



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
November 10, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."
- Lk 20:36

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday - Thursday

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

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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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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 WEDNESDAY 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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 9, 2019

4:00 - Patricia & Lucy Baldassarre — Mem.

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Ruth & Allan Windsor — Memorial

Saturday, November 16, 2019

4:00 - Ken McLaughlin — Birthday Remem

Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Dorothy Bosclair — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 9, 2019

4:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:30 - Ann-Marie Clougherty — Month's Mind

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, November 11, 2019

9:00 - Elizabeth & George Smith — Memorial

Saturday, November 16, 2019

4:00 - Mr. John McHugh — 25th Anniversary

Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Kevin Conrad — Birthday Mass



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout salvation history, and right up until present day, the questions surrounding resurrection have come up and continue to perplex, amaze and confound. One of the reasons why we have these questions is due to the fact that, to my knowledge, no one has ever “officially” come back from heaven – save for Jesus, that is! It is this lack of personal experience, therefore, that has led to speculation, doubt and questions surrounding resurrection.

In today’s gospel, the question of resurrection is posed to Jesus – what will it look like, will it resemble our life here on earth, will we know it when we see it? Jesus puts the question “to rest”, so to speak, by informing the crowd that it will be unlike anything that they have witnessed before. It will be an entirely new way of being, one in which the person brought into the Kingdom will have a life that is unlike anything experienced up until that point. Make no mistake about it – it will be life. Not an “afterlife”, as we might think, but both a new way of living as well as a continuation of how we live life here and now.

When I think of resurrection and the Kingdom, I tend to go to the Rite of Christian Funerals, the Mass of Resurrection that we celebrate as a Church, and the words which are used to describe what the deceased, please God, are experiencing. In the preface for funerals, we state that for the deceased “life is changed, not ended”, and that “when our earthly body lies in death, we gain an everlasting place in heaven”. These words, which have a power that gives meaning to what we are about in this matter, are meant to bring both peace to the deceased and comfort to the living. This is why we celebrate moments such as a Mass of Resurrection (i.e. Funeral Mass), Memorial Masses and “Month’s Mind” Masses. They give us an opportunity to remember, to commemorate and to celebrate. It is not a celebration as the world would see it; it is a time not so much for “happiness” as it is for “joy”. It is a recognition that where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.

May we have the courage to hope in the gift of resurrection. May we know Christ’s love and experience it fully. May we come to experience this life in Christ in some form or fashion here and now, so that one day we may join our brothers and sisters who have been “marked with the sign of faith” in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated at Saint John's on Thanksgiving Morning at 8:00 AM

December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, it will be celebrated on December 9th

And is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation; however, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 at Saint Ann's

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

The Next Second Collection October 20, 2019 —World Mission Sunday

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS			<i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	9/15/19 9/22/10	\$ 3,352 \$ 3,155	\$ 3,412 \$3,412	\$ 4,070 \$ 4,544
	Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.			\$ 5,333 \$ 5,333

SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT — FROM THE VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Our ministry is dedicated to trying to create a “culture of vocations” in our Together in Christ Collaborative since we are all called to work on discerning our vocations throughout our lives.

No matter what our age or what we are currently doing with our lives, we should be asking what God is calling us to do next. We all belong to God and everything we have is from God. So we should always be asking Him what He desires us to do with this gift of life he has given us.

November 3—9th is National Vocations Week!!

Please join us in praying in special ways this week for vocations. Cards will be available at the church doors — please take them home and add this “Family Prayer for Vocation” to your daily prayer life. And PLEASE join us on Saturday 11/9 at noon at St Ann’s when we will come together to pray a special Rosary for Vocations.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” Psalm 95

The Life of Our Parishes

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that “where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst” (MT 18:20). In that same way, when we gather to minister to God's people, Jesus is there with us.

Today we will be concentrating on the ministries that assist at the Masses.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINSTERS — assist the priests in distributing the hosts during the masses on the weekends and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Liturgical Year. Daily mass attendants who have been trained, may also assist at the daily masses. Training is conducted by one of the Deacons or Priests. The only requirement to serve in this role is that you are a confirmed Catholic. A sign up sheet is in the Sacristy so that you can choose the weekends that you are available and the mass time that you prefer. You serve when you are available.

LECTORS — A lector proclaims the first and second reading during the Masses and reads any announcements. A workbook is available for each lector to assist in the readings and pronunciations. The same process of choosing the Masses for which you are available exists for the Lectors as does for the Eucharistic Ministers. You must be a confirmed Catholic to serve in this capacity.

ALTAR SERVERS — Altar Servers are needed during all Masses and Holy Days of Obligation to assist the Priest throughout the Mass. Boys and girls are able to serve as long as they are in the third grade or above. Training is given to anyone interested. It is a wonderful experience for a child to learn about the Mass.

Anyone interested in joining one of these ministries should contact the Rectory for St. John's 508-378-4207 or St. Ann's 508-586-4880.

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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IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday
Adoration — First Friday of the month following
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at
10:30 a.m.

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Each year we give clothing gift cards and toys to children age 16 and younger in needy families. The families must 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. We provide small gifts and a goodie basket to senior citizens who are needy or have no family to remember them at Christmas. If you know if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.

The Protecting God's Children Program

Most organizations that work with children have some sort of child safety program. Through the Protecting God's Children program, we maximize those efforts by helping churches and religious organizations refine their roles as child-safe environments and empowering caring adults to protect children. (Protecting God's Children®.)

Therefore, there will be a Virtus Training (based on the Protecting God's Children Program for anyone in either parish who has not been Virtus Trained but has been Cori'd and those who need both at St. Ann's Parish Center on **Wednesday, November 6th at 7 PM.**



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.

SAINT ANN — COMING UP

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE FOR THE WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

Bags will be passed at Mass the weekend of
November 2 & 3

Food will be collected the following weekend
November 9 & 10

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Kick off — the weekend of
December 7 & 8.

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please join us for a

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

November 24th

At 7 PM — At Saint Ann's



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, November 30, 2019
1—3 PM
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Linda Garbardi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

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

November 10: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

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 nothing.

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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. CORI'S NEED TO BE DONE.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO HAVE YOUR CORI DONE:

LORRAINE — LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PAUL HOFFMAN — CHOIRS
DEBBIE — COUNTERS, CLEANERS
VINCE ADORNATO — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

VIRTUS TRAINING IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 6TH AT SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER AT 7 PM.

Virtus Training is needed only once. But your training must



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SAINT JOHN'S WILL NOT BE HAVING THEIR CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR THIS YEAR.

About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. In Cursillo, you encounter Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be a witness of Christ in the world. The dates for the next weekends are:

Women's Cursillo Weekend

October 24-27, 20

Men's Cursillo Weekend

December 5-8, 2019

The weekend runs from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and is held at the Campion Center in Weston, MA.

A member of our own parish (collaborative), _____ is on the team for the

(women's / men's) weekend this Spring.

For more information please check the Boston Cursillo website:

www.bostoncursillo.org. You may also phone
_____ (team member) at

_____ (phone #).

TEEN MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
9/15/19	Saint John
10/20/19	Saint Ann
11/17/19	Saint John
12/08/19	Saint Ann

Post on Fridge

Lighter Side

Quite a Puzzle

A father wanted to read the paper but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in his place, then the world came out all right."