



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 5, 2025
 The 27th Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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Church of Saint Ann

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
 9:00-3:00 M-TH**

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." ...



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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:00 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:30 - James Emmons — Memorial

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

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:00 - Maria C. Bragga — 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30 - Kathleen O'Brien — 1st Anniversary

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remembrance

11:30 - Peter Allan MacDonald — Memorial

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:00 - Hutchins & McLaughlin Families — Mem

11:30 - John Kaiser — 1st Anniversary

Friday, October 17, 2025

9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES

Suggested donation \$25+

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WEEK Suggested donation \$55

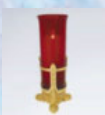
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

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,

In this day and age of “options” (“Press #1 for..., Press #2 for...”), we shy away from the word “obligation”. Yet at times, it can be a very powerful, even necessary, word to employ. When one has an obligation (as opposed to an “offer” or “suggestion”), one is more compelled to show up and do their part. In today’s gospel, the idea of obligation comes up with regard to our relationship to God. There are certain things, done as part of a full relationship with God, which we are obliged to do.

In the analogy put forth in today’s gospel, Jesus compares our relationship to a slave and a master’s relationship. While we may bristle at that comparison (after all, we are more than slaves, aren’t we?) we would do well to recognize that while God desires to be in a relationship with us, God is the “creator” and we are the “created”. As such, we are beholden to God for everything we are and have; without God, we are nothing and our efforts come to nothing – nothing lasting, at least. This may be a humbling thought, but how else are we to react when we put into perspective all that we have done, as opposed to all God has done. It pales in comparison, doesn’t it? As great as we are, that greatness is a result of using the God-given talents and abilities which we have at our disposal.

I remember as a young boy my mother telling me how to react when I was given a gift. I was to receive that gift (whether it is a new, sought-after toy or a badly-knit, hand-made sweater) with a smile and a heartfelt “thank you”. I was then to say no more, no less; in that way, I wouldn’t say something I would come to regret (by hurting the giver’s feelings). In much the same way, we might do well to react to all God has given us – the challenges as well as the good things we have – by thanking Him and moving on. In that way, perhaps the difficulties we face can be minimized (perhaps even eliminated) by us realizing that even the challenges we encounter can help us to grow.

God desires a certain sense of “loyalty”. It is not to be a “blind” loyalty for God doesn’t want “robots”, otherwise how does one explain “free will”, itself a gift from God? No, God wants us to put the things we have/are into the “context” of faith. With faith, we can “move mountains” (perhaps not literally...perhaps so!); we can do amazing things. Let us have the courage to see God’s gifts for what they are – moments when we acknowledge our dependence on God, thanking Him for all those things which help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

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.

October Family Mass

Our first Family Mass is October 5 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann. Once a month we invite the children of our collaborative to be part of Mass. Fr. Paul invites them to join him around the altar for the homily and there is always snacks afterwards at the back of the church. This year we are inviting the faith formation classes to sponsor a Mass and be the readers/gift bearers and to be the ones who bring the snacks. If there is no sponsor, we will invite volunteers to be readers and gift bearers. Please contact Matt Brady with questions.

October Teen Mass

10/19 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann

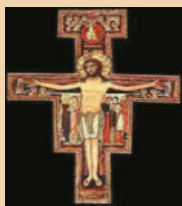
Tonight's 6:15 Mass is our first Teen Mass of the school year. At these Masses, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

Trunk or Treat

Friday October 24th 6-7:30 pm St. John parking lot

Come Trick or Treat with us! We will have cars decorated for the occasion set up in the front parking lot ready to hand out candy and other fun Halloween treats. There will be a contest for the best decorated car.

We do need people/groups to decorate their car and hand out candy. If you would like to participate, please contact Matt Brady. There is a \$10 fee to do so - half goes to the Collaborative and half goes to the contest winner.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Over the past couple of days, the Church (in general) and the Franciscan community (in particular) celebrates two major “milestones”: the “Transitus” (or “Passing”) of St. Francis (Oct. 3rd)

and the Feast of St. Francis (Oct. 4th). Most saints’ feast days are celebrated once, with the feast marking either their birth or their death. These two feasts celebrate, in a way, both the life and the death of St. Francis. In the past, these days passed by me without much notice. I knew “of” the Feast of St. Francis, but really knew nothing of the Transitus of Francis. This all changed when I went to Assisi and “discovered” (for myself) St. Francis, came home and embarked on a course of formation towards becoming a Secular Franciscan, and began a new “chapter” in my life of faith, priesthood, and life in general.

Each year on the evening of October 3rd the Franciscan family throughout the world pauses to celebrate the solemnity of our Holy Father Francis’s Transitus, passing over from this life to the next. In his famous Canticle of the Creatures, the saint from Assisi wrote “Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.” That line, written near Francis’s own embrace of Sister Bodily Death, reflects the importance and natural character of death in the life of all creation. Francis was not afraid of what would come at the end of his earthly life, choosing instead to recognize in that experience, not an end, but a transition from one way of living to another. Br. Thomas of Celano recorded an account of that transition, that Transitus:

“St. Francis spent the last few days before his death in praising the Lord and teaching his companions whom he loved so much to praise Christ with him. He himself, in as far as he was able, broke out with the Psalm: I cry to the Lord with my voice; to the Lord I make loud supplication. He likewise invited all creatures to praise God and, with the words he had composed earlier, he exhorted them to love God. Even death itself, considered by all to be so terrible and hateful, was exhorted to give praise, while he himself, going joyfully to meet it, invited it to make its abode with him. ‘Welcome,’ he said, ‘my sister death.’” (Celano, Second Life.).

These beautiful and powerful words by Thomas of Celano (and St. Francis) reminds us of how grace-filled and powerful the passing from “earthly life” to “eternal life” can (and should) be! The same is true when we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. This is more than just a celebration of an “animal loving tree hugger”, as I heard St. Francis described by a narrow-minded individual who seemingly knew nothing of the man’s conversion, ministry, and life of faithful Church work. They knew nothing of the man whose “180 degree turn” was marked by a renunciation of all worldly goods, a proclamation of a new life, and a journey that would change him, the Church, and the world. They knew nothing of the man who began a religious order which would usher in a recognition and celebration of ALL creation (not just human beings) as “gifts from God”. They knew nothing of the man whose persevering faith would influence priests, cardinals, popes, and even sultans! They knew nothing of the man whose death would still be recognized and celebrated almost 800 years later! In these “Franciscan Days”, may we as a people of faith celebrate the life and death of St. Francis of Assisi by entering into the world with

Fiscal Updates & News

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,788
Second Collection	\$1,201
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	<u>\$1,625</u>
	\$5,614

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$1,766
Second Collection	\$1,837
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	<u>\$2,311.88</u>
Total	\$5,914.88

Up-coming expenses: Ever Source is getting more and more expensive, so Kevin has a budget program going now and we will owe approx. \$4000 for the next bill. The missals’ bill for next year is coming up for \$3200 and the Religious Education Books bill is due for \$2300.

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.

We asked; and we received. A very generous parishioner has stepped up to cover the costs of the painter to paint St. John’s doors & windows with the exception of the stained glass windows because they need to be reglazed. The company we are using is Mike Connolly Painting at 508-728-2285. Thank you to Mike and to our generous Parishioners.

Please call the offices if you are interested in helping in anyway.

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

A special thank you to Janet DiFalco and Alice Hooper for making the grounds of St. John look so pretty with the beautiful flowers they planted. What a difference!



a gift from God, and may we care for this creation with a loving, nurturing heart. May the Good God, who calls us into relationship by this stewardship, watch over us. May we, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, take our role as stewards seriously as to be able to hand to the next generation a world of goodness, grace, and life. Happy Transitus! Happy Feast!

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

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.

PLEASE KEEP NOVEMBER 16TH OPEN!

**THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE WILL BE PRESENTING AN
AFTERNOON OF FUN AND
ENTERTAINMENT**

**THE SINGING TROOPER AND HIS
PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED WIFE, MARY
WILL PERFORM FOR US.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 @ 1:30
ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER**

**RAFFLES & REFRESHMENTS
CASH BAR FOR BEER & WINE, SODA &
WATER**



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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

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

*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*

*Mason Morrison
Oliver Morrison
Griffin Curran
Travis James Peck
Lucca Imprescia
Capri Imprescia
Nathan & Jesse Quinonez*

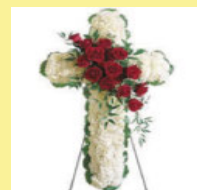


*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

Please remember in your prayers:

*David LaCouture
Jennifer Connelly
Frank Boyd
Michael Pigeon
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Geraldine Petrone*

*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
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