

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

Together in Christ Collaborative Saint Ann & Saint John September 29, 2024 26Th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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.

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REPENT AND BE FREE

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

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

Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

11:30 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remembrance

6:15 - David Goff — Memorial

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 28, 2024

4:00 - Alexis Doucette — Birthday Remembrance Sunday, September 29, 2024

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

Saturday, October 5, 2024

4:00 - Maria Figueiredo — 26th Anniversary

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:30 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remembrance

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES Suggested donation \$25+

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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.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old saying which states that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend". It surmises that if someone is combating another who is at cross-purposes with your goals and objectives, they are "in your camp" as your ally. This can be true in the realms of government, military or even ministry. This is the point which Jesus is making in today's gospel.

As the renown of Jesus grows, the number of followers and disciples grows as well. The Twelve report back to Jesus that they saw others (not of their company) performing miraculous acts. Jesus "sets the record straight" by letting the listener know that one cannot both do the works of God and speak/act against God. If they are truly "of God", that is working, speaking and acting with the purpose of building up the Kingdom and furthering the mission of Jesus, then they cannot be wrong. There are ways to test this ministry; Jesus would later remark that "each tree is known by its own fruits" (Mt 7:20). In this way, one can determine if one is acting in the name of God or if one is working for one's own purpose and gain. It can be a simple as providing a cup of water, for the work of God is charitable love.

St. Paul speaks of this in our second reading. He speaks of the rich storing for themselves treasures. In doing so, they are not looking to build up the Kingdom – they are looking to build up their own bank account. This might give them security for now, but in the long run it will be held in testimony against them (see Jas. 5:3). The "treasures" which we are to store up for ourselves are not things which this world can provide. They are things such as mercy, understanding, patience, peace, and love. When we secure treasures such as these, we unite ourselves to Christ and His Kingdom.

May we have the courage to prophesy in the name of God. May we pray for the knowledge and wisdom which comes from God alone, a spiritual "sight" which allows us to see things for how they are and not how they are perceived. May we come to know God's mercy for us and may we share that mercy, forgiveness and love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR ANSWER TO THE CALL TO HELP WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GROUNDS OF OUR CHURCHES.

WE PUT OUT THE CALL AND THEY ANSWERED. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND UNSELFISHLY YOU GAVE OF YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

WE APPRECIATE IT IMMENSELY! GOD BLESS YOU!!!

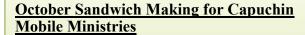
MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofiministries.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



October 14 at 6:30 pm, 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!

October Family Mass

Our first Family Mass of the year is October 6 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily. There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass. If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading please email Matt Brady.

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BARBEQUE THIS SUMMER.



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

Today's Mass Readings speak of having the gifts of prophecy (First Reading) and healing (the Gospel passage which speaks of someone not of Jesus' company driving out demons), presumably

receiving those gifts from God. As I reflected on these passages, my mind went to the origins of St. Francis' mission to "rebuild my Church".

Most of us have heard the story. Francesco Bernadone (later known as "Francis of Assisi") was a restless young man, unable to find his calling. His dreams of being a heroic knight had turned into a bit of a nightmare after spending time as a prisoner of war. His father, Pietro, wanted his son to follow in the family business, but that didn't interest Francesco, either. What to do? He found himself wandering about the outskirts of his home town of Assisi in the hills of Umbria – breathtaking vistas at every turn, but he seemed to hardly notice. Until, that is, he came upon San Damiano, a little church in need of a good bit of repair. He entered and knelt down underneath a large wooden crucifix painted in an icon-like fashion. The eyes of Jesus on the cross seemed to lock him in a stare that was both intimidating and beckoning at the same time. He couldn't look away as feelings of doubt and fear, guilt and desire welled up within him. "Lord, what do you want me to do?" he asked. "Show me what you want me to do with my life." And the Lord answered! A voice as clear as the day responded: "Francis, go and rebuild my church which, as you see, is falling down." That was all he heard. That was all he needed to hear. It took a bit longer, however, to realize that Jesus wasn't asking him to physically rebuild San Damiano as well as a few other rundown churches near Assisi. He did that, of course, but it gradually dawned on him that his vocation was to rebuild the church, the human institution that was perilously close to falling apart.

This is why I wrote the word "Church" with a capital "C". Initially, Francis misheard the calling. It was not the building of San Damiano which God wanted him to fix (even though it was very much in need of repair), but the "Church as institution" which God wanted Francis to bring back to glory. This begs the question "what is it that God is calling you to 'rebuild'?" Is it a relationship with someone? Is it a life ravaged by drugs or alcohol? Is it your relationship with God? No one's life is perfect, and we are all in need of healing. To listen to that "voice" which calls one to go beyond oneself is a challenging thing to do. Sometimes it means moving out of our "comfort zone". Sometimes it means defying our own, or others', expectations or limitations (like in today's readings). St. Francis, once he properly discerned his calling, was that prophetic voice and healing presence. May we have the courage to quiet our hearts, shut out the distractions of the world, and listen to (and respond to) the voice from God, which Francis heard, that calls us to do whatever work is ours to do. May we pray for the gifts of discernment (to interpret) and courage (to act) on whatever it is God is calling us to do.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR THE SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MISSION APPEAL

Founded in 1958, SOLT is a Catholic international missionary community serving in 8 countries throughout the world. We are teams of priests, consecrated brothers and sisters, and laity who serve the Church. We imitate Mary's virtues and seek to enter into her intimacy with the Most Holy Trinity. We go where we are needed and serve in many capacities, including education, evangelization, pastoral, retreats, health care and drug rehabilitation.



Swim Volunteers Needed

Swim With A Special Child needs volunteers to swim one-on-one with students with developmental disabilities on Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. during the school year. Free childcare is provided. Classes begin Oct. 15th. Volunteers are welcome for one, two, or all three class sessions. No special skills are required. Training and assistance are provided. Classes are held at the Connell Pool, 220 Broad Street, in Weymouth. For more information, please call Katie Bacon at 339-933-0721 or June Doherty at 781-335-3785.



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
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Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex
& Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guiseppe & 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 <u>promptly</u> 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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WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

We need jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans
Cash donations also accepted.

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379 To join please call — TINA ANTHONY 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

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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Hotline—508-378-3760

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

Monday, October 7, 2024 Monday, October 21, 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 that large sums., ie \$100

NEWS



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE CLOTHING DRIVES FOR THE SOCIETIES OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S. THIS PAST WEEKEND.

BOTH SOCIETIES OF THE CHURCHES DID VERY WELL!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM ST. JOHN'S WHO HELPED LUG THE CLOTHING AT ST ANN'S.

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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:







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