



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 October 20, 2024*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



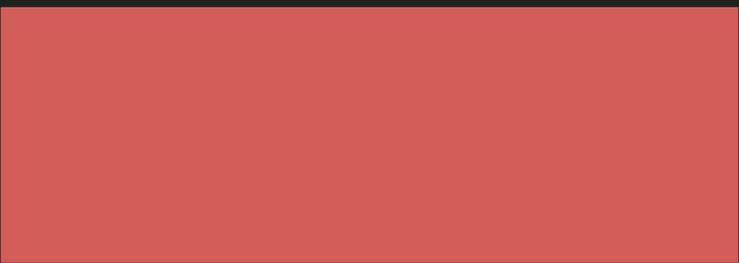
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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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

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Allan & Ruth Winsor — Memorial
- 6:15 - Frances Sousa — Memorial

Thursday, October 24, 2024

- 9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Paul Sheedy — 8th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Friday, October 18, 2024

- 9:00 - Paula Cannon — Month's Mind

Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 4:00 - Jerry Penney — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 20, 2024

- 9:30 - Linda Fontaine — 21st Anniversary

Thursday, October 24, 2024

- 9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, October 26, 2024

- 4:00 - Claudette Rochefort — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, October 27, 2024

- 9:30 - Helen Cabral, Rose Camelo, Martha & Antonio Lopes — Memorial

My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a story told about Muhammad Ali, the boxing champion who called himself "The Greatest". As he was boarding a flight, he was informed that he would have to fasten his seat belt. Ali apparently retorted that "Superman doesn't need a seatbelt"; the flight steward was said to respond "Superman doesn't need a plane to fly, either - fasten your seat belt".

The idea of "greatness" is something about which the world and Christianity greatly disagree. While the world may see power, prestige, wealth or might as being "marks" of greatness, the Christian sees greatness in the ability to serve. This idea of "servant leadership" is something which Jesus was constantly trying to instill in His disciples. Today's gospel is a perfect example of what it means to be a "servant-leader". As the disciples are engaging in ministry, James and John approach Jesus and inquire about a "place of honor" in the Kingdom. Jesus takes the request, no doubt ponders it, and asks to what lengths they are willing to go to be His disciples and to spread the message of the Kingdom. When James and John assure Jesus that they can do all that is asked, they are informed that these "places of honor" which they seek are only given by God the Father - they are not for Jesus to bestow. This request angers the others, and this is where Jesus "sets the record straight".

In informing the Twelve that they must serve others in their role as leaders, Jesus isn't just giving a pious platitude or paying "lip service" to this idea. Jesus, Himself, is ready to (and ultimately will) "put His money where His mouth is" by committing to this ideal with His very life. In giving of His whole self - body, mind, spirit - Jesus shows the others (and us) what it means to be a "servant-leader". By giving His life for the sake of all, Jesus isn't just readying the Kingdom for us - Jesus is showing us what it means to be a Christian here and now.

May we have the courage to put our needs, wants and desires aside so that others may know what it means to be a follower of Christ. May we unite our lives to Jesus by giving of our whole selves - body, mind, spirit - so that others may come to know what we have come to know: that Jesus, by being a servant-leader, has opened up the Kingdom and won for us newness of life!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

Saint Ann

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All Saints Day is Friday, November 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses : Saint John's at 9:00 am
Saint Ann's at 7:00 pm.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at 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



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. Father 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

Our November Family Mass is 11/3 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts. 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.



Saturday 10/26
St. John's Parish, East Bridgewater
12-1:30 pm
All kids welcome!!

Cars wanted! To participate, contact Matt Brady at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Cost: \$10/car, half goes to church and half to prize for best decorated car as voted by the kids.

St. John Grounds Clean Up

Saturday Nov. 16 9-11:30 am

We need people who would be willing to help rake leaves at St. John. Everyone is welcome to help, but we do need some tarps to hall the leaves and someone with a truck and dump sticker who can take them there for us.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all" (Mark 10:43-44). He went on to say that he had come "not be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). Along with this passage, in the 13th Chapter of the Gospel of John (the pivotal chapter of St. John's gospel), Jesus gets up from the table after a final meal with his disciples and begins to wash their feet. The one they call "Teacher" and "Lord" performs for them an act of Middle Eastern hospitality usually reserved for the lowest slave in the household. "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you," Jesus tells the future shepherds of his flock (John 13:15). These moments of Jesus' ministry may have come as a shock to His disciples and other followers, but they should not come as a shock to us. Jesus is the epitome of the "servant-leader" and they show clearly to us that the concept of servant-leadership is nothing new in the Christian tradition.

St. Francis wanted this servant attitude of Christ to be mirrored in his own life and in the lives of his followers, especially the leaders among them. He frequently referenced the story of the foot-washing in John's gospel. He told the friars: "Let no one be called superior, but let everyone in general be called a lesser brother. And let one wash the feet of the other." (St. Francis of Assisi, The Earlier Rule, VI: 3-4). To those who exercised authority "in the world," Francis wrote: "Let the one to whom obedience has been entrusted and who is considered the greater be the lesser and the servant of the other brothers." (St. Francis of Assisi, Later Admonition and Exhortation, 42) In word and deed, Francis taught that the best leaders are self-effacing stewards who put the common good of all ahead of their own personal gain.

Another perspective of servant-leadership can be found in St. Clare of Assisi. She was a reluctant leader and would not have become abbess of her band of sisters had it not been for Saint Francis' request that she do so. The alternative was the potential closure of her monastery, and Francis likely recognized her abilities and qualities. Like Jesus, Francis did not treat women as second-class citizens. Both recognized that we are all equal in God's eyes. Clare displayed qualities that were dissimilar from those of typical abbesses in any era, and certainly behaved unlike other noble women. Like Francis, everyone was welcome to join them, whether from rich or poor backgrounds. Unlike other monasteries, where women brought their servants and dowries, everyone was an equal and everyone worked. She wanted them to live as family, advising her sisters to meet weekly and give each other honest feedback to live in deep respect and loving presence to each other.

In both Ss. Francis and Clare, Franciscans have exemplary models of what it means to be a servant-leader. Their embodiment of Jesus' call to serve and not be served is something for which every Franciscan, Secular and Religious, strives. Furthermore, carrying this idea of servant-leadership out into the world, into our family situations, our work environments, and our own personal prayer lives, is something every Secular Franciscan seeks to do so as to "bring Gospel to life and life to Gospel".

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR:

CATCHING UP ON ALL THE BILLS

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION SUPPORTS CATHOLIC WORLD MISSIONS. BY BAPTISM, ALL CATHOLICS ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH AND SHARE THEIR FAITH AS MISSIONARIES. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY GATHERS SUPPORT FOR THE PASTORAL AND EVANGELIZATION PROGRAMS AND NEEDS OF MORE THAN 1,150 MISSION DIOCESES IN AFRICA, ASIA, THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND REMOTE REGIONS OF LATIN AMERICA. THE FUNDS GATHERED ON WORLD MISSION SUNDAY ARE DISTRIBUTED IN THE POPE'S NAME BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.



THE INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP RICHARD HENNING TO ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS ON OCTOBER 31, 2024 AT 2:00 PM.

THIS IS FOR THE CLERGY.

HOWEVER, A WATCH PARTY WILL BE HELD AT SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN BRAINTREE IN THEIR PARISH CENTER.

OR YOU CAN WATCH THE INSTALLATION ON CATHOLIC TV. COVERAGE BEGINS AT 1:30 PM ENCORE PRESENTATION AT 8 PM.

WELCOME TO BOSTON AND GOD BLESS!!

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'Guisepp & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater
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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
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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: November 12, 2024

St Vincent dePaul (St. Ann's Church) is holding a Scratch ticket raffle to help raise money to help others. \$250.00 worth of tickets. Tickets are 1-\$20 or 3 - \$50

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

**MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation \$25+**

**HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80**

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110**

**HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS
\$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165**



**Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated
TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?" Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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