



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 September 14, 2025
 The Exaltation of the
 Holy Cross*



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

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17



• THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS •

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 THE WORLD.

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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-Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC 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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 13, 2025

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

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:30 - Marianne LaCroix — 2nd Anniversary

6:15 - Edith Cameron — Memorial

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:00 - Vincent Hallisey — 14th Anniversary

Brendan Hallisey — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, September 21, 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, September 14, 2025

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

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

Friday, September 19, 2025

9:00 - Paula Cannon — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

11:30 - Kenny Fontaine, Jr. — 6th Anniversary

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES

Suggested donation \$25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK

Suggested donation \$55

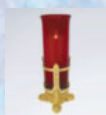
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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK

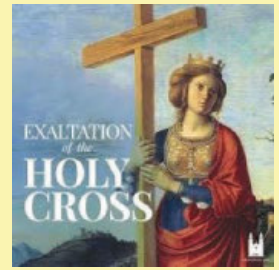
\$95; or including the mass Suggested donation \$120

**HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS,
FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a
Suggested donation of \$175**

**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,

Today the Church steps out of its “ordinal” system (of marking the Weeks of the Liturgical Year numerically) and celebrates The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates a double anniversary: firstly, it commemorates the construction of the Anastasis (which sits above the empty tomb of Jesus and a basilica, the Martyrium; secondly, it commemorates the discovery of the Lord’s Cross by the empress, St. Helena in the year 320.

For us as Catholic-Christians, the Holy Cross of Christ is a central focal point for prayer and worship, as well as a reminder to us of the sacrifice which the Lord made for us on the cross. Having been ordained 30 years ago at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Christ’s Cross is of importance to me as a hallmark of the beginning of my priestly ministry. Each time I approach the altar to celebrate Mass, really any time I walk into a church to worship, I am reminded that it was on the hill at Calvary that life began anew for us as followers of Jesus. It was the sacrifice of Jesus that allowed us to experience newness of life. It was on that first Good Friday that we were first called into a that new relationship forged by the blood of Christ. It is in that newness of life, that sacrifice, that relationship, that we know that we are forever united with Christ.

One of my favorite devotions is The Stations of the Cross. It is not so much a favorite because of what it signifies, which is horrific, but of what it gains for us. It allows us to unite our sufferings, our very selves, with the sufferings experienced in the person of Christ. At each station, we begin with a simple (yet profound) prayer: “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you...Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world”. May we know of Christ’s redemptive sacrifice each time we gaze upon the Cross of Christ. May the exaltation we are called to offer on this day lead us to a deeper understanding of, a deeper union with, and a deeper love for Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A Blessed Week to You All,

Fr. Paul

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the time limit that cardinals have to elect a new pope?

Answer: There is no official time limit.

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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)

Faith Formation Parent Meetings

St. John: Mon. 9/15 7:30 pm
St. Ann: Wed. 9/17 7:30 pm

Both meetings will take place in the main church

Catechists Wanted!

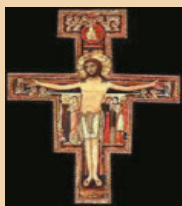
As we draw near to the start of a new faith formation year, catechists are wanted to teach in our program. Without this team of volunteers, it would be impossible to have a successful program. Passing on your faith is one of the most rewarding things you can do, so please consider signing up. You will 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 Tuesday
Grade 4 Tuesday
Grade 5 Sunday
Grade 5 Tuesday
Grade 6 Wednesday
Grade 8 Wednesday
Grade 10

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Brady.

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

The Cross is where it begins for St. Francis. Quite simply, without the encounter which St. Francis had with Christ in front of the crucifix at the Church at San Damiano, who knows where his life would have gone. He very likely would have had a (fairly successful and profitable) career as a soldier for a time, after which he would have joined his father selling textiles. After having this meeting with Christ at the foot of the Cross at San Damiano, his whole worldview changed. His life now had purpose and meaning not only in this world, but in the new world to come (the Eternal Kingdom of Christ).

I had the opportunity to stand at the foot of the very Cross at which St. Francis stood. While I didn't have as life-changing an experience as St. Francis did (I don't foresee myself starting a religious order anytime soon), it was life changing insofar as my own journey into the Franciscan life. It was at that encounter at San Damiano, as well as other encounters had in Assisi, that started me on my road towards profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. I have several Crosses of San Damiano, either purchased or given to me as gifts, which serve as a reminder that I am a Secular Franciscan, a follower of Christ through the intercession of St. Francis, a disciple of Jesus formed in the spirit of "Il Poverello" (the "Little Poor One"). St. Francis was called to "rebuild my (Christ's) church". May we heed the call of Christ to rebuild His Church with the same fervor and zeal with which St. Francis did. On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, may we encounter Christ on the Cross and let His love unite ourselves to the world so that they may know of His mercy, His grace, and His love.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Prayer of Love

Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love.

Amen.

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Fiscal Updates & News

St. Ann — Offertory 8-24-25	—	\$2,271
Second Collection		\$ 812
Sacramental Donations + Misc.		\$1,285
Fr. Stephen		<u>\$ 142</u>
		\$4,910

Total		
St John — Offertory 8-24-25	—	\$2,141
Second Collection		\$ 809
Sacramental Donations + Misc.		\$1,133
Fr. Stephen		<u>\$1,100</u>
Total		\$5,183

Discipleship means giving yourself to God above all Others. A little bit of your time would go a long way in helping our Collaborative become vibrant again. Please consider volunteering.

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 ongoing throughout the year with the ultimate purpose of coming up with creative ideas to help raise money for worthy projects; We need helpers to brainstorm ideas and then to help occasionally with the activities.

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 final total of money raised for Fr. Stephen's St. Benedict's Boys Dormitory was \$6044. That was made up of a combination of St. John's and St. Ann's and outside donations from friends of his. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Is any one handy making wooden creations? We are in need of wood framed screens to put in the windows of St. John's to keep out the bees. The screens can be placed in the windows and the windows lowered to keep them in place. Please call 508-378-4207

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



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, Kathy Hannafin & 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.**



We use the Farley Florist in town to supply the flowers donated in a loved ones name. They have held off on increasing the charge to us for sometime now. However, they can no longer do so. They are only increasing the charge by \$10. Unfortunately, we have to pass that cost on to our parishioners. Farley's and we are very sorry for the increase but it is necessary. We hope that you will understand. If you have already paid for flowers, there is no increase.

**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: October 14th @ 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 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

West Bridgewater Lions Club's
Fall Harvest Fest
Sunday, September 14, 2025
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 On the grounds of Friendship Park & West Bridgewater Library
Free Family Friendly Community Event
Music – Food – Children's Activities – Vendors – Raffles

<p>Music</p> <p>11:45 pm Izzy Ivy 1:00 pm Identity Crisis 2:15 pm Vicky Lynch 3:30 pm Anna Daley Young Band</p>	<p>Food Vendors all day</p> <p>Tiki Turbo 2 Go Box Frontline Bakery Have A Bite Danny's Ice Cream</p>
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WB Lions will be collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids at the Raffle Table
 This program is supported in part by a grant from the West Bridgewater Cultural Council,
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