



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017*



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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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.

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 for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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 of the month 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

October 29, 2017—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 28, 2017

4:00 — Linda Fontaine — 14th Anniversary

Sunday, October 29, 2017

8:00 — Mary & Elmer Proffitt—Memorial

10:30 — Robert & Ann Sullivan & Robert Sullivan, Jr.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00 — Donald Brems — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00 —Raymond R. Breton — 1st Anniversary

10:30 —Donald & Lorraine Kerrigan — Memorial

6:00 — Virginia Hopgood

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8:30 - Paul J. Sheedy — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Patricia & Raymond Eaniri — Memorial

Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:00 — Mary & Louis Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:30 - N. Patricia Flynn — 6 Month Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

DEACON'S CORNER BY DEACON BRENDAN

For my final comments on the rosary, I am reminded as Catholics, we have been encouraged to make the Rosary a frequent form of prayer. Our Lady Herself has urged us in her apparitions to pray for peace and the souls in purgatory. There have been many saints over time who have urged us to pray the Rosary. Padre Pio, now Saint Pio urged us “to always recite the rosary and recite it as often as possible”. Father Patrick Payton, a Holy Cross Father from Stonehill gave talks all over the World. He would say “The family that prays together, stays together”. A Plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual condition when the Rosary is prayed in Church, in a family group or in a religious community. Three other conditions must be fulfilled: A sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, Prayers for the Pope's intention. In addition, one must be free of all attachments to sin, even venial sin. If these conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is only partial. Both a plenary and partial indulgence may be applied to the dead.



OCTOBER 29TH — PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR BELOVED PRIESTS: FR. PAUL, FR. MIKE, FR. SKERRY, FR. PETER FRANCIS.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

“Render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s, and render unto God what is God’s” (Mt 22:21). You have no doubt heard the saying given by Jesus in today’s gospel (I chose to use a slightly “older” translation), but you may still be wondering what is Caesar’s and what is God’s? In answering that question, one decides how much of their life they “owe” to God and how much they “owe” to the State. The challenge comes in making that division. Most of us have to work, most have to pay taxes and most “owe” something to provide for the “common good” (roads, schools, hospitals and the like). Beyond that, one might wonder how much is to be given to that “common good”.

You’ve doubtless heard me ask the question, “do you own your wealth, or does it own you?” (taken from a financial seminar recently viewed on public television). It is a valid question, and one which Scripture poses in a different manner: “where your heart is, there your treasure will be also” (Mt 6:21). It is a valid question, for it very well directs and guides our motives and motivations. If we live “in the world, but not of the world” (another expression you’ve heard me utter, ad nauseam), then I believe we have our spiritual “house” in order. When we have our eyes focused on the mission, message, and life of Jesus and if we keep our intentions focused on making it to the Kingdom, then I believe that we’ll be just fine.

As Shakespeare says, though, “therein lies the rub” (*Hamlet*, Act 3, Scene 1)! We have to live in the world, all the while keeping our eyes focused on the Kingdom. This can be difficult, what with all of the world’s allurements and illusions. Living in the world can be that “double-edged sword” of having to enjoy the goodness of life while trying to avoid the things which aren’t good for us, good for our soul. We must realize that every decision/choice we make has consequences, and that these consequences can be life-altering (oftentimes for the better, but sometimes not!). The “Serenity Prayer” (written by Reinhold Niebuhr, used in many 12-step programs) asks for the “serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. May we have these gifts so as to align ourselves with God’s will, striving to do the same each and every day.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week * ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL IN UGANDA

Next week * SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION — ST. JOHN - ELECTRICAL NEEDS, ST. ANN - PAYDOWN OF ROOF

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 10/1 - 10/7	St. Ann's	St. John's	Total
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/1-17	9/24/17	10/1/17
*In-Pew Giving			
*On-Line			
*Mail-ins			
MONIES WILL BE REPORTED IN THE BULLETIN OF NOV 5 WHEN DEBBIE RETURNS			
TOTAL			

Did you know that October is the month of the Rosary.

The Rosary can be downloaded on your phone in the form of an app and some of those apps are interactive and replace the need for Rosary Beads. (and are free)

Or you can use the following site to help you learn how to say the Rosary or to teach a younger child how to say the Rosary.

<http://www.dummies.com/religion/christianity/catholicism/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>



Rosary beads help Catholics count their prayers. More importantly, Catholics pray the rosary as a means of entreaty to ask God for a special favor, such as helping a loved one recover from an illness, or to thank God for blessings received — a new baby, a new job, a new moon.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2017
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

MASSES:

9:00 AM @ ST. JOHN'S

7:00 PM @ ST. ANN'S

**ALL SOULS DAY
Commeration of All Faithfully
Departed**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2017
NO MASSES PERMITTED**



All Saints Day



All Souls Day

Crafty Christmas Fair

**St John's Catholic Women's Club
8th Annual Craft Fair
Saturday, November 25th –
9 am to 2 pm
In the Church Hall**

Includes:

Food Court

Baked Goods

Hand Crafted items

Jewelry

Raffles

Christmas items

Crafts of all kinds

Attic Treasures

Religious items

Something for Everyone!!!



*VENDORS PLEASE CALL MARYANN
@ 508-378-4704*



Parish and Youth Ministry

Our mission is to offer resources that support, build community, and demonstrate love, so that each of us can strengthen the roots of our faith, our families, our friendships, and our Parishes.

Parish Advent Mission

December 3rd-4th

We are thrilled to introduce Jaymie Stewart Wolf who will be walking with us along our Advent Parish Mission. Watch for full details on our websites.

Jaymie Stewart Wolfe welcome message on her website: Loaves and Fishes:

"You feed them." Luke 9:13

I am a Catholic convert and lay evangelist sharing faith in Jesus Christ through both word and song. Drawing from the riches of Scripture and Tradition, my purpose is to echo God's call to holiness, and help others answer it in authentic discipleship.

Through Loaves and Fishes Ministry, I hope to inspire others to seek and recognize God's Presence in their daily lives. I undertake all I do in the Name of Jesus Christ, for His glory, and in union with what the Holy Spirit has revealed through the teachings of the Catholic Church. I trust in the prayers of Mary—Loom of the Incarnation, Help of Christians, and Undoer of Knots—to guide each one of us to her Son.



Calendar

- 11/3: Elvis Night from 6:00-9:00 pm with Dinner at St. Ann's Hall
- 11/5: Family Mass from 10:30 at St. John
- 11/5: Christmas Pageant sign-up after Mass at St. John
- 11/9: Ultreya @ 7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Pasta with the Pastor from 5:00-6:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Youth Committee Meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John
- 11/11: Family Night from 7:00-9:00 at St. John
- 11/17: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 am at St. Ann
- 11/19: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann

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Final Days for Tickets!

Elvis Oldies Show
Joe Presley and the
Castletones Band

Music from the fifties-seventies

Friday, November 3rd

6:00-9:00 pm

\$20.00 single or \$35.00 couple

St. Ann's Parish Hall

Dancing, Dinner and a Fun Night Out!

To purchase tickets
please call 508-838-8490
or visit St. Ann's Rectory



Our New Book Club !

This is one of our new opportunities we have added this year in particular for those that have busy schedules and can't attend a program or event or those that don't feel ready to attend. Our goal is to take on three projects in the first year of our Book Club! Hopefully that will be plenty of time for you to read our first project at your own pace. We will connect using email or social media based on the preferences of those who join us. *"Discover how to recognize and conquer resistance in your life so you can become the-best-version-of-yourself and experience true happiness."*

Cost of Book: \$3.00

We will place the order on November 1st.

Christmas Pageant

Our sign-up will be after the Family Mass at St. John on November 5th. There will be a short meeting. Children of all ages are welcome and our teens are welcome to help our little ones on stage. This year our Pageant will be presented as the kick-off to our Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, December 3rd after the Family Mass at St. John. * Our Collaborative is blessed to have two Pageants. Please see the bulletin for details on St. Ann's Pageant



Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above)

The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory: will now be displayed on the Collaborative page.

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the end of December.

SAINT ANN'S IS LOOKING TO FORM A

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry would be people from the parish who would be willing to meet with people who just lost loved one and are planning their funeral.

The Bereavement Ministry offers these people a source of solice and support. Many times the loved ones have fallen away from the Church and do not know how to plan the Funeral Mass. Our job is to gently guide them through this process and offer any comfort while doing so.

If you are interested in offering your service in this way, please contact Arlene Stefano at the Rectory. 508-568-4880



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.

Programs for your enjoyment!

Bible Study — Monday evenings — 7 PM — St John's — lead by Deacon Joe.

Adoration — Tuesday Evenings — 7 PM — St. John's

All are welcome.

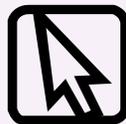
MOVING FORWARD

As you know, St. Ann's is now involved in the Increased Offertory Campaign, an increased giving campaign our parish.

In recent weeks our parish has been preparing for the Program by recruiting volunteer leadership, updating parish records and producing program materials. Soon all members of St. Ann Parish will be invited to participate in the Increased Offertory Campaign. We hope you will respond positively and with generosity.

In the coming weeks you will receive a letter from Father Ring describing the Increased Offertory Campaign and how our parish will benefit. It is an opportunity for all of us to take an active role in the growth and stabilization of our parish and for each parishioner to practice the principle of stewardship — giving back a portion of our blessings to God.

On November 19th, each parishioner will be asked to make a commitment to evaluate and increase — if they are able — what they give to the parish's weekly offertory collections. Please pray



a [Stewardship Link](#): 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."



NOVEMBER 5TH — DON'T FORGET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 & SUNDAY, OCT 8, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Peg Fitzgerald
8:30 —Terry Daly
10:30—Benjamin Williams

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Ed Lindsey
Frank Boyd
Ann Zenus

8:30 — Linda Santry
Louise Domingos
Ann Garvey

10:30 — Jerry Bean
Margaret M. Williams
Peter DelSette



**1st FRIDAY ADORATION
AT SAINT ANN'S
FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION
& AT 6:45—8:00 PM**



**Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00**

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, Bob Solakof, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!
Contact Paul Hoffman, Music Director for details.

"The Pastoral Plan Writing Team (consisting of both staff and parishioners of both parishes) has been meeting regularly since this summer and is hard at work formulating a "Local Pastoral Plan". This "Plan", which is reflective of our needs, goals, and desires as the "Together in Christ Collaborative", has been using the results from the Disciple Maker Index survey that our communities participated in this past winter, and has proven to be an invaluable resource in this work. We hope to bring forward a "Vision Statement" soon, which will "set the tone" for our ongoing work here in the Collaborative. Your prayers, good wishes, and input are all greatly sought and appreciated."

Catholic Women's Club Ministry needs help setting up and breaking down their Christmas Craft Fair on November 25th. Please contact Nancy Smith if you can help.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference



In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

When you make a food or monetary donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are helping us help your neighbor and in turn they will know that they belong to God.

If you are aware of an individual or family who needs food or other assistance, please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Together we are making a difference.

GRAND ANNUAL IN-PEW PLEDGE CAMPAIGN TO TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH

My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old story about a pastor who needs to raise money for a new roof. He tells his congregation that, "I have bad news, good news, and bad news". "The bad news", he says, "is that we need a new roof." "The good news", he continues, "is that we have all the money we need". "The bad news", he concludes, "is that it's in your pockets". A little humor to convey an important truth about stewardship and sacrificial giving.

It is in this spirit that I come to you to ask for your help in this year's Grand Annual Collection. This collection is vital to the fiscal health of St. John's Parish, as there is really no significant fundraising income. This year I, along with our Parish Finance Council and Jackie Buccigross (our Finance and Operations Manager), have set a goal of \$32,000. Last year we raised over \$31,000 (which was down from last year, but this is a new year!), so I am confident that, through the hard work of every family here at St. John's, and a contribution of \$250 per family, we can reach this goal. I am painfully aware of the condition of our present economy. In asking for this offering, I do so fully cognizant that not everyone can fulfill this request I make of you. I believe, however, that you will do what you can, to the degree you can, to help us make this goal. My confidence in coming to you with this request isn't just some "pie in the sky wish"; it is based on the historical generosity which you have exhibited in recent past history, evidenced in the increased giving to the Grand Annual over the last three years.

You can make your donation in either one payment or over several weeks. You may use one of the envelopes found at the usher's table (in the church). You also have the option of an "online" donation; simply consult the user's guide found on the parish website (www.stjohneb.org) or call Debbie at the Parish Office and she will walk you through the process. The money collected from the Grand Annual Collection will be used to keep the budget in balance and if possible for some improvements to the physical plant. One "dream project", for but one example, is painting the exterior of our church which serves as a beacon of hope for so many in our community!

As you prayerfully consider making this "free-will offering", as I like to call it, let us all remember that St. John's is our "second home", a place of peace and refuge from a world of challenge and chaos. We have over 1200 people who worship with us, who come to St. John's to find "food for the journey" in both Word and Sacrament. We have a vibrant Religious Education program, a faith-filled Vacation Bible School, and a lively Parish and Family Ministry (with a variety of programs offered each month!), leading our people - of all ages - to a deepened faith. We have a dedicated staff and corps of volunteers who keep us moving forward towards the Kingdom. From our Religious Education Catechists, to St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, to the Catholic Women's Club of East Bridgewater, to our Parish and Youth Ministry Leadership Teams, to our Sacramental Ministers, we have people of every generation assisting us in this endeavor. It is in this spirit that I ask for your contribution to our Grand Annual Collection. Please be assured of my prayers for you and yours as you continue to worship, walk and pray with us, now and into the future. Asking God's continued blessings I am, and remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul

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