



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017*



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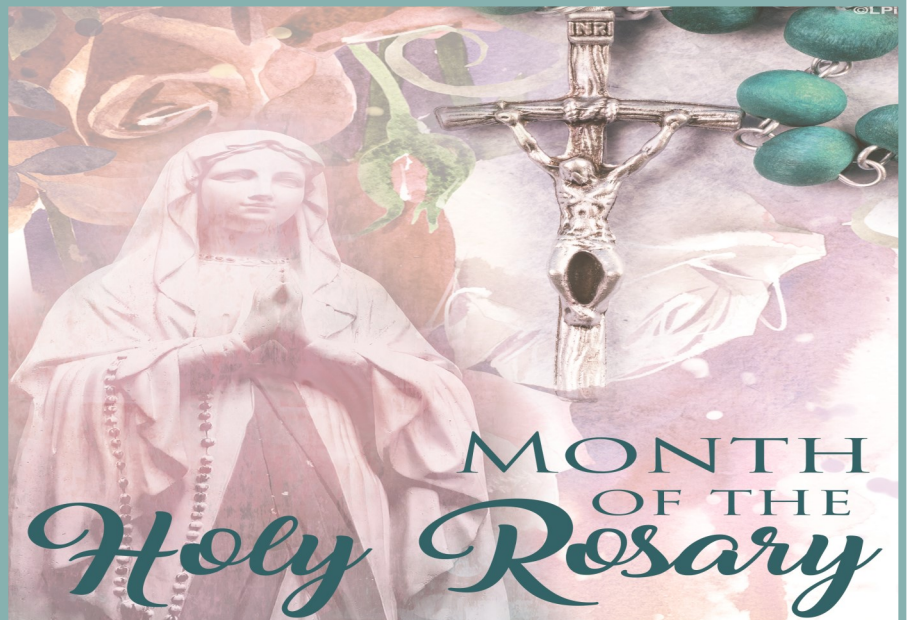
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

October 1, 2017—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 30, 2017

4:00 — Alexis Doucette — 13th Birthday Remem.

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:00 — Dorathea & Harold Barney — Memorial

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, October 7, 2017

4:00 — Maria Figueiredo — 19th Anniversary

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:00 — Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remem.

10:30 — Bronislaw Morawski — 28th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 30, 2017

4:00 - Frank Castricone — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30 - Joan Mondeau — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Eleanor Hanson — 85th Birthday Remem.

Monday, October 2, 2017

9:00 - Ida Nisby — 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

9:00 — Fr. John L. Mansfield — Month's Mind

Saturday, October 7, 2017

4:00 — John Aveni — Memorial

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30 - Maria Figueiredo — 19th Anniversary

10:30 - Kevin Gatewood — Birthday Celebration

DEACONS' CORNER By Deacon Brendan

Today, we turn the calendar to the month of October, the month of the Rosary in honor of Our Lady. The first definitive historical reference to the rosary is credited to Saint Dominic who lived in the thirteenth century. During his life and preaching, he taught the community the prayers associated with the recitation of the rosary. Remember that many could not read back then. The repetition of the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be to the Father... were prayers that were easy to learn and remember. The people would use beads strung together similar to the beads that make up our rosaries that we pray today. The word rosary comes from the Latin term meaning "garland of roses". Although the prayers are Marian, the rosary is very much Christ-centered, as we will learn in future columns.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

It has often been said that one must not only "talk the talk", but "walk the walk". This expression is so well known that we perhaps take its power for granted. It reminds us that when it comes to the important things of life, we must do more than pay "lip service" to them, but truly invest ourselves in the endeavors which are worthwhile, good, and will bring about lasting and life-changing effects.

Jesus, in today's gospel passage, compares prostitutes and tax collectors to chief priests and elders. On the surface, it may seem obvious on whose side a religious authority figure would be. It would seem obvious that someone who had the spiritual well-being of the people in mind would side with the latter group, the chief priests and elders. Jesus, in defying convention here, sides with the prostitutes and tax collectors. We may not be shocked at this, but I'm sure the elders to whom Jesus was offering this parable were not only shocked, but offended. How could Jesus not side with them? How could Jesus say that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter into the Kingdom before priests and elders? It all goes back to "walking the walk".

The chief priests and elders were great at offering sage advice on how to grow closer to God. One is to follow the rules (which are important, let's not forget that!) by doing things like worshipping in temple (a good idea, indeed!), tithing (another good idea!) and the like. The problem was that they, themselves, in following these rules did so with unclean hearts. Their motivation wasn't to grow closer to God – it was to win esteem in the eyes of men. The difference is that tax collectors and prostitutes were already thought of as "less than" by society (especially by religious elders), and no one could see beyond their human appearance. No one except for God, of course! God does not judge by human appearance, by externals. God sees into the heart – into our desires, our motives and our motivations. God sees what we truly desire.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes were seen as "second-class citizens". Many of our brothers and sisters are put in this category, and perhaps we have been guilty ourselves of putting them there. May we strive to see as God sees – as God sees others, as God sees ourselves. May we be quick to forgive, slow to judge. May we strive to know as God knows, to see as God sees and to love as God loves.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

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.

Saint John's Wed., Thurs, and Fri.

Grandmothers are your grandchildren confirmed!?!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND MADE FIRST COMMUNION BUT NEVER WERE CONFIRMED.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST
THE COLLABORATIVE STAFFS
WILL BE TAKING
A 20% REDUCTION IN HOURS
TO HELP BALANCE
THE BUDGETS.

WE LOOK FOR YOUR COOPERATION
AND YOUR PRAYERS IN
THIS MATTER. PRAY THAT IT WILL ONLY BE
A TEMPORARY SITUATION FOR THIS
FISCAL YEAR.



First Saturday of each Month 2017

Family Healing from Addictions

****Come experience the healing power of prayer and forgiveness through the Divine Mercy, Jesus Christ****

You are invited to pray with us for yourself, loved one, friend, colleague or anyone who needs freedom from the enslavement of addiction. Can you spare one hour, once a month to help break the chains of addiction?

Where: Divine Mercy Chapel (lower church)
Holy Ghost Parish, 518 Washington St.
Whitman, MA 02382

What: Intercessory Rosary/Prayer and a faith witness talk by a guest speaker

Date: Every 1st Saturday of the Month, 2017

Time: Promptly starts at 11am to 12noon
A light lunch and fellowship will follow from 12-1p in the Father Glennon Hall (lower church)

VIRTUS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Anyone working with or around children in the Parish such as Babysitters, anyone serving the elderly, ministering to the dying, Music Minister, Health Care Ministers, Homebound Eucharistic Ministers, Religious Education Instructors and Aides, St. Vincent de Paul Society Members, Scouts, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and anyone working in or connected with Youth Ministry.

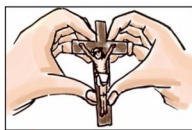
MUST BE VIRTUS TRAINED!!!! AND CORI'D

Saint Ann's Parish
Is offering a training on
October 4, 2017
At 7:00 PM—8:00 ish

BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE TO BE CORI'D
This is open to all Saint Ann and Saint John Parishioners
You only need to be trained once, but a refresher is

Encouraged!

If you are not sure if you have been trained, call the Rectory.



Parish and Youth Ministry

Second Collection: Thank-you for your generous support in the second collection this week!

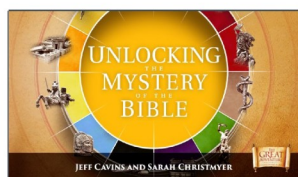


Mary Statue Program

Families or individuals may sign-up to take Mary home for a week and pray with her. Mary comes with prayer suggestions and Rosary beads.

After a wonderful start last year growing and learning with Mary, our group has chosen "Jeff Cavins' Unlocking The Mystery of the Bible." Our Prayer group is open to all! This is a video series with a workbook that leads our monthly discussions. Videos are available on-line if you miss a meeting. We meet on the 3rd Friday of the month and alternate from St. John and St. Ann each month from 10:00-11:30 am. The workbook costs \$20.00.

Prayer Group



Calendar

10/12: Ultreya Mass/Group Share @ 7:00 pm St. John

10/14: Pasta with the Pastor from 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John

10/14: Youth Committee Meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John

10/15: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann

10/20: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 at St. John

10/22: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 am at St. John

10/26: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm at St. John

11/3: Elvis Night from 6:00-9:00 pm with Dinner at St. Ann's Hall

11/5: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. John

Church Dinner:

Friday, October 6th from 5:30-6:30 pm Located at St. Ann Hall/Church Adoration will be offered after dinner with the opportunity for confession

Together in Christ
Collaborative presents:

Elvis Oldies Show
Joe Presley and the
Castletones Band

Music from the fifties-seventies
Friday, November 3rd
6:00-9:00 pm

\$20.00 single or \$35.00 couple

St. Ann's Parish Hall
Dancing, Dinner and a
Fun Night Out!

To purchase tickets
please call 508-838-
8490 or visit St. Ann's Rectory



Mission Trip 2018

Sunday, June 24th-
Saturday, June 30th.

\$450, includes registration, meals,
and lodging.
\$40.00 deposit will hold your spot.
Plattsburg, New York

We have decided to stay in the
North East Region this year to help
keep costs low. Our plan is to use
chaperone's cars or rent cars and
drive. The drive will take between
five and six hours, depending on
stops.

The trip is open to anyone current-
ly in 7th grade to adults.



Ultreya

The word 'ultreya' is a Spanish word meaning 'onward', or 'let's go'. It is a cry of encouragement for Cursillistas to persevere on their Fourth Day journey. We come to an Ultreya to share our Christian walk with each other. Ultreya is the coming together of the Cursillo community to share their piety, study, and action with each other.

Join us on the second Thursday of every month at St. John beginning at 7:00 pm.

Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above) The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

September 24, 2017 —

\$3,629

Thank you for your continued contribution.

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the end of December.

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. 30 & SUNDAY, OCT 1, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Lynn Lindsey
8:30 —Andrew Pelletier
10:30—Stephanie Churchill

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey
Ray Ledoux
Sandy Mehl

8:30 — Mary Lou Boyd
Ed Lindsey
Ann Zenus

10:30 — Jessie Russell
Mary Alice Balboni
Colette Yeo



St Ann Prayer Line:

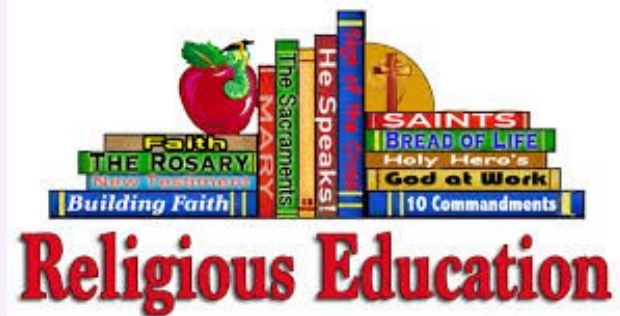
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

Programs for your enjoyment!

Bible Study — Monday evenings — 7 PM —
St John's — lead by Deacon Joe.

Adoration — Tuesday Evenings — 7 PM —
St. John's

All are welcome.



Religious Education

Religious Education Classes have begun.

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

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

A fourth grade teacher is desperately needed for this year. Please call Charlotte Leines if you can help out. 508-588-7140



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
September 24, 2017
Due to a mix up of keys, the money will
reported next week.*

October 1, 2017 — Youth Ministry
October 8, 2017 — St. Benedict's School, Uganda

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, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, 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, Bob Solakof, JoAnn Micalizzi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all

St. John's Music Ministry

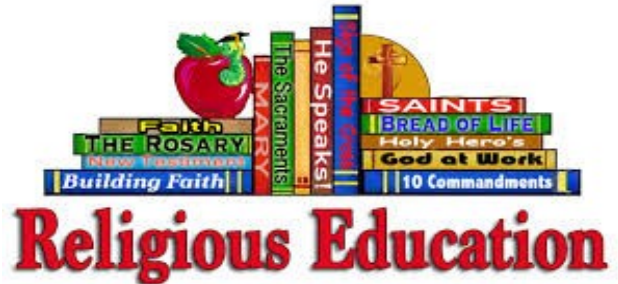
Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!
Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. 10/2 — Bible Study — 7 PM
Tues., 10/3 — Adoration — 7 PM
Weds., 10/4 — Virtus Training at St. Ann's — 7 PM
Fri., 10/6 — Dinner at St. Ann's followed by Adoration
Sat., 10/7 — Electronic Recycling Day at St. Ann's 9-2 PM
Sat. 10/7 — Blessing of the Pets — at St. Ann's 1 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS AND AIDES ALWAYS NEEDED

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.



WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY
FOR CONFIRMATION

TEACHERS NEEDED

4:30—5:30

Tuesdays — Grs. 1, 5, & 6

Wednesdays — Gr. 1

Thursdays — Gr. 2

6:00—7:00

Mondays — 4—9th Gr. Teachers

Wednesdays — Grs. 7 & 8

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



The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

A heartfelt thank you to Dave Andrews from South Shore Veterans Assistance, Inc. Dave presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Vince Adornato, President of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish.

Their donation will go a long way in our mission to help the residents of East Bridgewater who are in need of food or other assistance.

Do you need help? If so please call and leave a message on the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



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