



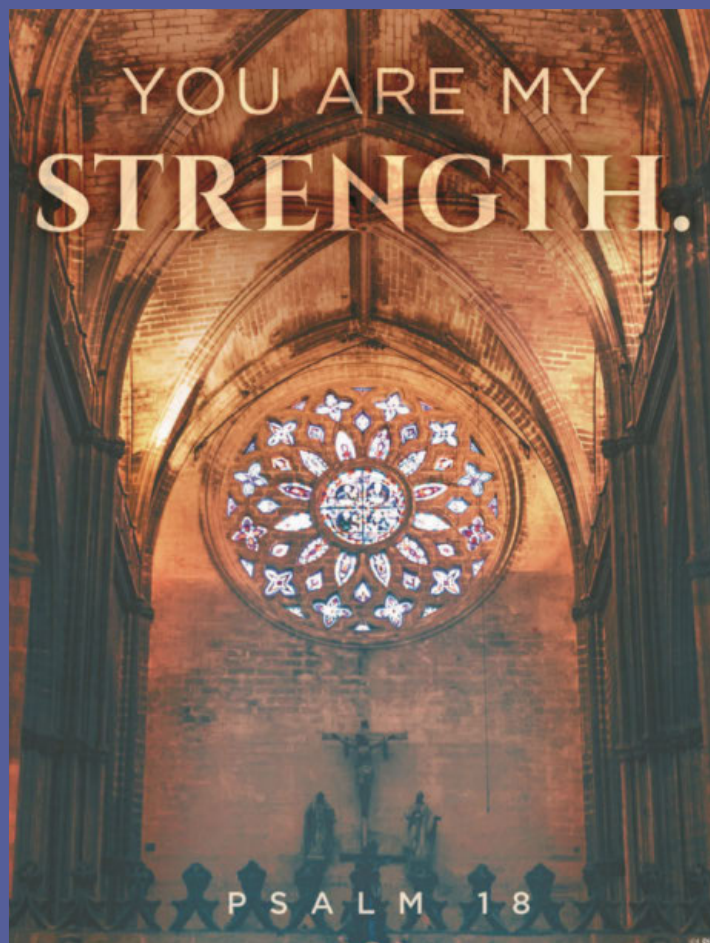
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*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 3, 2024*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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deaconbrendan@comcast.net

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Fr. Michael Diochi

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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.

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant:

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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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 - All My Deceased Loved Ones

11:30 - Karen Paré - 1st Anniversary

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024

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

11:30 - Manuel & Ann Barros & Family —
Memorial

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

Thursday, November 14, 2024

9:00 - Steve Hobbs — 1st Anniversary

Mary Stracqualursi — 9th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 2, 2024

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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:30 - Patricia McCarthy — Memorial

Friday, November 8, 2024

9:00 - Vince Adornato — Memorial

Saturday, November 9, 2024

4:00 - Mark Cosgrove — 13th Anniversary

Thomas Cosgrove — 49th Anniversary

Grace Cosgrove — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:30 - Regis & Boisclair Families — Memorial

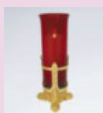
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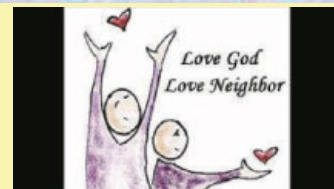
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Karen Paré



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up in my neighborhood, there was THAT neighbor, which I suspect every neighborhood had. We had a neighbor who, perhaps because of his schedule or perhaps because of his own whims, decided that 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning was the perfect time to run the power washer, leaf blower, snow blower, or lawn mower (depending on the season). One particular Saturday morning, it seemed like the snow blower was louder than usual. I was just about to go out and “give him a piece of my mind” when, in looking outside, I noticed that he was snow blowing OUR driveway! I went out and asked him why, and his response both took me aback and cut me to the quick: he was doing it because he heard that my father (who always took it upon himself to start the shoveling) was sick and he thought he’d be neighborly and lend a hand. It gave me a different perspective about what a “neighbor” was, as well as what type of neighbor this gentleman was.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is asked which of the commandments was “first”. Now, mind you, in Jewish tradition, there are 613 commandments (and to think that we have trouble with ten, sometimes!), so to put one first was a tall order. If Jesus was to do this, He would be implying that this “first” commandment was the most important one. This was a trap, and Jesus knew it. Jesus knew that the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees were often trying to trap Him, and He never fell into any of these traps. In this case, Jesus avoids the trap by “synthesizing” the commandments into two: Love of God, Love of Neighbor. In regard to my story above, I often think that Love of God is far easier than Love of Neighbor, but that isn’t always the case. While it can be challenging to love our neighbor, loving God takes effort as well. Often times, God will do something or allow something that leaves us perplexed, amazed, and often times angry. We can’t always see into the mind and heart of God, and many times the “permissive will of God” (when God allows something to happen) that confuses, frustrates and angers us. It is in those times that the grace of “trust” is needed, trust that God knows what He is doing and that, ultimately, He is in charge. Even when we have that trust, that doesn’t mean that it is easy; it is often a hard won trust, coming over a period of time – sometimes months, or even years.

May we come to trust that God, who is in charge, knows what is best. May we come to trust that God has our best interest at heart. May we come to trust that, in the end, all will be well. May we look to God for all things, especially His mercy, His grace, and His 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

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.

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 haul the leaves and someone with a truck and dump sticker who can take them there for us.

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.

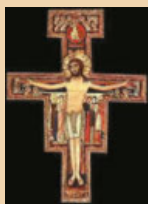
If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

November Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm, St. John

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!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

This past Friday (November 1st), the Church celebrated All Saints Day. This is an important feast in our Church as it recognizes those men and women who, while ordinary human beings, lived extraordinary lives of faith by giving everything they had – mind, spirit, (and sometimes even) body - to God. Within the Franciscan Community, there are those men and women who have achieved, through God's grace, the title of "Saint".

When we think of saints within the Franciscan family, we of course think of Saints Francis and Clare. Without their vision, fortitude, and trust, there wouldn't be a Franciscan or Claretian Order. They are the "standard bearers" and "benchmarks" by which all other "saintly" members of their respective Orders are measured. They are also the "yardstick" by which many within those Communities (who are not (yet) saints) measure their lives of faith and service to the Church and the People of God.

When we look beyond those two, we see many who stand out as Saints who hold the title of "Franciscan" or "Claretian". There is St. Bonaventure, St. Joseph of Cupertino, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, and St. Anthony of Padua. In more "modern" times, there is St. Marianne Cope, Pope St. John XXIII, and St. Padre Pio. All of them serve as examples to us of what it is we can be when we focus our energies on God's plan for us. They can be a "beacon" for us when we find ourselves mired in the "darkness" of sin and suffering.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, may we come to see all of our Franciscan friends in Heaven as models of faith for us, to guide us to the Kingdom. May we ask that through their intercession, we may be drawn closer into a love of God and work with them to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth so that we may spend eternity in the Kingdom of God in Heaven! **HAPPY ALL SAINTS DAY, ONE AND ALL!!**

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

**SAINT ANN'S
PARKING LOT**

9:00 - 2:00

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

THIS WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR HURRICANE RELIEF.

All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of *me*, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

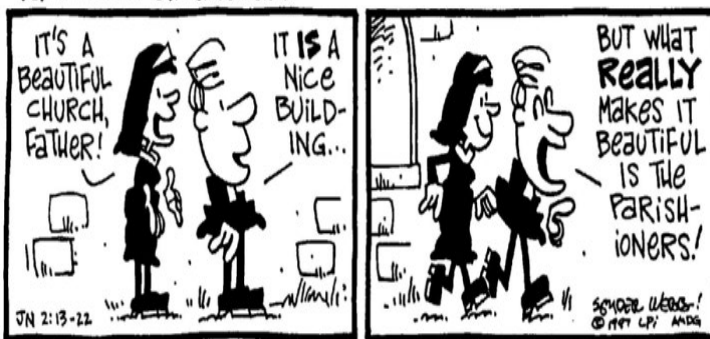
But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

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



Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Families have been surveyed, and the decision is to again give gift cards to children age 17 and younger in needy families. The families must be in need and meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater Schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at **508-586-6535**, or email her, linda@santry.org. All information is kept in strict confidence.

We also are updating our list of senior citizens for a Christmas remembrance. This year we will provide gift cards and a small goodie basket to senior citizens who are needy or have no family to remember them at Christmas. If you know of someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.

I am also looking for someone to assist me with this year's program, with the possibility of taking over down the road. After 41 years, it is time. Please contact me if you are willing to help out.

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
We need jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans
Cash donations also accepted.

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379
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 de Paul (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

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, November 4, 2024
Monday, November 18, 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

A Prayer for Civic Leaders



God our Father,
 You guide everything in wisdom and love.
 Accept the prayers we offer for our nation.
 In your goodness,
 watch over those in authority
 so that people everywhere
 may enjoy freedom, security and peace.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Holy Cross Retreat House Cursillos

October 24-27, 2024 Men's
 November 21-24, 2024 Women's
 January 30-February 2, 2025 Men's
 February 20-23, 2025 Women's
 March 20-23, 2025 Men's
 April 24-27, 2025 Women's

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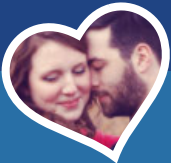
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