



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
November 17, 2019  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PERSEVERE**

**“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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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

## 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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### 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

6:00 -- Parishioners of St. John

#### Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00 - Emily Harrington — 5th Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Siobhan Whitman — 2nd Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, November 16, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

#### Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Mr. John McHugh — 25th Anniversary

Kevin Conrad — Birthday Mass

#### Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00 - Frank & Lucille Jullo — Memorial

#### Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:30 - Stephen J. Nyhan — 5th Anniversary

Paul (Koz) Egersheim — 3rd Anniv.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Friday, November 29, 2019

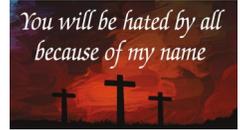
9:00 -- Francis & Antoinette Phelan — Mem.



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



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 “millennialists” (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

## 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
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	9/15/19	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,412	\$ 4,070
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 5,333
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.				

#### *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 Collaboration 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 desire us to do with this gift of life He has given us.

THANKS TO ALL who joined in saying extra prays for vocations the week of November 3 - 9. Additional “Family Prayer for Vocations” cards and extra pamphlets with the “Rosary for Vocations” are till available at the doors of both churches for those who did not pick them up yet. We hope everyone will continue to add these prayers to their regular prayer life!!

“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 more of the ministries that assist at the Masses.**

**GREETERS** — Meet visitors and parishioners at the doors of the Church and make all people feel Welcome. It takes 5 minutes or less but sets the tone for our parish and that Mass. Greeting people as they enter the facility is more than a handshake and a smile. It is an opportunity to express God’s love through Christ and help sets the tone of the upcoming worship service. A great ministry for anyone who attends a particular Mass regularly and can be there a few minutes early.

**USHERS** — Assist with the collections during the Masses and make sure that the bulletins are available at both doors. They also assist with windows and fans on occasion. During the Christmas and Easter Seasons, they assist people in finding seats when it is extremely crowded. They are a friendly face connecting with the parishioners and play a critical part in the non-liturgical requirements of the parish. They are responsible for making sure that all funds collected during the Mass get to the Counters or in the safe.

**COUNTERS** — work in teams of two or more on a Sunday morning counting the money from the various collections. Training is provided for the process that needs to be followed. Presently St John’s has six teams of Counters so they work on a six-week rotation and St. Ann’s has four teams who count on Monday mornings on a four-week rotation.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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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](mailto: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.

#### ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



AND LUNCHEON WILL BE ON

December 8, 2019

At 12:00 PM in the Parish Center

Baked goods will be needed for after the Pageant, Donations of Pastries, Cookies or Brownies may be dropped off in the Parish Center the morning of the Pageant



#### 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](mailto: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

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Kick off — the weekend of  
December 7 & 8.

Thank you for your generosity in the

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Drive.

33<sup>RD</sup> 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.

# IMPORTANT DATES

**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 Nicolar, 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, Nick & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**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  
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### **We Are Called to Be Saints**

Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.

Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.

We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!

— Tracy Earl Welliver  
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## November 17: **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?"

**Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.**

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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.  
**White tuna, cereal, and soups are needed for the winter.**

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. CORI'S NEED TO BE DONE. CORI'S ARE DUE DECEMBER 1ST.**

**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**

**THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY  
WILL BE SELLING LOLLIPOPS**

**THE WEEKEND  
OF  
NOVEMBER 23 & 24  
AFTER ALL THE MASSES**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT  
MINISTRY.**

**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](http://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](http://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*

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