



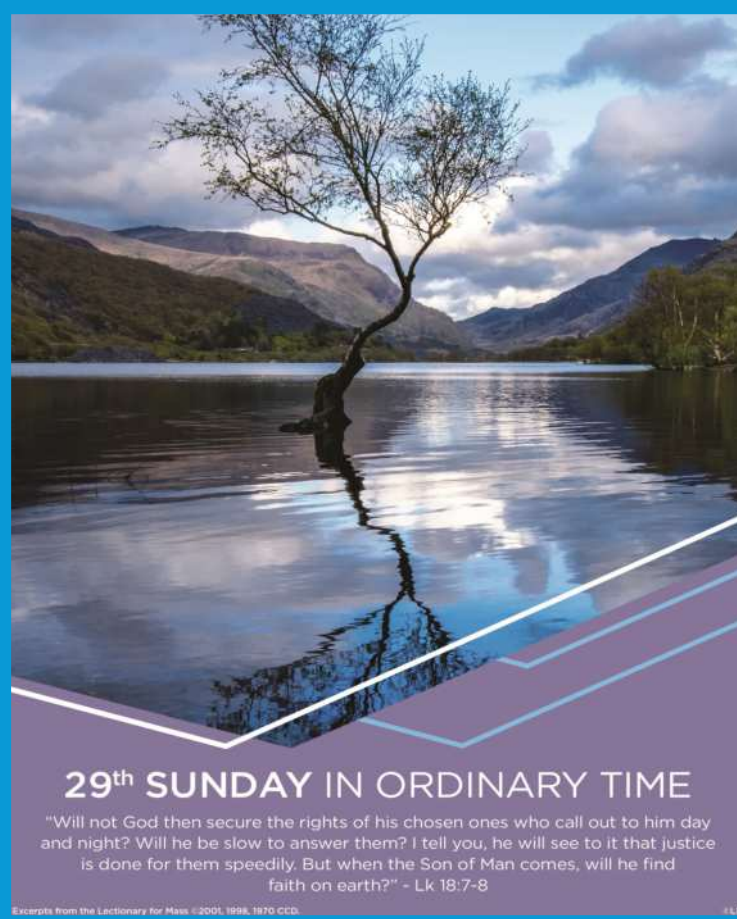
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 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 19, 2025
 The 29th Sunday
 In Ordinary Time*



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

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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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.

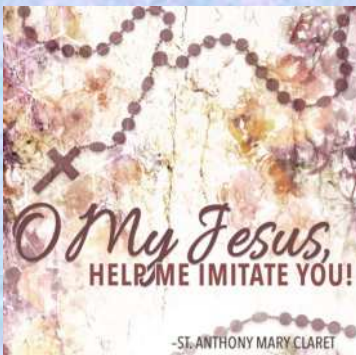
Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 18, 2025

4:00 - David L. LaCouture, Jr. — Month's Mind

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

9:00 - Linda Apostolon — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, October 25, 2025

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:30 - Paul Sheedy — 9th Anniversary

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

11:30 - Claudette Rochefort — 4th Anniversary

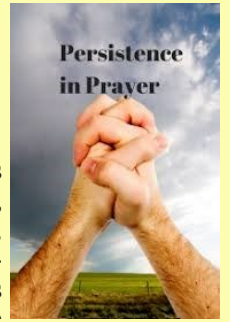
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 in
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 Of
 John Kaiser*



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Persistence in Prayer



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Hal Borland, the American author, was once quoted as saying that “knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience; knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence”. What he speaks of regarding trees and grass can be said about prayer. The elements of both patience and persistence are found in a good, rich prayer life. One may not see one's prayers answered in the time frame or fashion that they would like, but that doesn't mean that those prayers go unanswered. I once heard a priest say that “God answers all prayers – sometimes that answer is ‘no’”. God knows what we need to grow in faith, hope and love. God also knows those things that we *need* (as opposed to praying for or expecting only those things we *want*).

In today's gospel, Jesus recounts the parable of the persistent woman and the dishonest judge. The woman is persistent in her prayer and the judge fears that her persistence will be transformed into anger or, worse yet, violence. It is by this persistence that the woman has her “day in court” (literally and figuratively). She is heard not because of any fear the judge has for God or people, but out of fear that the judge has in potentially losing his life. At the center of this “change of heart” is the persistence of the woman; she is relentless in her pursuit of a just verdict. Her persistence wins her the day.

Jesus tells us to take a lesson from this parable, namely to persistent in prayer. Jesus' challenge to the hearer of this parable comes from both His desire for people to develop a relationship with God and His fear that people will lose faith if they don't remain diligent in their prayer. Jesus wonders aloud that when He comes back “will he find faith on earth?” (Lk 18:8). Jesus knows how easily people's faith can be shaken. Jesus has seen this doubt and fear in others and He will see it in His own disciples (at the end of His earthly days). Jesus knows the only way that people can be ready for trials and tribulations is by developing and maintaining a solid prayer life. This requires both persistence and patience.

This persistence and patience can overcome spiritual fatigue. In the first reading, as Joshua leads the Israelites into battle, with Moses leading the “spiritual warfare”. As long as Moses was persistent, and didn't let weariness overcome him (with a little “assist” from Aaron and Hur), the Israelites had the better of the fight. The same can be true of us, as there are sometimes when we need support for our prayers. Thank God we have a community of believers, a family of faith to whom we can turn for such support (or whom we can support). In this way, we all grow closer to God in prayer and life. May we have the courage to be persistent in prayer, diligent in life. May we know that God is with us, hearing our prayers and giving us what we need 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

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.

November Family Mass

November 2 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann. This Mass will be sponsored by one of our faith formation classes, TBD at press time.

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.



Upcoming Adult Formation Programs

Join us for a two-part series about the Mass.

Drawn into the Life of God: The Meaning of the Mass

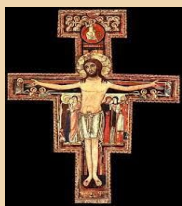
Wednesday 11/12 at 10 am at St. John and 7 pm at St. Ann (parish center)

Ever wondered about the meaning behind all the stuff we do at Mass? Then this program is for you! We will be watching and discussing a video presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, Australia as he guides us through the meaning of each part of the Mass.

Living the Mass

Wednesday 11/19 at 10 am at St. John and 7 pm at St. Ann (parish center)

Did you know the most important sign in the church is the Exit sign? That is because the hour we spend in prayer at Mass is meant to prepare us for the other 167 hours a week we spend outside church. Drawing on the book by noted catechist Joe Paprocki of the same name, come learn how we can live what we do at Mass in our everyday lives.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the necessity for them to pray without ceasing. For St. Francis, prayer was not important until his conversion, being immersed as he was in his earlier life in things of the world - pursuits such as fame and fortune to be found in the life of a knight. Only in prayer were his knightly ambitions turned in a new direction; only in prayer did he find the strength to lead the people who wanted to follow him—but on their own terms. Prayer enabled him to discover the link between the Church that Jesus established and the Church that needed much more conversion to Jesus' ways. We often think of prayer as an activity that is guaranteed to leave us more serene than when we began it. It does ultimately lead to serenity, but only after it has led us into deeper honesty about God, other people, and ourselves. As long as certain parts of a person's life are "off limits" as the subject of prayer, that person's possibilities for conversion will be stunted.

Prayer is not for the weak at heart, and Francis of Assisi knew that. Prayer is not simply rearranging a person's thoughts; it leads to discarding some "spiritual dead-wood" that is no longer compatible with God's ways and acquiring other attitudes as necessary in order to live honestly before God, with other people, and with ourselves.

May we have the courage of St. Francis to face the truths of our life and, through unceasing prayer, come to conversion of mind, heart, and life.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



PRAY THE ROSARY

Fiscal Updates & News

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,844
Second Collection	\$ 785
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	\$ 900
	<u>\$4,529</u>

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$2,818
Second Collection	\$ 880
Sacramental Donations + Misc.	\$ 715
Total	<u>\$4,413</u>

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.

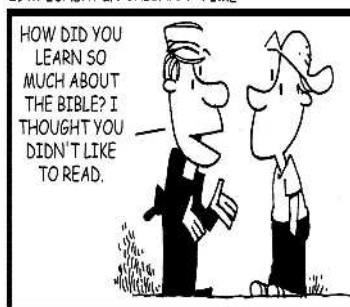
Please call the offices if you are interested in helping in anyway.

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.



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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,
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**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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508-245-5481**

Thank you to all those who donated to our recent clothing and book drive, and our gratitude to those who continue to make monetary donations to our collection boxes at the door of the church. Without your ongoing generosity to all our fundraising efforts we would not be able to continue to assist our neighbors in their time of need.

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

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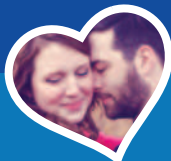
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