



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

*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
October 6, 2024*

*27Th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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



### **Church of Saint Ann**

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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Monday through Thursday**

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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

## **SAINT ANN'S STAFF**

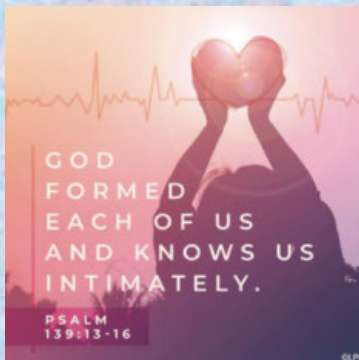
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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, October 6, 2024

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

11:30 - Brian Landolfi — Birthday Remembrance

6:15 - David Goff — Memorial

#### Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

6:15 - Yvonne Blass — Birthday Remembrance

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, October 5, 2024

4:00 - Maria Figueiredo — 26th Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:30 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday, October 12, 2024

4:00 - Robert & Rita Farrell, Stephen Mason, & Mary Kenn — Memorial

#### Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:30 - Joseph Cloutier — Memorial

### *Saint John*

*The Flower Memorial  
Including wine, hosts and  
Sanctuary Lamp  
this week is donated by  
Bill Frabetti  
In loving memory of the  
Kendra Frabetti*



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. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



A number of years ago, my siblings and I held a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for my parents. We wanted to show our love and appreciation for all that they had done for us, and so we invited all sorts of family and friends to the occasion. At the close of the evening, my parents got up to speak, expressing their appreciation at all that had been done for them that evening. When someone asked my mother if she had ever thought of divorcing my father, her response was that “divorce never crossed my mind... murder, yes, but never divorce!” It was a humorous way to say that while they had had their challenges, they always found a way to work them out.

Divorce in our nation has grown over the years at an alarming rate. There are many factors in this increase: the ease of divorce, the lack of commitment between the parties, and the lack of preparation going into marriage are just a few reasons. One of the main reasons, I believe, is that the couple sees it as another “contract” into which they are entering. This is in conflict with the Christian ideal of marriage, which sees the union as a *covenant*, not a contract. Christian marriage has many of the elements of a contract: two parties, the exchange of promises, and the eventual dissolution of the agreement (“until death do us part”). It becomes a *covenant* when the two parties bring God into the equation; then it is no longer two, but three, who are involved in the agreement. When one brings God into the “mix”, it “raises the stakes” for when God becomes involved there is an element of faith in the agreement. When God is involved, one trusts that the Almighty has the best interest of the parties in mind, and they themselves put their needs second to those of their partner. In Christian marriage, the element of self-giving love, mirroring the selfless love that God first gave to His people, is present in this agreement, this covenant.

We would do well to work towards restoring this element of self-giving love into marriage. Marriage has benefits not only for the parties involved, but all of society. Christian marriage, the union of one man and one woman, brings forth elements that are both unitive (i.e. the joining of the couple in love, for mutual support) and procreative (i.e. the bringing forth of children) that are unique to this pairing. There are certain segments of society which see marriage as a civil construct, thus rendering it answerable to that society. In our Catholic-Christian milieu, we see marriage through a covenantal lens (and not merely contractual) which thus puts it as part of society, yes, but distinct in a very real way.

May we pray for traditional marriage to be upheld by our society for both the unitive and procreative dimensions that they offer to society. It is in these ways that marriage is, and continues to be, a great benefit for the parties involved, their offspring and society as a whole. May we as good people of good will continue to dialogue with people who see this differently so that we may change minds and hearts to see the necessary good in traditional marriage.

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](mailto: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](mailto:richcesarini@gmail.com)



#### **October Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries**

October 14 at 6:30 pm, St. Ann

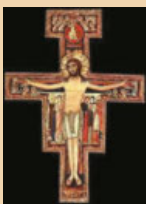
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

#### **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.

#### **October Teen Mass**

Our first Teen Mass is October 20 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann. Similar to Family Mass, 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



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Time for a refresher and some reflection, since we have just celebrated the Feast of St. Francis (October 4). Seven years ago, I traveled through Rome and Assisi on a service pilgrimage. While Rome was magnificent, little did I know how much of an impact that tiny Italian town of Assisi would have on my life, ministry, and relationship with the Lord. During that time, something stirred in me, calling me to explore a deeper relationship with St. Francis of Assisi and leading me to follow the Lord, in a new way, through the Secular Franciscans.

Today's readings speak of marriage in various ways: suitable partnerships, two becoming one. In these readings, the thought is that while different, there is a unity between partners. This is very much the case with the Secular Franciscan Order. Secular Franciscans are very much "in the world" (in partnership with God's plan of/for Creation), as St. Francis himself was, and we are called to bring "Gospel to life and life to Gospel". We do this by taking that charism of Francis that we learn about in reading, prayer, and monthly gatherings, and living it out in the everyday life. But we are not "of the world" because their focus is, as Francis' focus was, the Eternal Kingdom of God.

When we hear the name St. Francis of Assisi (whose Feast Day was just celebrated), we tend to think of the Blessing of the Animals (which we celebrated yesterday), his love of nature, and a kind and gentle soul. While all of these associations are valid, St. Francis was so much more. He was one who worked for that "unity in diversity" diligently as a devoted churchman, loyal to the Church and desirous of others to follow Christ in word and deed. When St. Francis founded the Secular Franciscan Order over 800 years ago, it was his intention to draw others into the Church through prayer, study, and works of mercy. Secular Franciscans come from all walks of life and are drawn from the laity (married and single) and diocesan clergy (bishops, priests, and deacons).

In my 29 years of priesthood, I have been led to live out my vocation in many different ways and in many different charisms. In the last few years, my time in the Secular Franciscans has brought a joy and peace that is an amazing testament to God's working in my vocation through St. Francis. I pray that when I am "professed" (that is, fully initiated) in the Secular Franciscans, God may continue to work in my life, ministry, and vocation and bring it to a new level of dedication. May our Good God, through the intercession of St. Francis (on this, his Feast) draw you close, show you His love, and make you an "instrument of His peace".

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

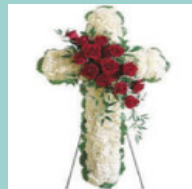
**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR:**

**THE HOLY FATHER'S  
PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THAT PROVIDES FUNDS  
FOR EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF. THIS  
COLLECTION PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE CATHOLIC  
UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA THAT EDUCATES PRIESTS,  
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-CITY PARISHES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON.  
YOUR GENEROSITY WILL ASSIST THE HOLY FATHER AS  
WELL AS THE VARIOUS MISSIONARY EFFORTS AT HOME  
AND ABROAD.**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Ester Sweeney  
Richard Reagan  
Marion W. "Brasill" Kelliher  
Grace Pomereau  
Paula Cannon*

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



*Please welcome the following children  
Into our Collaborative.*

*Charlotte Beth Franz  
Zoey Adeline Jaeger  
Kendal Danielle Tuite  
Nathan John Porter*

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

*October is the month of the Rosary.  
Please pray the Rosary!*



## 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  
West Bridgewater  
02379

**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 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**

**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 than large sums, ie \$100



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**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.**

**YOUR SUPPORT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



## **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](mailto:ADyke@hcfm.org) or 508-238-4095 or register online at [www.museumoffamilyprayer.org/joyful-marriage-series](http://www.museumoffamilyprayer.org/joyful-marriage-series) or use the following QR Code:

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