



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 September 22, 2024*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



**WHOEVER
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 CHILD RECEIVES
 ME.**

MK 9:37



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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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 Monday through Thursday**

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

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.

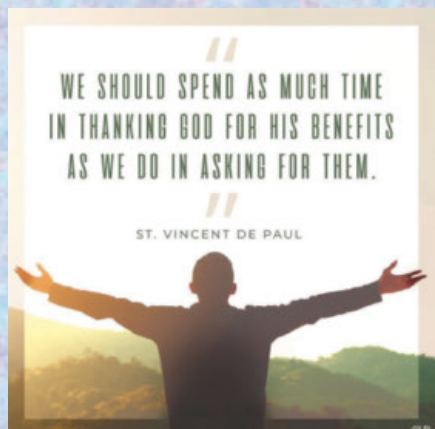
Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, September 22, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Vinnie Hallisey — 10th Anniversary
- Brendan Hallisey — 2nd Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 8:00 - Joan Mondeau — 8th Anniversary
- 11:30 - Anthony Grasso — 10th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 21, 2024

- 4:00 - Kay Grazano — 20th Anniversary
- Albert Ialongo — 70th Anniversary
- Linda Lynch — 36th Anniversary

Sunday, September 22, 2024

- 9:30 - Kenny Fontaine, Jr. — 5th Anniversary

Saturday, September 28, 2024

- 4:00 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, September 29, 2024

- 9:30 - Glen F. Kennedy, Jr. — Month's Mind

My Dear Friends in Christ,

So there I was, sitting in my recliner, rooting the Patriots on to victory, when my phone rang... and before I knew it, I was presented with the amazing opportunity to meet Mother Teresa. In a set of circumstances that many would consider coincidental, but that I would call providential (i.e., something which was meant to happen, as opposed to accidentally happening), I found myself standing in a Newton convent, in the presence of a woman who radiated holiness. Short in stature, "Mother" (as she liked to be called, apparently) was not short of what I would call "presence". When she was in the room, you knew it – you could just sense it. She was the type of person who, in her simplicity, emanated a complexity beyond this world. This is why, I believe, she is on the "road to sainthood".

Jesus, in His message, mission and life radiated this same presence, I believe. Jesus knew who He was, He knew what He had to do and He never deviated from that message, mission and life. Jesus did so by living simply, but profoundly, living a life of service and putting His needs, His will second to the Father. Jesus calls us to do the same, to put our will second to those around us and to God. We do this most profoundly by seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters as more important than our own. The challenge with this, of course, is that this runs counter to everything that our society teaches and espouses. Our culture is a "me first", "I've got mine, so the heck with you" society. This is why it is so difficult to live life as a Christian in the world today, for there are very few paths in life that are more counter-cultural.

Jesus, in today's gospel calls us, in serving the needs of all, to "be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mk 9:35). We serve our brothers and sisters best, I believe, when we espouse the truths of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. We serve the needs of all when we reach out to the poor, marginalized and downtrodden – those seen as "less than". We achieve greatness (in the eyes of God) when we eschew the "greatness" of this world and amass treasures in heaven, such as a peaceful spirit and a humble heart. We can do this by looking beyond ourselves, our needs, and seeking to meet the needs of others, especially the "less than" of which I previously spoke.

May we have the courage to be like that little child Jesus placed in the midst of the Twelve. May we live simply, humbly and joyously. May we come to know Jesus as Savior and Friend and may we "introduce" Him (in word and deed) to all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

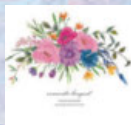
WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

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
\$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.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

Introducing the collaborative Children's Choir!

All kids in grades 3 and up are welcome to join. No singing experience needed! Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 5:30 at St. John starting October 10. For more information, contact our music director Rich Cesarini at richcesarini@gmail.com



Today is the first day of Faith Formation. We wish all our children and their catechists a successful year!

If you still need to register, please email Matt Brady as soon as possible.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized but never received First Communion or Confirmation? We have a program for you!

Please contact Matt Brady in the office if interested.

THE ROOF FUND HAS MET IT GOAL!!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY!!!

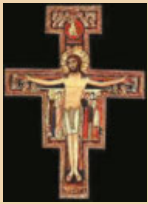
Protecting God's Children Training

All parish volunteers and staff, regardless of role, must complete this training at least once. If you are a current parish volunteer and we do not have a record of you completing this training, you can expect an email from Matt in the next week. We are hosting two sessions this month:

Sunday, 9/15 from 12:30-3:30 at St. Ann
Saturday, 9/28 from 10-1 at St. John

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 will then be able to view a list of sessions before completing the registration process. **You must sign-up online in advance to attend.**

For questions, please call or email Matt Brady.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

“And behold, he [a companion of St. Francis] went into ecstasy and saw among the many thrones in heaven

one that was more honorable than the rest, ornamented with precious stones, and radiant with all glory. He wondered within himself at this noble throne and considered silently whose it might be. And while he was considering these things, he heard a voice saying to him: ‘This throne belonged to one of the fallen angels, but now it is reserved for the humble Francis.’ At length, coming back to himself, the brother saw the blessed St. Francis coming from his prayers, and quickly prostrating himself at Francis’ feet in the form of a cross, he said to him, not as to one living in this world, but as to one already reigning in heaven: ‘Pray for me to the Son of God, Father, that he will not impute to me my sins.’ The man of God stretched forth his hand [Matthew 14:31] and raised him up [Acts 3:7], realizing that something had been shown to him in his prayers.” (Celano, Second Life of St. Francis, 123)

These words, written by Thomas of Celano (poet and author of three biographies of St. Francis, speaks to us of a vision one of Francis’ companions had of the heavenly reward Francis will receive. He will receive this (and be merited with the crown of Sainthood) in large part because of the humility he showed in this life. True humility, as exhibited by St. Francis, is a gift from God that we say we want...but do we?? True humility is a virtue by which we put ourselves second, at the service of our brothers and sisters. It is something which Jesus taught His disciples, the model of “servant leadership”. It is something which Francis took upon himself, uniting himself with Christ. Everything which Francis did united him with Christ, with whom he sought an intimate relationship and for whom he lived at every moment of his life. May we come to emulate Christ (and Francis) by being “servant leaders” to one another. May we come to recognize the opportunities to “see Christ in others and be Christ for others”.

In closing, let us look upon the words of Thomas of Celano with regards to true humility and seek to do the same: Forgetting the things he had gained, he set before his eyes only his failings in the conviction that he lacked more than he had gained. There was no covetousness in him except the desire to become better, and not content with what he had, he sought to add new virtues. (Celano, Second Life of St. Francis, 140)

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS
TO SUPPLEMENT THE LOW
OFFERTORY.**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE
SOCIETY OF OUR LADY MISSION APPEAL**



Fr. John Fisher has written to tell us that they have begun the process for the Water Project. The picture above is the drilling truck which will begin the process of drilling for water. Thus the project has begun!!!

They will be drilling and fixing the tank stand concurrently and have placed the order for the tank.

Fr. John sends his love and appreciation!!!



Consider a Priestly Call...Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750+ priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God’s grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its “First Friday Visits” program on October 4th at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: firstfriday@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu

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, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, October 3, 2024

**Deacon Paul Key will speak promptly at 6:30pm
New World Tavern
56 Main Street, Plymouth**



Delivering the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ

My Brother's Keeper is a vibrant, welcoming Christian ministry that delivers household furniture, healthy groceries, and Christmas gifts to local families in need. This charitable organization was founded in 1988 by a husband and wife from the basement of their home. Today, 5,000 volunteers and 18 employees work together from two modern facilities to make 18,600 deliveries each year.

The title of Paul Key's talk comes directly from the mission statement of My Brother's Keeper. Paul will speak about his own experiences with My Brother's Keeper and the need for all Christians to bring the love and hope of Jesus to the world.

Paul is a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, serving at Sts. Mary & Joseph Collaborative in Plymouth/Kingston. In this role he oversees two Ministries that work directly with people experiencing homelessness, Matthew's Kitchen and Friends of Lazarus. He is also the Chief Development Officer at My Brother's Keeper.

**Come enjoy a burger and hear a GREAT talk!
Tell a friend and bring a friend!**

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
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02379

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

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sauce, baked beans**

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508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 8th @ 6 PM

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
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

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Monday, September 16, 2024**

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.**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100



Event #1, September 21 - LONGER VERSION

Date Night Series for Married and Engaged Couples

Holy Cross Family Ministries announces a monthly Date Night Series: *The Joy of Marriage*, at the Father Peyton Center, 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA. Kick-off is Saturday, September 21, from 6 - 9pm, and will recur monthly. The date nights will include reflection, fellowship, and appetizers. Attend any or all series dates. No cost. Register early; space is limited. (Please register now even if you can't make the first session.) Contact Amy Dyke at ADyke@hcfm.org or 508-238-4095 or register online at www.museumoffamilyprayer.org/joyful-marriage-series or use the following QR Code:

Event #1, September 21 - SHORTER VERSION

Monthly Date Night Series - "Marriage Illuminated: The Joy of Marriage"

New monthly Marriage Date Night Series - "Marriage Illuminated" starting on September 21 at 6 pm at the Father Peyton Center in N. Easton, MA. For info and registration, please contact Amy Dyke at ADyke@hcfm.org or visit www.museumoffamilyprayer.org/joyful-marriage-series Register early; space is limited.

Please join us for our next Emmaus Retreat that will take place on November 8th to 10th at LaSalette Retreat Center in Attleboro, MA! Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.

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