



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

*Together in Christ Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 November 23, 2025*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 King of the Universe*

*Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope*



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



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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**Collaborative Office Hours are  
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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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## 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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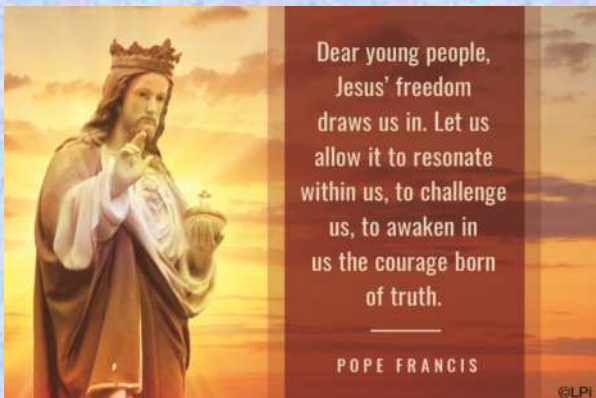
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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, November 22, 2025

4:00 - Joseph Sousa — 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:30 - Kara Paré — 2nd Anniversary

6:15 - Kathleen Andrews — 5th Anniversary

#### Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00 - Sue Arvidson — 4th Anniversary &  
Michael Shea — 4th Anniversary

#### Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:30 - Michael Pigeon — Month's Mind

6:15 - All the Teens of the Collaboration

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00 - Eleanor Amaral — 26th Anniversary

11:30 - Gillis & Sullivan Families — Memorial

#### Friday, November 28, 2025

9:00 - Ken MacKinaw — Birthday Remembrance

#### Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

11:30 - Rose Talabach — 4th Anniversary

*Flowers, hosts, wine and Sanctuary Lamp  
this week are being  
Offered At St. John's  
in  
Loving memory  
Of  
The Gillis & Sullivan Families*



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, marking the last Sunday in the liturgical year (where did the time go?!). Next week, we move into Advent, that great time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. It is also a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord as the King of Glory, but we have the next four weeks to explore that. On this week, we celebrate the “kingship” of Christ. I put the word in quotes not to minimize its importance, but to highlight the fact that Christ’s Kingship is unlike that of an “earthly” king. Jesus’ kingship is one of service, humility and love, rather than one of power and prestige. Today’s gospel passage shows this fact clearly.

In the gospel passage before us, from Luke, we move “fast forward” into the Crucifixion. Jesus, in His final moments here on earth before His death (and resurrection and ascension), isn’t presenting a very “kingly” image (at least not by earthly standards). He is being mocked and taunted, being called upon to “prove” His kingly stature and power. What they (the crowd and one of the thieves being crucified with Jesus) don’t get is that this is *exactly* the type of kingship Jesus wishes to portray. Humble, obedient to the will of God, even forgiving (to the “good thief”), Jesus shows to those around Him what his mission was, and is, all about. It is a perfect segue, in fact, to the Advent Season, when we prepare for the two-fold coming of Christ – His coming as the Christ-Child, and His arrival as the King of Glory (at the end of time). Jesus is living out, in this gospel passage, what our lives are to be all about as well. As we conclude our liturgical year, it is a good time to reflect upon how we see Jesus. Do we see Jesus as the crowd sees Him – weak, powerless, a “pushover”, or do we see Him as He really is – humble, obedient and offering the ultimate gift in taking our sins upon Himself and thus saving the world?

This day offers us an opportunity to figure out who Jesus is for us. For many, Jesus is a prophet; for many, a holy man. Jesus is all of that – and more. Jesus came into the world to die – that fact is made clear by the events of today’s gospel. To what ends the death of Jesus accomplishes have yet to be realized, because we are still living our faith out on earth. There will come a time, however, when the meaning and power of Jesus’ actions will become perfectly clear. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus comes again to call us home to the Kingdom. Will we be ready, willing and able to answer that call? Now is the time to prepare, because the time of this event is not known by us. It is only known by God. May we use this time – the Solemnity of Christ the King, as well as the Advent Season – to prepare our minds, hearts and lives for Jesus’ coming – His coming as the Christ-Child and His coming as the King of Glory.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

CHRIST THE KING



## MINISTRY NEWS

### Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

#### December Family Mass

December 7 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann

This Mass will be sponsored by our Monday 4th grade class. They will be doing the readings and bringing up the gifts. We invite all kids in attendance to join Fr. Paul for the homily and everyone to join us at the back of the church afterwards for snacks.

#### Christmas Pageant

Sunday 12/14 at 1 pm, St. Ann's Parish Center

Join us as our children share the story of Jesus' birth and we have a birthday party for him! There will be plenty of food and fun.

Please bring a non-perishable food item as a birthday present for Jesus and the Food Pantry!

*FLOWERS THIS WEEK  
AT ST. ANN'S  
ARE BEING OFFERED IN  
LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
JOANNE HANSON*



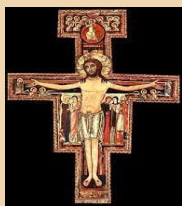
St. John's is once again partnering with East Bridgewater HUGS to host a Giving Tree for our families in need. Please stop by the tree and **select a tag or tags, sign the sheet, shop for the gifts, and return them to any drop off location by Dec 13th.**



EBHUGS also accepts gift cards, cash, checks, venmo and paypal on the HUGS website [www.ebhugs.org](http://www.ebhugs.org)

If you wish to volunteer or would like more information, please contact us at : [wishes@ebhugs.org](mailto:wishes@ebhugs.org)

Thank you for your support! Happy Holidays!



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church ends the Liturgical Year, as it does every year, with the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – otherwise known as the

Solemnity of Christ the King. The model of “kingship” which Jesus presents of what it means to be a king is vastly different than how the world sees it. Kings are men of power, prestige and honor. This is how Francis would have seen a king, especially as he pledged himself in knighthood to the king’s service. He would not have followed Christ the King, given how Jesus views His own kingship. Jesus saw Himself as a servant-leader, one who came not to be served, but to serve the needs of all.

When Francis sought to go out on campaigns and quests, he did so under the patronage of a king who would have seen himself as a powerful monarch, seeking only to get more powerful. This would not have been unreasonable to Francis as he pledged himself to serve this power. He would have been fine with working towards strengthening the monarchy to this end. In doing so, he would also have garnered some of that power and prestige for himself. This was, of course, prior to his conversion. When he came upon the leper, he came across someone helpless, powerless, and weak – not at all like the king who he was serving. In his conversion Francis saw, in the leper, Christ Himself.

As we move from one liturgical season to another, from Ordinary Time to Advent, may we seek the Christ who came into the world not to be served but to serve the needs of all. May we, like Francis, see Christ in all, especially in the poor, disenfranchised, and marginalized. May we use this Season of preparation to draw ourselves closer to the lepers of the world – just as Francis did. May we experience a conversion of mind and heart, seeing the power within the powerless – the power to heal, the power to hope, the power to love – and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



## Fiscal Updates & News 11-2-25

<b>St. Ann — Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,933</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 951</b>
<b>Sacramental Donations + Misc .</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>
	<b>\$ 4,099</b>

<b>Total</b>	
<b>St John — Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,431</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 538</b>
<b>Sacramental Donations + Misc .</b>	<b>\$ 812</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,781</b>

**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.**

**HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT THE PANTRIES CAN USE:**

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PAPER TOWELS  
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## **It's time to think about the Christmas Flowers!**

Our financial situation is such that we are only able to afford as many flowers as the donations are received. So, we ask that you send in your Christmas flower donation as soon as you can so we can buy the flowers and be fully decorated!

We will again be posting the names of your loved ones for whom you made the donations. Remember to put the name of you loved ones on the envelopes. If you use a plain Envelope be sure to include you name and your loved ones.

Thank you for your support.

## 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, 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.

### 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal – "Forward in Faith"

I am pleased to share that Saint Ann's has raised \$13,405 toward our 2025 Catholic Appeal goal of \$14,399. More importantly, 75 families have joined in to support St Ann's parish campaign. Saint John's has raised \$19,870 toward our 2025 Catholic Appeal goal of \$20,783. This was generously given by 94 families that joined in to support St John's parish goal. Thank you to all who have helped make our campaign a success!

Because of you, new parishioners are greeted by a welcoming and vibrant feeling. Young people are being introduced to and nurtured in the faith in ways that meet them where they're at. College campus ministry programs are thriving and bringing more and more youth into the folds of the Church. These are just a few of the important ways that your support of the Catholic Appeal is having an impact on the future of our Church and our communities.

If you have yet to give, **we need your help!** Please give today to help us reach our goal. Gifts can be made using the QR code or by returning an in-pew envelope available at the Church exits. On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who will benefit from your generosity, **thank you for your support!**

**See the back page of the bulletin for more details.**

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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY  
508-245-5481

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: December 9th @ 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.**

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
**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**

**December 1 & 15**

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, tooth-paste, 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

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again be asking 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. Checks should be made out to St. Ann's, with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo line. They must be received by December 5th, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. 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 8/9th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org), or Lisa

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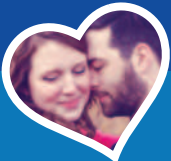
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