



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*August 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*“Come to me,
all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will
give you rest.”*

MATTHEW 11:28



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass –6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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

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 Tuesday 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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:00 - Nancy Saya — 16 th Anniversary

10:30 - Joseph Brum 20th Anniversry

Maragrida DeJesus — Memorial

Saturday, September 1, 2018

4:00 — Dennis Rando—Memorial

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:00 - E. Bridgewater Police

10:30 - Jessica Thurston—5th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:00 - Russell Daly — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:30 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's

Monday, August 27, 2018

Anna Margaret Retucci — Memorial

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Margaret Corbett & Family — Healing

Saturday, September 1, 2018

4:00 - Julia Fernandes —1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Karen Bridget Doherty — Month's Mind

DEACON BRENDAN'S CORNER

It is my hope and wish that you are enjoying this long holiday weekend. A holiday which honors your labor both in and out of your household.

The new school year has begun or will begin this week. For any student young and old, it is a perfect time to renew one's effort and discipline to learn as much as possible. It could be fun sharing new information with other family members. Older members of the family could share their own experiences when they were taught social science or English composition or geometry. Perhaps one could speak about their own job responsibility and how what they learned in school is used at work, for example job proposals, lesson plans, carpentry, patient progress reports. Such interesting discussions help motivate young students to pay attention and realize what they are learning they will use later on in life. One last thought, a family might ask Our Lord to bless and watch over them as the new school year is underway.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Every Christmas growing up, we had a traditional way to celebrate and mark the day (not unlike most/all families). On Christmas eve, we would decorate the tree, which would be followed by midnight Mass and then (upon arriving home) the opening of *one* present; it could be any gift, but all other presents had to wait until the morning to be opened. This was important to us, as it marked security and continuity for us as a family. Our faith is no different; rituals and traditions are important, for they help us bond and be formed as a people. These events or customs help us to worship in a way befitting the sacrifice God offers us in Christ Jesus. They cannot, however, get in the way of the meaning behind that worship.

This is the dilemma posed to Jesus. Some of His disciples do not follow the custom of washing one's hands before eating; this would make sense, as some of these followers were Gentiles coming over to the "New Way", as it was being called. It had its *roots* in Judaism (and adapted many of its traditions) to be sure, but it wasn't Judaism. Jesus answers the Pharisees by quoting the prophet Isaiah, who basically warned against "lip service". It is not enough, Jesus contends, to say that you follow God; your actions, your manner and your very life must reflect this truth. In the case of the ritual hand-washing, one could scrub "until the cows came home", but it would not cleanse the soul. This is something which takes an internal "cleansing". In our own tradition, this would include an "examination of conscience" and, ultimately, sacramental confession. In this way, one makes oneself ready to not only **receive Jesus** (in Word and Sacrament) but also **live Jesus** (in Spirit and Truth).

This is not to say that ritual is useless or unimportant. On the contrary, if we live as Jesus calls us to live, then the rituals and symbols which we use and enter into can only serve to enhance that relationship. The rituals we undertake are meant to lead to a "greater good", and a deeper truth. On the surface they may seem unimportant, but if done right, they can strengthen not only our relationship with God but our resolve to share this truth.

May all that we do, in word and deed, lead to a better understanding of who God is for us. May we know that Jesus, who is the one who calls us into relationship, is at the heart of every ritual, every liturgical action, and every sacred moment. May we have the courage to share this presence, this real and abiding presence, with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection
September 9, 2018 — St. Benedict's School, Uganda
 September 16, 2018 — Clergy Health and Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	8/19/18		8/19/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,410	\$3,680	\$ 4,998	\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL ASSUMPTION	\$15,920 522	\$32,000	\$26,420 536	\$32,000

GRIEF SUPPORT

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church and Saint Basil Chapel in Bridgewater are pleased to announce the next series of Grief Support sessions to begin on

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
At 6:30 PM

The meetings are expected to run for nine weeks. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to join this Christian-based Bereavement Support Group. Meetings will be held at St. Thomas Parish Center, 103 Center St., Bridgewater, MA 02324.

For more information, call Carol at 508-697-2281 or Ginny at 508-697-7649.

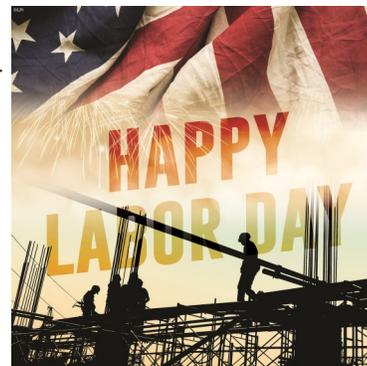
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HEAL YOUR FAMILY

All families face challenges. Come pray with your family about these trials and seek strength and healing. A prayerful afternoon starting at 2:00 with Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, ending with Mass and an Anointing will unify your family. We hope to see you on Sunday, September 16 for this prayerful event. Join us at St. Joseph Chapel near The Father Peyton Center, 500 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Event is free, family-friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. For more information, call Family Rosary at 508-238-4095.

Labor Day
 Good and Gracious God,
 You created human beings in Your image and likeness
 And gave us dominion over creation
 to be stewards of the land
 and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
 Jesus, You became one of us
 and labored as a carpenter.
 You ask all people --
 whatever our state of life --
 to follow you faithfully.
 Holy Spirit, bless all
 workers this Labor Day.
 May all our actions be
 animated by Your love,
 as we do all things for
 the glory of God.
 Amen.



EVERY FAITH COMMUNITY IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE PEOPLE WITHIN IT.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN BOTH SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S FOR VARIOUS TASKS. ANY HELP THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE A BLESSING. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES.

WE NEED:

- PEOPLE TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH.
- PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP WITH DELIVERIES OR LIFTING
- SOMEONE TO VACUUM THE CHURCH ONCE A WEEK.
- SOMEONE TO DO ODD JOBS AT BOTH CHURCHES.

Are you retired and looking for something to fill a few hours? This might be the little thing you are looking for. If interested, please contact Debbie or Arlene at the Rectory Office.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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Give your children the gift of faith



Religious Education

Begins at

Saint Ann's

Sunday, September 16th

Register now to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of teachers for your children.



MEAT RAFFLE

SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

OPENING THE NEW YEAR WITH

**MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT NOON
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE HALL**

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!

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.

Everyday Stewardship

Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God.

We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



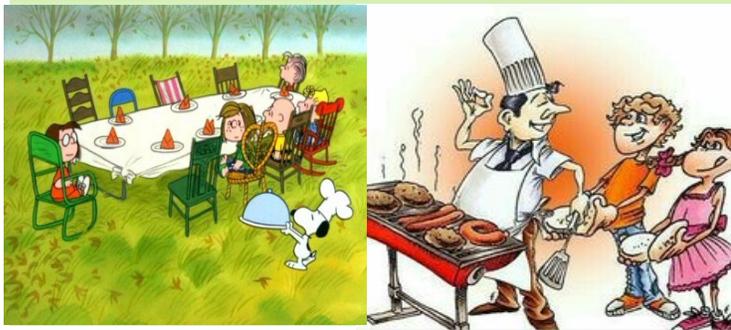
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Martha Bundeff, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Jim Cullen, Mary Jane Coakley, Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



SAINT JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

THIS WEEKEND
(following the 10:30 Mass)

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Various Salads, Corn on the Cob, Homemade sweets and Watermelon are on the menu.

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT
THE DOOR**

It is really helpful if people purchase tickets early, so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

AUGUST 26 — PICNIC — FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

September 9 — Shawl Mtg — 2 PM

September 12 — CCW — mass @ noon followed by lunch @ St John's Hall.

Saturday, September 15 — EBBA Business Expo/ Family Fun Day — 10 AM—2 PM

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

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

There are many ways to donate, and help our friends and neighbors. The SVDP boxes in the back of the church, online giving, and sending donations directly to SVDP-St John Conference at our new address (PO Box 544) as well as direct donation of goods.

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

The Food Panty is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Panty hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
BEGINS AUGUST 13TH**

**Forms can be obtained on-line at
www.stjohnsb.comcast.net
Or in the Religious Ed Office
508-378-1521**



To the Parishioners of St. Ann and John, peace and love from St. Benedict school, Uganda. This is the girls' dormitory yet to be completed. This is where we are now. Thank you for your generous contribution.

As you see it in the picture, what remains is roofing, plastering, installation of water and electricity at a cost of USD 50,000:00 Then the parents will bring the beds and mattresses for their daughters.

Am kindly appealing to your continued generosity. Our target is to complete this building this year so that we embark on the boys' dormitory next year.

Send your check through St. John or St. Ann. Include in the memo St. Benedict school.

Kindly contact me on my email below for a one to one talk or for more explanations. Thanx so much.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba

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