



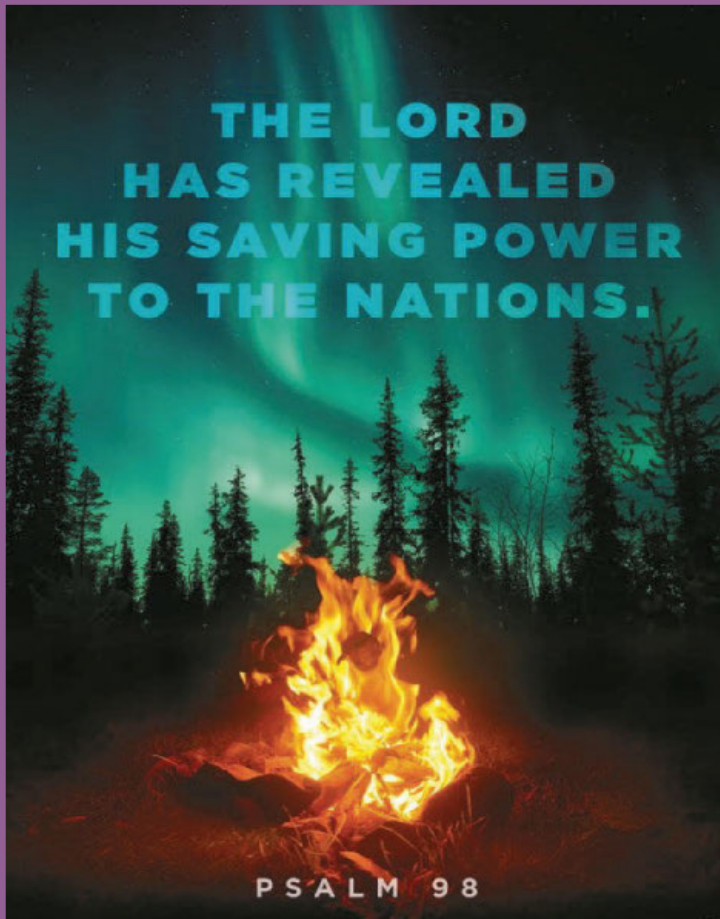
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 12, 2025
 The 28th Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



Church of Saint Ann

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

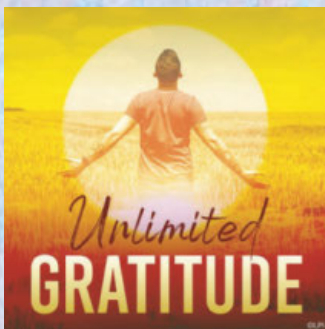
Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:00 - Maria C. Bragga — 32nd Anniversary

Sunday, October 12, 2025

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

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

4:00 - David D. LaCouture — Month's Mind

Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C Collaborative

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

8:00 - Jennifer Connelly—Month's Mind

Marie Connelly — 5th Anniversary

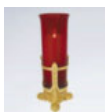
11:30 - Linda Fontaine — 22nd Anniversary

FLOWERS, HOSTS, WINE, AND SANCTUARY LAMPS
WERE OFFERED BY BILL FRANETTI IN LOVING
MEMORY LAST WEEKEND FOR KENDRA FRABETTI.

FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND ARE BEING OFFERED
FOR

\THE MCLAUGHLIN & HUTCHINS FAMILY
IN LOVING MEMORY BY WINNIE HUTCHINS
AT SAINT JOHN'S

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LOVING MEMORY
OF
JOANNE HANSON
AT
SAINT ANN'S



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ

A few years ago, I went to a day-long seminar entitled “Developing an ‘Attitude of Gratitude’”. The presenter challenged the listener to cultivate a viewpoint that everything is a “gift”, things for which we should be grateful. He pointed out that even the challenging events and moments of our lives are times when we should not necessarily rejoice, but see them as “teachable moments” (as we used to call them in seminary). They are (or can be) life-changing, and should be seen in that light. The speaker went on further to say that if we missed out on these “teachable moments”, then we miss out on opportunities of growth and enrichment.

In today's gospel, Jesus encounters ten lepers. They all cry out to Him to have pity on them. They are not asking for a handout, but a miracle. In addressing Him as “master”, they recognize Jesus' power over this leprosy which has separated them from the community not only physically, but spiritually as well, for disease (in Jesus' time) had a spiritual component to it. Their outcry comes from a desire for restoration, for “wholeness”. Jesus directs them to the priest (as was the custom in Mosaic Law); as they do so, they are healed. This links Jesus to the Law, something which He had been accused of “skirting” by the Pharisees. In realizing that they were cured, only one (a “foreigner”, probably a Samaritan) comes back to pay Jesus homage. Why is this? Were the others ungrateful? Were they unaware of what this meant? Was the “foreigner” the only one to realize that Jesus' power knew no bounds, as He healed this “outsider”? The gospel leaves this question for our imagining.

This is where we come in. In “placing ourselves in the story”, we might do well to ask the question, “for what am I grateful?” I think that one of things for which we can all be grateful is our very existence, which is the ultimate gift from God – the gift of life. Each year, we as a Church celebrates “Respect Life Sunday”. At this time, the Church asks us to take a reflective moment to see the value of life, from “conception to natural death”. It calls on us to challenge the “culture of death” which has continued to devalued life of the pre-born, the mentally and physically challenged and the elderly, as well as the marginalized and outcasts of society (such as the homeless or the immigrant seeking entrance (through proper channels) to our country). This attitude (which is most certainly not an “attitude of gratitude”) must end.

Another thing for which we should be grateful is our life of faith here in the Together In Christ Collaborative. In my time here, I have come to know both St. Ann's and St. John's as vibrant, caring communities. In times we have been called to help to our neighbor (such as the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drives), we have responded with generosity and love. We are called, each day, to reach out to one another in a spirit of charity, humility and love. Let us do just that, so as to foster a community where one can live out one's baptismal call to serve all those who come to us.

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

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.

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.

MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR ALL SOULS DAY



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AFTER ALL THE MASSES FOR \$10.**

These will be in memory of your loved ones. The name of your loved one will be put on the candle and you can either take it home or leave it in church to be used in the Sanctuary Lamp.

Trunk or Treat

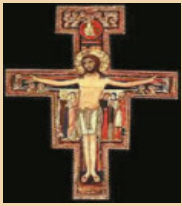
Friday October 24th 6-7:30 pm

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

As summer fades, and fall takes center stage both on the calendar and the weather map, it seems appropriate to look at St. Francis as the patron saint of the environment and ecology.

Associating a saint with a particular cause is usually the work of the people in the pews. They hear the story of a saint and see something in his or her life that applies to their own life or situation. It's usually very straightforward: Sts. Cosmas and Damian were doctors, so they are the patron of doctors; during her martyrdom, all of St. Apollonia's teeth were knocked out, so she is invoked against toothache; St. Joseph labored as a carpenter, so he is the patron of all workers. But once in a great while the pope steps forward and formally declares a particular saint to be patron of a particular cause. That is what happened in 1979, when Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of the environment.

It's not unusual to find statues of St. Francis standing amid a flowerbed or perched on the edge of a birdbath. Some of them are handsome works of art, and some are fairly senti mental, with cute bunnies and fawns at Francis' feet and birds sitting in the palm of his hand. Sentimental yard art can be a little hard to take, but there are worse things that have happened to poor St. Francis. Francis — one of the most popular saints among Catholics and non-Catholics — has sometimes been recast as a sun-and-moon worshipping pantheist. This characterization of St. Francis is deeply flawed. The man was profoundly, unshakably committed to the Catholic faith. When he contemplated the natural world he did not see a collection of "spirits," but a gloriously complex, interrelated system that reflected the splendor, the goodness and the generosity of God. His famous "Canticle of the Sun" is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Creator for the all the wonders of creation. It is because St. Francis loved and cherished the universe God made and all the creatures in it that Pope Saint John Paul II named the patron of the environmental movement.

Francis began composing the "Canticle of the Sun" in 1225. He wrote in the style of the troubadours, the romantic poets he had tried to imitate when he was a teenager running the streets of Assisi. In order for his hymn to reach the widest possible audience, he wrote it in Italian rather than Latin. From time to time he added new verses. It's likely that some of these were lost because Francis appears to have added verses spontaneously to fit a particular moment. He composed some lines on the virtue of forgiveness (this verse has come down to us) after he had arbitrated a dispute between the bishop of Assisi and the governor of the town. He made his final addition to the "Canticle" as he lay on his deathbed. "Praised be my Lord for our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape," Francis sang. May we recognize St. Francis as more than just "an earthy-crunchy tree-hugger" (as I heard one person derisively call him), but a man (a Saint) in love with God and God's Creation. As we enter into these fall months, let us look upon St. Francis with the admiration due someone who saw God in all things living and valued this gift of life in and through all.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

Fiscal Updates & News

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,331
Second Collection	\$ 777
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	<u>\$2,905</u>
	\$6,013

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$1,831
Second Collection	\$ 661
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	<u>\$ 805</u>
Total	\$3,197

St. John's is really beginning to shine. The new paint job and beautiful railings are making a big impact. There is still some work to be completed but Bravo to Mike Connolly for the work so far!

Mike Connolly Painting — 508-728-2285

And an enormous thank you to the generous parishioners who are funding this project!

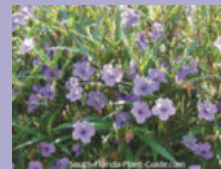
Discipleship means giving yourself to God above all Others. A little bit of your time would go a long way in helping our Collaborative become vibrant again. Please consider volunteering.

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.

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

Please remember to keep the two fall fundraisers in mind. The Memorial Candles and the Singing Trooper.



HAVE
A
WONDERFUL
WEEKEND

THE RECTORY
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CLOSED
MONDAY.

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
(doors open @ 1pm)
ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER**

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



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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

NEWS



West Bridgewater Lions Club
Invites you to
Paint Night
With Sandy Churchill
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
6:00 PM
St. Ann's Parish Center
North Main Street
West Bridgewater
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(includes supplies, soft drinks & desserts)

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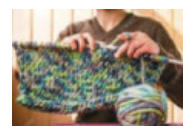
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