



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
COLLABORATIVE  
St. Ann & St. John*



*October 21, 2018  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**TO HAVE COURAGE  
FOR WHATEVER COMES  
IN LIFE—EVERYTHING  
LIES IN THAT.**

—ST. TERESA OF JESUS

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass –6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday  
9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass.

### St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass—6:30, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m.  
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

**Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office**

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Ben Williams  
Nancy Maloney  
Margaret Mary Williams

Jackie Buccigross

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Thursday, October 18, 2018**

**9:00 - John Walsh — Birthday Remembrance**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**4:00 - East Bridgewater Police**

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**8:00 - Doc & Marion Wood — Memorial**

**10:30 - Margarida De Jesus — 1st Anniversary**

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

**9:00 - Robert Robichaud — Birthday Remem.**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**4:00 - James & Leona DeCost — Memorial**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**8:00 - Harold & Dorothea Barney — Memorial**

**10:30 - Bronislaw Morawski — 29th Anniversary**

**6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John**

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**4:00 - Thomas Garrity — 1st Anniversary**

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann**

**10:30 - Fire, Police, & First Responders**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

**8:30 - Lisa Kearney — 1st Anniversary**

**10:30 - Paul J. Sheedy — 2nd Anniversary**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

This past Father's Day began with my youngest son asking me for money. As the day went by, he continued to ask me for things. It was actually quite humorous as it was supposed to be my day and I hadn't asked him for one thing. It was all about what he wanted. Finally, after his latest request, I responded, "It's Father's Day! What I want from you is a day where you don't ask me for anything." I would have to say that he does not constantly ask me for things all the time and he is a good kid, but this day he did have me reflecting on how much a child asks from a parent. We ask quite a lot from our Heavenly Father as well. I don't think He begrudges us anything due to all our requests. However, like any human parent would, I think God would love it when He asks something of us that we can respond with a "yes." We like to do all the asking, but too often we are not very responsive when we are being asked. It is an important aspect to reflect on in any relationship. If you seek to receive more than you are willing to give, what kind of lopsided relationship is that? God doesn't want that type of relationship. Any father wants to give his son or daughter anything they ask for within reason, but offering the same back is what a real relationship is all about.



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, and 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

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

## The Next Second Collection

October 21, 2018 — Quarterly collection for major repairs

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/07/18		10/07/18	
OFFERTORY	\$2,742	\$3,680	\$6,185	\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000



Saint Ann's and Saint John's are committed to keeping our promise to keep God's Children Safe.

As most of you are aware, all parish volunteers are required by the Archdiocese to attend a class in VIRTUS ( Protecting God's Children) Each and every volunteer and staff member must attend at least one training session. If you have already attended but want to refresh your training, you are welcome as well.

For those of you have not attended a VIRTUS training session, one will be held at Saint Ann's Parish Center on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The training generally last an hour to an hour and a half depending on questions by participants

Please remember Saint Ann's and Saint John's When doing your Estate Planning!



### TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

**Saint Ann**

**saint john**

**October 14  
December 9  
January 13  
February 10  
March 10**

**October 28  
January 27  
March 24  
April 14**

28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you are in need of Rosary Beads, our Rosary Makers have them available at the doors of each church.



**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.*

-Amen



Pray and give generously

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 21, 2018

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith  
a Pontifical Mission Society

In the month of November, the prayer to Saint Michael will be included in all the Masses.

# NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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New mailing address:  
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## 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.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!!!!

Saint Ann's is currently experiencing some flooding in the basement of the Rectory. We are currently working

with the Archdiocese to remedy this situation. However, every plan of action requires money.

The offertory has been very low lately and barely covers the monthly bills. Therefore, we find it necessary to add a second collection quarterly to address some of the capital issues. As you can imagine, the quarterly collection this quarter will be for the water issues. This collection will be The weekend of October 20 & 21.



More about the water issues at Saint Ann.

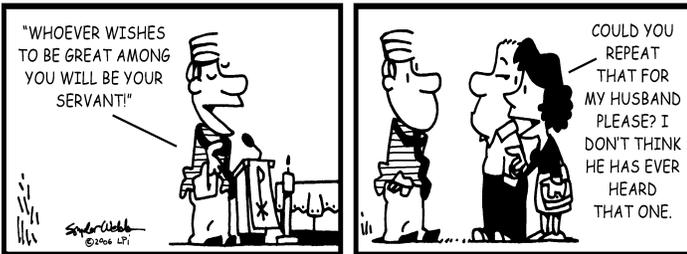
We seem to have solved the issues creating the flooded cellar at the Rectory. We are in the process of moving forward with the repairs necessary to correct that problem.

In the meantime, we noticed that we also have a problem with the down spouts of the church. We have

connected with the Belolli Co. who is working on the flooding issue to correct this problem, as well.

You know what that means \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. Your generosity is imperative!!!!!!! Thank you in advance.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY AFTER EACH MASS

OCTOBER 20 & 21



## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

ALL SAINTS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2018

SAINT JOHN'S — 9:00 AM  
SAINT ANN'S — 7:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT JOHN'S — WILL BE HOSTING THE MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR.

SAINT ANN'S was hoping to bring back the BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH. But we have only had one certified nurses step forward to assist. If you have been thinking about it at all, Please call the rectory and leave a message if you can help.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Rosary after daily Masses.**  
**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**  
**Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM**

**Join Our Choirs!**

Welcoming new members for children’s, adult and teen choirs! Weekly, seasonal, and Teen Mass opportunities. No audition required. Instrumentalists also welcome! Children must have received First Holy Communion in order to participate. Contact Paul Hoffman, Saint John’s Music Director, for more information and schedule.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul**  
**Saint John’s Conference**  
**PO Box 544**  
**East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

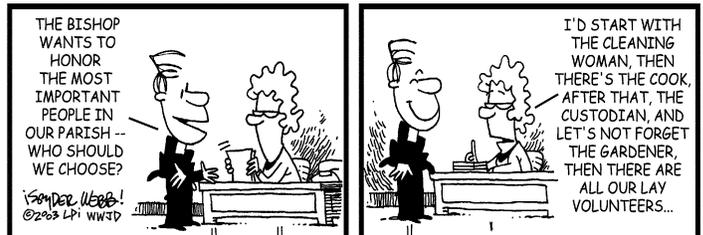
In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: “Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all.”

**When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have little.**

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

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**Please keep the following in your prayers:**  
 Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith & The residents of Schem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**Don't miss out!!!!**  
**We are taking reservations for our:**  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
**NOVEMBER 24TH**  
**9AM—3 PM**  
**\$30 FOR SPACE WITH A TABLE**  
**\$25 FOR SPACE WITHOUT A TABLE**  
**CALL MARY ANN BOYLE—508-378-4704**

Saint John’s has been trying to get the parking lot lined. We are still working on this project. We also have issues with the doors of the church that need to be addressed. These projects require money that we don’t have. So we are installing a quarterly collection. This will be implemented this weekend.



**OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25**  
**At 4:30 PM**

**The Religious Education Program**  
**Will be conducting**  
**Parent Meetings with Fr. Paul and Mrs. Hopgood**

**Please make every effort to attend.**

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*What is a transitional deacon?*

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There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.