

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

Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John September 21, 2025 The 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY IN SMALL MATTERS IS ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN GREAT ONES.

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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

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

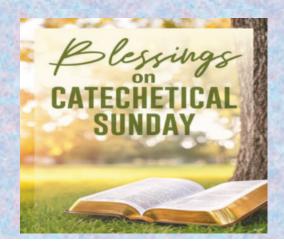
If you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment for a visit from a Priest.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:00 - Vincent Hallisey — 14th Anniversary Brendan Hallisey — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, September 21, 2025

9:30 - Marianne LaCroix — 2nd Anniversary 6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:00 - Alexis Doucette — 21st Birthday Remem.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

9:30 - Joan Mondeau — 9th Anniversary

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative 11:30 - Kenny Fontaine, Jr. — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 - Lena & Leonard Shepard — Memorial 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 \$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.



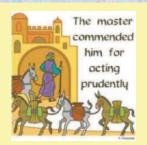




NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's gospel often takes folks aback at Jesus' commentary on His own "parable of the dishonest steward". Jesus *seemingly* praises the worker for using "earthly" means to deal with his imminent dismissal



from the employ of the rich man, even to the point of using (seemingly) unscrupulous means. I say, "seemingly" (twice, for emphasis) because one has to look beneath the surface to get at the "heart" of the parable and its meaning. Stewards, those (in Jesus' day) who were put in charge of large households of rich people, were known to take a "cut" of anything that came into the house (goods, money, property) for themselves. It was a way to augment their salary which often times wasn't that great; it was an

accepted policy for them to do this, and even their employers would turn a "blind eye" to this practice. The rich man in today's gospel is letting the steward go for squandering his property, thus losing money for him.

Jesus goes on to praise the steward for going to his master's debtors and cutting the invoice by twenty and fifty percent. In doing this, he was essentially taking out his "cut", giving all money back to his master. In doing this, the steward would win back esteem (and his job!) from his master. The steward's cunning comes in knowing how the world operates. He uses the tools of the world to further his career. Jesus uses this practice to teach His disciples how to live and act in the world. We must be aware of how the world operates, for we cannot "absent" ourselves from it. This is not to say that we should act in this way, but just be aware of it. We are always to live in the world, but not of the world. Our focus must always be the Kingdom, regardless of our physical placement in the world. Jesus reminds us that "no servant can serve two masters" (Lk 16:13); that servant will always have a divided heart. Our focus, in serving God, must be singular – on the Kingdom. We would do well, however, to know and be aware of how the world operates.

May we always "have our eyes on the prize", namely Eternal Life. May we always trust that God, our divine Master, is aware of our good works and will, one day, be ready to reward us in our goodness. May our faith sustain us, our purpose be sure and our fidelity be single-minded/hearted. May we, one day, see the Kingdom and hear those words from Almighty God: "well done, good and faithful servant, share in your Master's joy" (Mt 25:23)

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

Archbishop Henning's column can be found at this link

The Boston Pilot

https://thebostonpilot.com/Opinion/author.asp?ID=179 Enjoy!

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Faith Formation 2025-2026

Classes start today (September 21). If you have not yet registered, please do so right away. 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

October 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann

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.





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Next month on October 4th, Franciscans around the world will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Francis is one of those saints who continues to capture the hearts and minds of all people of faith, not just Catholics (in general) or Franciscans (in particular). This feast is celebrated in earnest, with Masses, festivals, and the traditional "Blessing of the Animals" (which we here in the Collaborative will celebrate on October 4th at 12:00 at St. John's).

Though fewer Catholics know about it, St. Francis' death is also memorialized every year. Transitus, which means "passage" in Latin, is an annual Oct. 3 evening service in which Franciscans mark the passing of the founder of their order. We as Catholics have the Mass of Resurrection to mark the immediate passing of a loved one. Often times we celebrate Anniversary Masses of one form or another (after a month, a year, or some increment of that time which has passed). St. Francis was canonized just two years after his death in 1226, and Franciscan friars have celebrated the Transitus since the 13th century.

The services for the Transitus vary from one community to the next, but they often includes a reenactment or recitation of the story of the saint's death; a reading of John 13:1-17, the Washing of the Disciples' Feet, which St. Francis requested read on his deathbed; and the singing of the "Canticle of the Sun," the song that Francis is believed to have completed in his final days. Transitus services also usually include another tradition which I find particularly appealing...the baking and sharing of delicious almond cookies—St. Francis' favorite. Blessed Jacoba of Settesoli, a Roman noble woman, would often bring these cookies to her friend, Francis. He asked for them as he lay dying, surrounded by friends.

If you are a "Friend of Francis", I would invite you to celebrate not only the Feast of Francis (10/4), but also the Transitus as well. It is important to remember not only how those we love and wish to remember lived, but also how they died. St. Francis died with a grace and peace that all hope for and few achieve. His death, and how it is commemorated, is an important reminder that to die with Christ (as Francis did) is also to live with Him – in God's Kingdom of Eternal Love and Peace. Happy Transitus!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT ST. JOHN'S OCTOBER 4TH AT 12:00

Fiscal Updates & News

St. Ann — Offertory 8-24-25 — \$3,634 Second Collection \$1,278 Sacramental Donations + Misc. \$1,875 \$6,787

Total

St John — Offertory 8-24-25 — \$2,815 Second Collection \$1,180 Sacramental Donations + Misc. \$900 Total \$4,805

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

On September 9th, we had to call an exterminator to remove two huge hornet nests. One from the back door of the St. John Rectory and the other from just under the Sacristy window. This will be about a \$300 bill. Everyday brings new challenges.

PRAYER OF SEASONS

As the seasons change, be with me.
As my life shifts and shapes, be with me
As I face what the future holds, be with me.
As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.

Amen

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 & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Michael Pigeon & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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.



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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: 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

October 6 & 20

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

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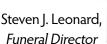
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