ann

(Grades 9 and 10 meet every other week)

# Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

September 15 at 6:30 pm at St. John

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.

### Catechists Wanted!

As we draw near to the start of a new faith formation year, catechists are wanted to teach in our program. Without this team of volunteers, it would be impossible to have a successful program. Passing on your faith is one of the most rewarding things you can do, so please consider signing up. You will be trained and provided with all the materials.

Here is the list of openings at the time this was sent to the publisher. Please see the schedule at left for details of time and location.

Grade 1 Monday

Grade 1 Tuesday

Grade 2 Tuesday

Grade 3 Sunday

Grade 3 Tuesday

Grade 4 Tuesday

Grade 5 Sunday

Grade 5 Tuesday

Grade 6 Wednesday

Grade 7 Sunday

Grade 8 Wednesday

Grade 9

Grade 10

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Brady. 774-533-2002



#### MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Luke

13:30). In this last line of today's gospel,

Jesus reminds us that it may surprise us as to whom we find in the Kingdom...presuming we get there ourselves! My mother used to say that "If we are blessed to get into the Kingdom, to be "on the correct side of the gates", we may be surprised as to who we see – and don't see – there!" It was her reminder to us that we cannot presume that just because we pray, we call upon the Lord, we feel that we are in right relationship with God that we have any guarantee of seeing eternity in Heaven. In other words, we cannot just "pay 'lip service'" to the Lord. We must be people of words AND deeds, prayer AND action.

This idea of prayer and action is not a new one. It is highlighted by St. Clare of Assisi's words: "Let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds" ("Testament of St. Clare"). It's about showing up. Woody Allen once quipped that "90% of life is just showing up". St. Clare showed up. St. Clare was known for showing up. She often took care of her sisters—or the friars—who were ill. In fact, she cared for Francis near the end of his life. One story is that Clare used to wash the feet of her sisters after they would come in from doing chores. On this particular day, as she finished washing the feet of one of her fellow sisters, Clare bent over to kiss her foot. Out of humility, the sister pulled her foot back, striking Clare in the mouth. Rather than recoil in pain, Clare simply proceeded to kiss the sister's foot. Even when Clare was sick and in bed, she ministered to others as she was able. During those days, she would use the time to sew altar cloths for surrounding churches. Ministry in action that was Clare's default. It should be ours as well.

This past week, I had the opportunity to exercise that charism. I spent the week at "E.C.("Exceptional Citizens") Week". It is a traditional week of camp, full of nature walks, waterfront activities, boating and swimming, campfires, and the like. Our motto at Camp is "Love in Action", something of which St. Clare - and, no doubt, St. Francis - would approve. They were people of love AND action, as well as love IN action. They lived their faith in word and deed...and we should, as well!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



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

St. Ann — Offertory 8-03-25 — \$2,176 Second Collection \$ 793 Sacramental Donations + Misc. \$1,898 Total \$4,867

St John — Offertory 8-03-25 — \$2,338 Second Collection \$ 429 Sacramental Donations +Misc. \$1,647 Total \$3,788

As you can see, finances at both churches are beginning to improve thanks to your generosity and we are hoping that when the folks return after summer, things will get even better.

If you have the time or talent to help in any way, please let us know. If you have any wishes for different activities or ministries, please let us know.

If anyone in the parishes has the ability to paint the white areas, (not the steeples) of St. John's, help is truly needed.

We raised between both churches a total of \$2,578 for Fr. John's Water Project. He extends his sincerest thank you to all who helped in this project progression.

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.

The Barbeque raised \$370 and everyone who attended said they had a great time. Next year we hope more people will be able to attend. Thank you to Matt and his team of helpers, as well as, the Hospitality Team.







### **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, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guiseppe, 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).



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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

### September 2 (Tuesday) & 15

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

### **NEWS**

### SAINT BENEDICT'S PARISH SCHOOL PROJECT

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