



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 16, 2025
 Thirty-third
 Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



33rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

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.

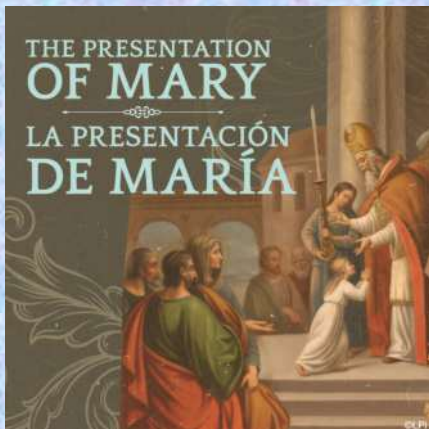
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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 15, 2025

4:00 - Michael Sheedy — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:30 - Joanne Hanson — 6th Anniversary

6:15 - All the Teens of the Collaboration

Saturday, November 22, 2025

4:00 - Joseph Sousa — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:30 - Kara Pará — 2nd Anniversary

6:15 - Kathleen Andrews — 5th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

11:30 - Dorothee Boisclair — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, November 23, 2025

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

11:30 - Gillis & Sullivan Families — Memorial

Friday, November 28, 2025

9:00 - Ken MacKinaw — Birthday Remembrance

*Flowers, hosts, wine and Sanctuary
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Offered At St. John's
in
Loving memory
Of
Dorothee Boisclair
&
Flowers At St. Ann's
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Of
Joanne Hanson*



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, the signs of fall are all around us – the falling leaves, the falling temperatures, the darkening skies. All of these are measures that time is moving on, and we with it. As we move into the fall season, we experience a “death” of sorts. The dying leaves remind us that all life ends. Yet, with this death comes a “rebirth”; the leaves serve as nourishment for the grass, keeping it alive even as it lay dormant under the (coming) hard, cold ground and (most likely) snow. It is the same way with our lives of faith. When we are baptized, we are told, we are baptized into Christ Jesus – into His life, death and resurrection. It is this hope of resurrection that keeps us going.

Today's gospel (all the readings, really) deals with the topic of “eschatology” – the “end times”. As Jesus tells it, we must be aware that there will be times when it may seem that the end times are upon us. Think back to the beginning of this century, when the “millenialists” (those concerned with the perils this new century would bring, including (but not limited to) the end of the world) spoke that “Y2K” would be the end of us all. Yet here it is, a decade later, and we're still here! Perhaps they were part of that corps that Jesus was speaking of, those who speak in the name of God to pronounce the imminent nature of the end of the world. As well-intended as they may have been, they were caught up in the “spirit” of the signs that surround us which may be reminiscent of the Book of Revelation.

Things, seemingly, haven't gotten any better – there are still wars, catastrophes and natural disasters which surround us, seemingly on a daily basis. Yet we still go on with our lives, as we should. If we were to give in to every “prophetic” vision, every outcry of the “end being at hand”, then we would scarcely get anything done! So, how do we know what is the “true” vision? How can we discern false prophets from the authentic Word of God? I think the key is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us, among its many gifts, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Right Judgment. If we pray for, and use, these gifts, then we would put ourselves in a good position to judge wisely and well the “signs of the times”. We can use these gifts as a way to discern what is truly the Word of God from the “prophet of the week”.

May we have the courage to pray to the Holy Spirit of God for the gifts which will help us discern truth from falsehood. May we know that God is at work in our hearts, our homes and our world. May we trust that God will never leave us abandoned, and will lead us to all truth. May we help others to discern so that none may be lost to the Enemy. May we know that at the “end time”, Jesus will call us home to Himself and give us all of the gifts of the Kingdom.

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

11/16 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann
Our next Teen Mass is November 16.
At these Masses, 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

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

November 17 at 6:30 pm at 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, especially those in need of service hours!

Upcoming Adult Formation Programs

Join us for a two-part series about the Mass.

Drawn into the Life of God: The Meaning of the Mass

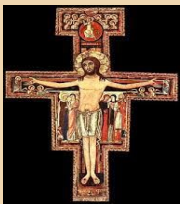
Wednesday 11/12 at 10 am at St. John and 7 pm at St. Ann (parish center)

Ever wondered about the meaning behind all the stuff we do at Mass? Then this program is for you! We will be watching and discussing a video presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, Australia as he guides us through the meaning of each part of the Mass.

Living the Mass

Wednesday 11/19 at 10 am at St. John and 7 pm at St. Ann (parish center)

Did you know the most important sign in the church is the Exit sign? That is because the hour we spend in prayer at Mass is meant to prepare us for the other 167 hours a week we spend outside church. Drawing on the book by noted catechist Joe Paprocki of the same name, come learn how we can live what we do at Mass in our everyday lives.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's first reading and gospel passage both speak of the "Eschatology" (or writings about the "end times") ...basically, what will happen at the end of the world as we know it. When we look at the end of the world, there are generally

two schools of thought: a) talk of it is to be avoided until absolutely necessary or b) it is to be spoken of, if not embraced. It is this latter view that St. Francis takes, as we read of his embracing of "Sister Death" ("Praised by You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape") in his seminal work, "Canticle of the Creatures". Francis's understanding of death within the context of God's creation was a capstone discovery that completed a lifelong process of conversion and seeking God. And at the center of his ability to make peace with his own mortality was his fraternal worldview of creation. Today, this fraternal worldview serves as a lens through which we too can look at death and embrace its presence as a constitutive component of creation that is part of God's plan. In doing so, I believe we will find a source for Christian eschatological hope in an era that is often marked by pessimism, injustice, and violence.

From the beginning of his life until close to his death, Francis, like most people, appears to have dealt with the reality of death largely through avoidance and exploitation. This response was rooted in his fear of death. Sometime between 1209 and 1215, when Francis was in his early thirties, he writes, "And you think that you will possess this world's vanities for a long time, but you are deceived because a day and an hour will come of which you give no thought, which you do not know, and of which you are unaware when the body becomes weak, death approaches, and it dies a bitter death." This fearful tone is echoed in his Later Exhortation where he writes, "But let everyone know that whenever and however someone dies in mortal sin without making amends when he could have [done so] and did not, the devil snatches his soul from his body with such anguish and distress that no one can know [what it is like] except the one experiencing it." These are but two examples of Francis's early thoughts on death. Although the language is spiritualized and denotes a certain religiosity, the underlying attitude toward death is strictly negative. There are two themes that come across strongly in these early writings of Francis, namely, the inevitability of death and that death is both painful and to be feared. The first theme is of little note, as all who reflect on death come to this conclusion, but the second theme is highly problematic.

At the end of his life, however, as Francis drew near to the death that he feared for so long, the tone of his expression of death changed noticeably. Along his journey of life, prayer, and ministry, Francis remained convinced of death's inevitability, but he started to view its meaning and his relationship to death rather differently. Where once he saw death as painful, as something to be feared, he now dared to call death his "sister." This is all part of Francis' "conversion", one which (like for many of us) happens over time but happens powerfully and would allow Francis to pass into Eternal Life with a peace which only God can bring. May we know such peace, coming to a point of embracing "Sister Bodily Death" so that we may fully embrace Eternal Life.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Fiscal Updates & News 11-2-25

St. Ann — Offertory	\$4,027
Second Collection	\$ 812
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	\$ 1,960
	<u>\$ 6,799</u>

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$3,149
Second Collection	\$ 875
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	<u>\$6,610</u>
Total	<u>\$10,634</u>

DON'T FORGET THE BIG FUNDRAISER ON NOVEMBER 16TH. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR PARISHES. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOORS.

AS OUR FOOD PANTRIES BECOME MORE NECESSARY, WE ARE ASKING PARISHIONERS TO DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AT EACH MASS.

THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. A TIME FOR US ALL TO GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT WE HAVE AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE LESS.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BASKETS ON THE ALTAR.

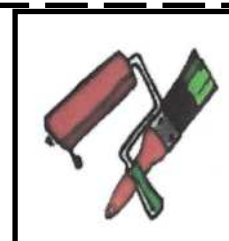
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To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution 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, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Sharon Carson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

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Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

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\$95; or including the mass Suggested donation \$120

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a
Suggested donation of \$175

Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated
TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.



SEE YOU AT THE SINGING TROOPER FUNDRAISER TODAY AT 1:30 PM.

TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DOOR.

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379
To join please call — **TINA ANTHONY**
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Thank you to all those who donated to our recent clothing and book drive, and our gratitude to those who continue to make monetary donations to our collection boxes at the door of the church. Without your ongoing generosity to all our fundraising efforts we would not be able to continue to assist our neighbors in their time of need.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Need: cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing
Cash donations also accepted.

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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

November 3 & 17

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, jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables pasta & pasta sauce, non-sugar cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

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

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, or Lisa Ames at **508-328-0295**, or email her, lisaamesrn@comcast.net

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 or Lisa Ames.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,

Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness.

Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship. Amen. ©LPi

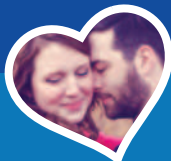
For daily blessings: "Thank you, Lord, for the food I eat, the air I breathe, and the quiet moments of joy that make up my day. Teach me to recognize Your work in the small things and to respond with genuine thanks. In Jesus' name, amen".

Based on Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Amen".

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