



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



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

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 10, 2024*

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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VETERANS DAY

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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 Monday through Thursday**

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCHARISTIC 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

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God of peace, We pray that you
bless all those who have served
their country through service in
the armed forces.

Grant healing to those veterans
who have been wounded, be it
in body, mind or soul.

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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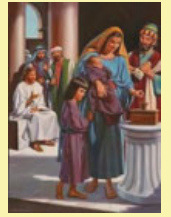
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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 10, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 11:30 - Manuel & Ana 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

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 8:00 - Kathleen Andrews — 4th Anniversary
- 11:30 - Joanne Hanson — 5th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, November 16, 2024

- 4:00 - Tony & Lu Cruz & Tony Cruz, Jr. — Mem

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 9:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — 6th Anniversary

*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*



*Shane Patrick Whitty
Kennedy Frances Lucini
Logan David Boutross
Oaklyn Marie Davis*

*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's economically challenging times, most of us give what we can. Whether it be in time, talent or treasure, we give to God that which we are able. Today's gospel, often referred to as "The Widow's Mite", is a reminder and a recommitment to the principle that we are called to give to God everything we have, not just the "surplus" or "leftover" – whether it be in time, talent or treasure.

In Jesus' day, according to the Mishnah (the "oral Torah"), there were receptacles (13 in all) standing against the wall of the Court of Women which were used to collect the gifts of the faithful for the Temple treasury. Jesus and His disciples observed the people coming into the Temple who offered their gifts of support for the works of the Temple. The thing that struck Jesus, and the point of today's gospel, is the fact that, while many gave out of their surplus, the widow gave two *leptons* (the equivalent of two pennies), basically *all that she had*. This moved Jesus to comment, and the comment cut the Scribes and the Pharisees to the quick, for they knew the comment was meant for them.

Today's gospel is a poignant reminder to us that we owe God not just our surplus, our excess. We owe God all that we have, all that we are. We can give this in many ways. There is the aforementioned "schema" of "time, talent and treasure". You might be thinking to yourself, "well, yes Father Paul, we can give our time and talent, but don't you want our 'treasure'?" It would be foolish and disingenuous of me to sit here and say that the "treasure" part of the equation didn't matter. There are some in our community, however, who cannot give "treasure" but who can – and do – give of their "time" and "talent". I remember a situation with a young bride and groom who came to me to be married. They mentioned that they were paying for the wedding themselves, and if there is any way they could pay the Church offering over time, or come to another suitable arrangement, it would be appreciated. In speaking about this, the groom-to-be mentioned that he was a landscaper, and that he could "beautify" the property in lieu of the monetary offering. I jumped at the opportunity (knowing that the pastor had wanted to "spruce up the place"), and the arrangement was mutually beneficial.

God gives us an abundance of gifts. To some, God gives "treasure"; to some, "talent"; to some, "time"; to a lucky few, all three! No matter what God gives us, let us be prepared to give God our all, knowing that He has already given us His all. God gave Jesus to the world, and Jesus gave His life so that all might have life, and life abundantly. May we use our time, talent and/or treasure to the fullest, giving back to God all that He has given us.

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 Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is November 17 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. Fr. 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.

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.

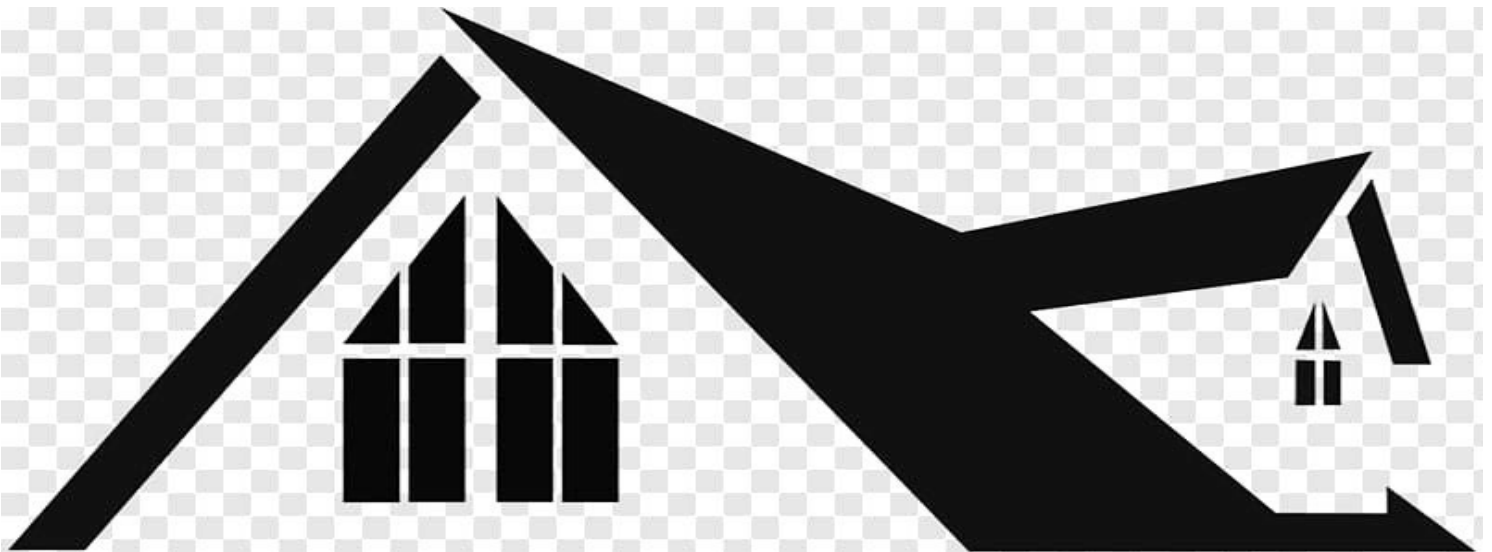
November Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

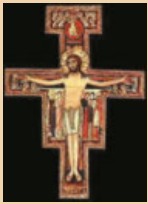
Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm, St. John

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!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE ROOF COMPLETED ON THE RECTORY OF SAINT ANN'S.

GOD BLESS YOU!!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's readings speak of the "widow's mite", and how she gave everything she had when it came to honoring God. Jesus commended the widow for her generosity and told His disciples that we must do the same, not just giving from our "surplus" (that which is "left over") but out of our "want" (giving from the very start). When one looks at St. Francis, one can say that in the beginning of his life Francis was hesitant to give even of his surplus. He was accustomed to, and desirous of, the "good life" – of pleasure, of worldly desires. Upon his conversion, upon meeting the leper on the road, Francis' life took a dramatic turn.

When Francis met the leper on the road, he was on his way to another adventure, another opportunity to further his "stake" in the world. Upon meeting the leper, his mind, heart, and life were changed and he experienced a conversion which led him to give the very clothes off of his back. In exchanging clothes with the leper, Francis wasn't merely making a change of wardrobe, but truly a change of heart! In donning the clothes of the leper, Francis was making a statement about his life and the change that this conversion brought.

When we look at the gospel in light of St. Francis and his life, we can see a parallel. Francis, in the early part of his life, was like those who gave of their surplus. They, like Francis, gave merely out of obligation and out of a desire, perhaps like those scribes who "accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets" (Mark 12:38-39), to win esteem in the world. After his conversion, Francis was more like the widow (not looking for glory but to honor God). From exchanging his clothes with the leper on the road to giving his clothes to his father in the town square, Francis' giving of these material goods signified an interior change. From that point on, Francis' focus was aligning himself with the poor of the world. His conversion brought about a desire to please God above all else, and it showed in the formation of the Franciscan Order. As Secular Franciscans, this is our focus as well – to please God above all else. May we all experience such a conversion – of mind, heart, and life. May we see Christ in others and be Christ for others, especially the materially, emotionally, and spiritually impoverished.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

SAINT ANN'S

PARKING LOT

9:00 - 2:00

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

THIS WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CATCHING UP ON BILLS

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Bring these items to the parking lot: FEES ARE LISTED BELOW

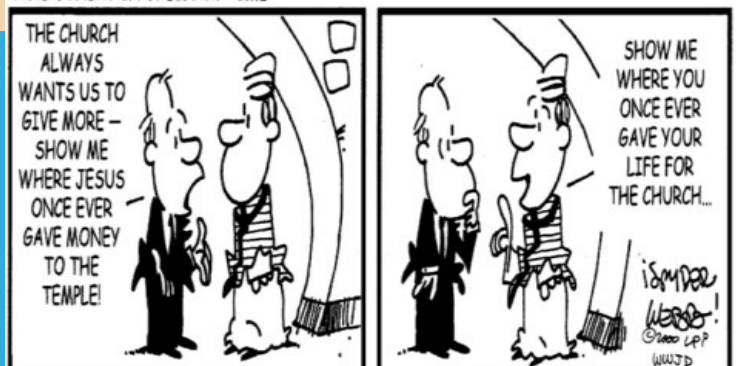
.Small electronics items: Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.
Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove. \$25 Microwave, .15 SMALL, 20 BIG, (small) Large \$20
Lawn mowers, .25 Snow blowers..\$40
TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ... \$25.00 ea
27"- 35" ...\$30.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$45.00 ea
AC \$25, Dehumidifier...\$20, Refrigerators..\$20(dorm) \$40 to 50 Large
Grill, 25. Empty propane tank \$15, Ex. equipment. \$20-40 weight sets...\$10

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**** Please no paint or chemicals/no light bulbs, household batteries or smoke detectors.

Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee. Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX, Cruiser, (Old to current)/New, Kids, etc.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again ask you for gift cards that will be distributed to the families and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the **St. Vincent dePaul boxes** at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. They must be received by **December 5th**, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. Checks should be made out to St. Ann's, with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo line. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items.

This year we will also be collecting toys for the parents to choose from for their children. There will be a bin in the back of the church for you to place new toys for children aged 1 to 16.

See the handout on November 9/10th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org

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 18, 2024

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

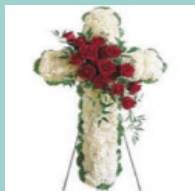
The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

Please remember in your prayers:

*Arnold LeMoine
Margaret Fisher
John Kaiser*

*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
Jesus Christ.*



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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November 17, 2024-Saint Kateri
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