



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017*



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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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.

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 for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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 of the month 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

September 10, 2017—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00 — Richard Venesky — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 — Nancy Saya — 16th Anniversary

10:30 — George P. Koslowsky — Month's Mind

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 — Lena Shepherd—15th Ann., Leonard Shepherd—25th Anniversary

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00 —Frederick H. Mitchell — 1st Anniversary

10:30 —Maria Chaves—3rd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 9, 2017

4:00 — John M. Booth —Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 10, , 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann who are suffering with illnesses

Monday, September 11, 2017

9:00 — The Corbett Family —Memorial

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

9:00— Mamie Marochini — Birthday Remem.

Friday, September 8, 2017

9:00 — Mary Rose Short, George E. Short, Jr. — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:30 - Dorothy English — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Vincent & Concetta Columbo Viny & Martha Columbo, Lou & Gayle Columbo, Bruce Caplice



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Like with a lot of things in life, forgiveness and reconciliation is a process – it doesn't just "happen". In today's gospel, the four-step process of reconciliation is as follows: one-on-one, going with a friend, calling in the church, treating them (the one who wronged you) like you would "a Gentile or tax collector" (an outsider with no standing in the community) (Mt 18:17). It seems as if Jesus is contradicting the idea of forgiving "seventy times seven times" (Mt 18:22, in the passage immediately following today's gospel). One has to look carefully at the passage to see that the two ideas (treating one like an outsider and forgiving unconditionally) are not contradictory.

There are some times when one has to "give it over to God" (a stock phrase of my mother's). In doing this one is allowing God to work in the life of the person who has wronged us in a way that we cannot. Sin must be challenged when it is seen, but it must be done in the most effective way possible. This is the reasoning behind the "escalation" found in the process of forgiveness in today's gospel. One begins by allowing the person to repent/apologize without "going public". If this is unsuccessful, then one brings in a "third party" (one, it is assumed, who knows both parties) to provide objective counsel. If this does not work, you bring in the church (the competent authority which has the power to "bind" and "loose" (as referred to in Mt 18:18)). Finally, when these avenues have been exhausted, then one who has wronged is commended to God (so that the Almighty can work in the person's life).

It can be a challenging thing, to confront sin and to be confronted by one's own sin. It is a humbling experience both for the offending and aggrieved parties. If one is open to correction, and if one is bold enough to correct, then healing can take place. If not, the only remedy is to allow God to work in both party's lives. If this is done, then healing can still take place, in God's own time; at times such as this, only God's power can "do the job".

May we have the courage to both confront and be confronted by sin. May we know the healing power of God through forgiveness and reconciliation. May we feel this healing power by being conduits and receptacles of forgiveness. May we "let God be God" in our lives and in the lives of all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Joe

I am sure everyone is finding themselves busy at this time of year. School is starting for some, for some reason work schedules seem to become fuller when September rolls around and all those tasks you have been putting aside for the summer now are being re-looked at. In our parishes, there are activities that are starting up once again and you or your children might consider participating in. There is the children's choir which rehearses every Monday evening and there is a Bible study at St. John's which meets every Monday evening. If you have not taken the opportunity to spend quiet time with the Lord, which you may need this time of the year, then join us for Adoration at St. John's every Tuesday evening from 7-8pm. Both St. Ann's and St. John's can use more Altar Servers, Lectors, or Eucharistic Ministers. There are many others ways to participate in doing the Lord's work. Have you considered volunteering for the St. Vincent DePaul in your respective parish? Please give some consideration to one of these activities this coming Fall and Winter season.

May God Bless

Deacon Joe Hopgood

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S



SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

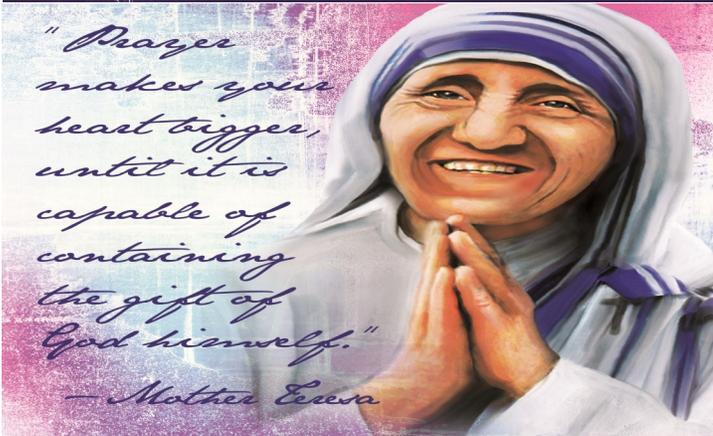
SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Anyone wishing to attend the picnic may purchase a ticket at the picnic today. Ticket \$5 Each.

This week the second collection is the Special Parish Collection which will be used toward the church renovation deficit for Saint Ann's and for the electrical work that needs to be done at Saint John's.

There will also be a basket on the altar for the next two weeks to help the victim of Hurricane Harvey. This is an Archdiocese collection and will be sent from our parish to the Archdiocese.



"Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself."
— Mother Teresa

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



Masses of Intention

Can be taken for any daily mass,

However, if you want the Mass

Celebrated in Saint Ann's or Saint John's

You need to remember the new daily

Mass Schedule.

Saint Ann's is Mon, Tues, and Fri.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

FALL HARVEST MINISTRY FESTIVAL & MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING FOR OUR VOUNTEERS

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30TH @ 4:00
FOLLOWED BY
PASTA WITH THE PASTOR**

THE CRUCIFIX VS. THE RISEN CHRIST

In the upcoming weeks, you will see a crucifix in Saint Ann's church because the rubrics require that we have a crucifix displayed at Mass. A resurrected Jesus should only be used as general decor provided that it does not supplant nor overshadow the crucifix (which ours did). Number 308 of the General Instructions of the Roman Missal states "there is also to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified on it, visible not only during Mass but at all times recalling for the faithful the saving passion of the Lord and remaining near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations.

The focal point of our faith is that Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. Thus, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is only fitting to have a crucifix prominently displayed.



Fall Harvest Ministry Festival

Everything Falls into Place when we walk by

Faith Together for God!

Saturday, September 30th
4:00 pm Mass at St. Ann Church

A Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing for our Volunteers
Invitations have been handed out by the heads of all Ministries.

Pasta with the Pastor
After 4:00 pm Mass-6:00



All are welcome to join a very special Pasta with the Pastor Dinner in the Parish Hall in honor of our volunteers.

Parish Ministry Fair
In the Parish Hall after Mass and from 6:00-6:30

The Fall Harvest Ministry Festival will be a wonderful event to give parishioners a chance to ask questions in order to discern their many gifts and talents to learn how they can share those gifts with our Collaborative as well as give us an opportunity to thank the many people that help make our Collaborative a wonderful place where all are accepted and encouraged to grow in faith!

Our Fall Harvest Ministry Festival also has a component for our Religious Education Students and Parents. Please see the Religious Education Directors for your invitations.



The Parish and Youth Ministry Calendar is Ready!

We will introduce our full programs at all Masses the weekends of September 16-17 and 23-24

Monthly Activities

- Family Mass @ 10:30
- St. John-1st Sunday
- St. Ann-3rd Sunday
- Dinner/Adoration/Confession
- St. Ann-First Friday
- Ultreya
- St. John-Second Thursday
- Prayer Group
- Alternating Locations-3rd Friday
- Pancakes with the Pastor
- St. John-4th Sunday
- Pasta with the Pastor
- 2nd Saturday
- Family/Youth Night
- 2nd Saturday

Opportunities to Grow in Prayer

- At Home Book Club
- 3 different books throughout the year
- Advent Parish Mission
- Various Locations- December 3-5
- Lenten Mission
- TBD
- Prayer Group
- Alternating Locations-3rd Friday
- Exciting New Opportunity**
- Teen Lock-In
- Holy Thursday-Good Friday
- Twelve Hour Fast, Prayer and Service
- Pentacost Vigil- May 19th
- Vacation Bible School**
- July 30th-August 3rd

Service Opportunities

- My Brother's Keeper
- St. Vincent DePaul-EB
- Common Cathedral-Boston
- Kindness Rocks
- Fun- Raising- Nights**
- Dinner, Dance, 50ties night
- Friday, November 3rd, \$20.00
- St. Ann's Parish Hall-
- Joe Presley and the Castletones
- Skate Night
- Bridgewater Ice Arena
- December 27th 6:00-8:00 pm
- Auction- TBD
- "Souper" Bowl Tournament- TBD
- Left-Right-Center Tournament-TBD

Travel Opportunities

- Deep Freeze
- Hebron, New Hampshire
- Overnight Retreat
- PJ Anderson/ Speakers/ Location
- TBD
- Catholic Heart Work Camp
- June 24-30
- Steubenville East
- July 13-15
- Ski Weekend
- Monthly Meeting**
- Adult Meeting
- 4th Thursday of the Month
- Youth Meeting
- 2nd Saturday of the Month

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

September 3, 2017 — \$3,339
 Catholic Univ. — \$1,001

Thank you for your continued contribution.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

ALL TOWNS WELCOME
 Electronic and Appliance Recycle Day in
 West Bridgewater MA

Saint Ann, 103 N. Main St. West Bridgewater, MA

Saturday October 7, 9am-2pm (Rain or shine)
 (cash and personal checks accepted)

Small electronics items: Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each. Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove, Microwave,...\$10 each. Small Engine Items, Lawn mowers, Snow blowers, etc...\$10 ea.

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$10 ea..
 TV's: 15-35

Ac...\$15, Dehumidifier...\$15, Refrigerators...\$20-25
 Scrap/Junk Metal., Grill, Empty propane tank, ex. equipment, weight sets, ...\$10

Cables, Proceeds to Church Reno Deficit

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Elaine Landolfi
 8:30 —Ann Werner
 10:30—Mark Churchill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Anne Garvey
 MaryLou Boyd
 Ray Ledoux

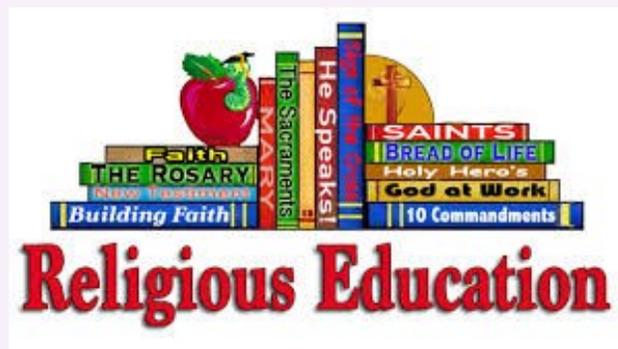
8:30 — Valarie Pelletier
 Martin Heavey
 Charlotte Leines

10:30 — Margaret Mary Williams
 Jerry Bean
 John Zenus



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.



Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

Please remember that all registration forms require a late fee but can still be turned in. Registrations are due ASAP.

Religious Education Classes will begin September 17th.



Every Thursday night
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
 Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
August 27, 2017 – offertory – \$4,369
Spec. Parish – \$1,221
September 3, 2017 – offertory – \$6,231.50
Catholic Univ. –

September 10, 2017 – Spec. Parish Collection for electrical work & Hurricane Harvey

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



DONATION TO ST. BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL, UGANDA.

The School begun 2008 with 48 students in two classes without a library, running water and electricity! These we got in 2011. We have also completed the first floor of the girls dormitory housing 116 girls. Many still want to join but no room yet!

REQUET: We would like to complete the second floor worth \$30,000 and will accommodate more 100 girls.

HOW TO DONATE:

1. Write your check to St. St.John or St. Ann Parish and in the memo indicate St. Benedict school, Uganda.

2.Go fund me on <https://www.gofundme.com/saint-benedicts-high-school>

WHY GIRLS' DORM?

1. Safe and Secure
- 2.Reduce walking long distances of 4,5,6 miles to school in the morning and evening. We have no buses
- 3.Improve academic standard through concentration at school
- 4.Reduce early marriages and pregnancies.
- 5.Women emancipation

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

WILL BEGIN THE YEAR WITH THEIR FIRST MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
 NOON MASS

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. 8/7 — Religious Education Registration Began
 Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic
 Mon.9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe
 Sat. 9/16 — EBBA on the Common—Come visit St. John's Booth

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.



Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, AUG. 7TH

Register on line or in person with Mrs. Hopgood in the Religious Education Office

Tuition can be paid by cash, check, or on-line
 The On-Line Fund is **Religious Education Tuition**

Registration fees are **\$150 for one child; \$200 for two children and \$250 for 3 or more children in a family.**

There is an **additional fee for the sacramental program years:**
(2nd grade - 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$50)
Confirmation program -(9th grade - \$75) & (10th grade - \$50)

St. Vincent de Paul – St. John's Conference

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul food drive will take place the weekends of September 16/17 and September 23/24.

Next weekend members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors of the church as you leave Mass to distribute bags. Attached to the bag is a letter that explains about St. Vincent de Paul as to "who we are" and "what we do" along with suggested food items that are needed in the Food Pantry.

Is there someone you know who needs food or other assistance? Please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE at 508-378-3760** so that together we may help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

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