



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 August 31, 2025
 Twenty-second Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope

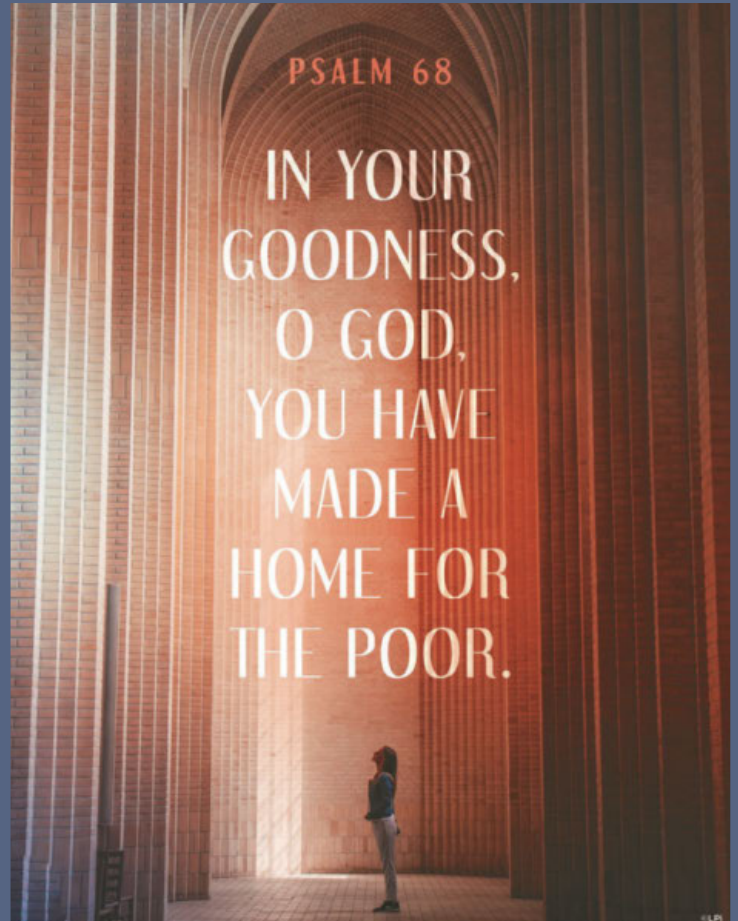


22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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Fr. Michael Diochi

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

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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:00 - Dennis Rando — Memorial

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:30 - Prisco & Paula — Memorial

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

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:30 - Willie DeJulio — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Lisa Maloney — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 - Mary Hobbs — Birthday Remembrance

11:30 - Michael S. Bonner — 5th Anniversary

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MEMORIAL MASSES

Suggested donation \$25+

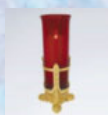
HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK
Suggested donation \$55

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,

It was the custom in Jesus' day, to have "tiered" seating; this was an ancient Roman custom adopted by many Jewish families. In taking this multi-leveled approach, there were "seats of honor", which were reserved for high-powered folk or close family/friends of the host. One would never dare to sit in one of these seats, lest he be asked to move to a lower place and thus suffering embarrassment in front of the whole assembly. One would (or should) wait to be asked to take their place at one of these seats of honor.

Jesus uses this custom to illustrate how one is to live the Christian life. In following Jesus, one is to live a life of humility; this humble way of living, never assuming "places of honor" but being willing to take a lower place (one of service), is how one is to live. This is not to say that we are to be "doormats", to let people walk all over us. On the contrary, if we live our lives in quiet service then we are winning for ourselves esteem in the eyes of God (the only one we should be concerned about offending or embarrassing). Humility, in the eyes of the world, is often seen as a weakness, something to be avoided. True humility, humility that is rooted not in this world but in the Kingdom, is not at all humiliating; it is quite the opposite, in fact, if we do it right.

Sirach reminds us of this in today's first reading. In extolling the virtue of humility, the author tells us that one that practices humility "will be loved more than a giver of good gifts" (Sir 3:17). Sirach further reminds the listener that true humility means that we "will find favor with God" (Sir 3:18). We should be focused on pleasing God; yet, so very often we are concerned about our "standing" with our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, etc. What most of us fail to realize is that when we please God, others will benefit. When we strive to please God above all else, we become more secure in who we truly are, who we have been created to be. In loving God, it is by extension that we love our brothers and sisters. If we love God, but not our neighbor, we are only doing half of the work.

May we have the courage to love God above all else. May we serve God, and our brothers and sisters, in true humility, charity and love. May we come to know God by extending ourselves in love to one another and, by doing so, serve God with all our heart.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

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

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 times and locations.

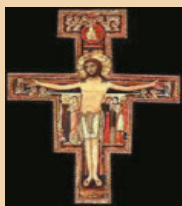
Grade 1 Monday
Grade 1 Tuesday
Grade 2 Tuesday
Grade 3 Tuesday
Grade 4 Tuesday
Grade 5 Sunday
Grade 5 Tuesday
Grade 6 Wednesday
Grade 7 Sunday
Grade 8 Wednesday
Grade 9
Grade 10

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

Protecting God's Children Training

All collaborative volunteers and staff, regardless of role, must complete this training at least once.

If you are a current volunteer and we do not have a record of you completing this training, you can expect an email from us soon. We are hosting a session at St. Ann on September 14 at 11 am with a session at St. John to be scheduled soon. Other sessions are also available at neighboring parishes. To sign up, please visit <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/> and click on First Time Registrant. You must sign-up online in advance to attend. For questions, please call or email Matt Brady.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As I write this, I am just finishing a week of "Love In Action", the motto of "E.C.

(Exceptional Citizens) Week". It is a week-long camp where traditional activities found at any camp (boating, swimming, arts and crafts, campfires) are offered to campers with special needs, either physical or emotional. It has been going for over 50 years, and this is my 26th year of attending. It is a magical place of which St. Francis would whole heartedly approve! I say that for a couple of reasons. Firstly, it is held at Camp Pembroke (in Pembroke, MA), a camp full of trees, lakes, fresh air, and sunshine. It is definitely a place where St. Francis could most certainly be drawn to, as God's creation is found in abundance there. Secondly, I think Francis would approve of EC Week because while we are there, over one hundred young men and women are seen as the gifts of God that they are (that we all are), and are not seen as "less than" or "lacking" anything. At E.C. Week, these very special children of God who are treated as "normal" (whatever that may mean!) for at least this week. Each night, as we offer "Goodnights", messages of love and encouragement between all in the camp. I truly believe that God (and St. Francis) most certainly is watching over us as we conduct this week of Camp!

I hope that by giving you this small glimpse into how I spend the third week in August every year, you might be encouraged to support, pray for, or even participate in E.C. Week. More information can be found on www.ecweek.org. May God, through the intercession of St. Francis, watch over and care for ALL of "God's special children"!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



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

St. Ann — Offertory 8-17-25	— \$2,759
Second Collection	\$ 834
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	
Assumption	\$ 277
Fr. Stephen	<u>\$1,718</u>
	\$5,588

Total	
St John — Offertory 8-03-25	— \$2,643
Second Collection	\$ 431
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	\$ 200
Fr. Stephen	<u>\$1,338</u>
Total	\$4,612

The summer is coming to an end, school is about to begin and we hope families will be returning to mass. We look forward to a wonderful year. Remember to sign your children up for Faith Formation. With your help, we can make this a fun year, full of activities.

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 are hoping to form a Committee that would be on-going throughout the year with the ultimate purpose of coming up with creative ideas to help raise money for 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 our churches, 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.



"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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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, 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, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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SAINT ANN'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER CLOTHING AND BOOK DRIVE.

SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

**Please do not use the St Vincent de Paul Bin.
Drop your items off on Saturday or Sunday.**



SAINT ANN'S ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS RAISING MONEY WITH A RAFFLE FOR LOTTERY TICKETS.



**DETAILS ARE IN THE PEWS
AND AROUND THE CHURCHES.
DRAWING SEPTEMBER 9TH**



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

September 2nd (Tuesday) & 15th

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

Please remember in your prayers:

*Elaine Pratt
Irene Churchill
Michael Bair*

*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.*

Oliver Robert Wall

Nolan River Borella

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



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