



SAIN'T JOHN

***Together in Christ
Collaborative***

***Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

January 16, 2022



SAIN'T ANN

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

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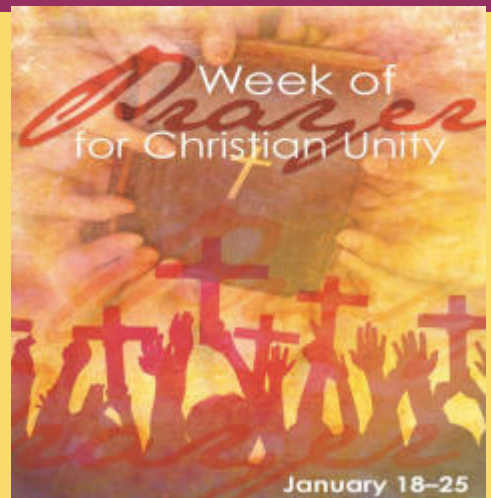
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January 18-25

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

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Church

St Ann's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. &
6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. These baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at Saint Ann's Church or
by appointment during the pandemic. 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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 15, 2022
 4:00—Jerry Bean —Birthday Remembrance
Sunday, January 16, 2022
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them
Saturday, January 22, 2022
 4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
Sunday January 23, 2022
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 6:15 For those who have no one to pray for them



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I enjoy going to wedding receptions (I am, after all, Irish and what Irishman doesn't like a good party!). If I'm ever invited to a reception, however, I have one rule: please don't seat me at the head table. Usually what happens is that I either end up alone (since the bridesmaids and groomsmen are off with friends and the bride and groom are going from table to table) or, as happened in one case, I end up cutting the flower girl's meal (yes, that really did happen!)! All things being equal, though, I do enjoy my time at these affairs.

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 15, 2022
 5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John
Sunday, January 16, 2022
 10:30 - Gene Biagi — 39th Anniversary
Saturday, January 22, 2022
 5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John
Sunday, January 23, 2022
 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

In today's gospel, Jesus finds Himself at a wedding reception. It is late in the reception, as is evidenced by the fact that they are running low on wine. This is a major faux pas (as you can imagine) and Mary comes to Jesus and informs Him of this dilemma. At first, Jesus seems unconcerned with this challenge to the bride and groom (and their families). Mary then informs the servers to "do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). Mary, knowing her Son, seems to know that Jesus won't leave them "high and dry" (figuratively and literally!), that Jesus will rectify the situation. Jesus not only produces (through a miracle) plenty of wine, but it is the best vintage of the day.

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Dec 28, 2021 - Jan 3, 2022

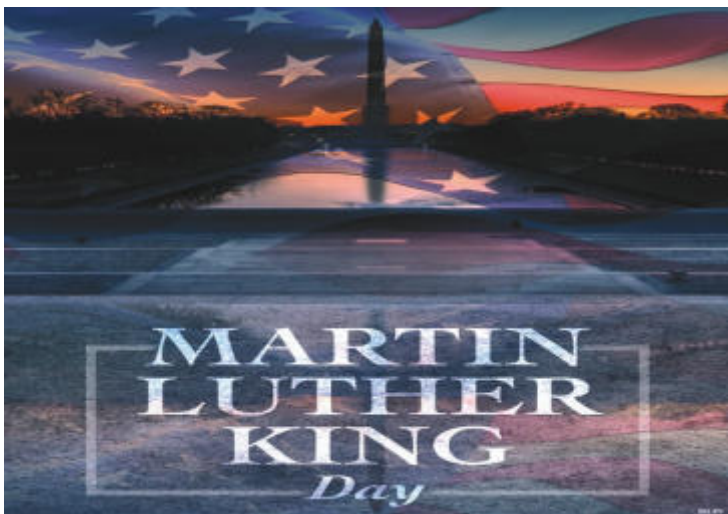
ST ANN	ST JOHN
Online N/A	Online \$ 1,039
Mail \$ 1,170	Mail \$ 615
Mass \$ 2,161	Mass \$ 2,037
TOTAL \$ 3,339	TOTAL \$ 3,691

I don't believe that it is a coincidence that Jesus performs this miracle (the first of His many public miracles) in this time, place, or manner. Let's think about what transpires. They are at a wedding banquet/ feast, something that scripture writers will use as an image of the Kingdom. He produces wine, an essential element of the Last Supper (a Pass-over meal). The wine that is produced is not only new wine, but it is also the best vintage; for us as Christians, Jesus is that "new wine" (unlike anyone who has come before Him) and is the "best vintage" (the Son of God).

Jesus never does anything accidentally. Every word He speaks, every action He undertakes, everything He does, is done with intentionality. This first miracle of Jesus, one that no one else but Jesus saw coming (except, perhaps, for Mary, who knows her Son). May we follow in the path of Jesus. May our actions, like Jesus', be intentional and may that move us ever closer to Him. May we come to know Jesus for who He is: a miracle worker, the greatest prophetic voice ever to speak, the Son of God.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

We find ourselves venturing away from the New Year's celebrations (and even the Christmas Season) and back into the Season of Ordinary Time, a time that will last for approximately a month. We will see the Season of Lent soon enough (Ash Wednesday is March 2nd), so now may be a good time to give you an update on my progress in the Secular Franciscans.

As of this writing (and reading), I am two chapters away from completing the book that we use (as well as the "class time") in the "stages" of formation, namely "Orientation", "Inquiry", and "Candidacy". It is in this final stage, that of Candidacy, that one begins to prepare for "Profession", or permanent commitment to the fraternity life of the Secular Franciscans. After one formally professes a life-long commitment (not unlike the commitment I made at my Ordination), one joins the rest of the fraternity in which one has been meeting in the process of "ongoing formation".

The Rite of Profession is a beautiful and powerfully moving ceremony in which the Candidate makes this commitment to the life of a Secular Franciscan. It is important to realize that when one makes this commitment, they are "professing" themselves to the worldwide Secular Franciscan Order. Again, it is not unlike the commitment I made at my Ordination. When I was ordained, I pledged myself to the Roman Catholic Church, not just one diocese, parish, or pastoral commitment. In this same way, when I profess to the Secular Franciscan Order, I will be doing so to the WHOLE Order and not just to the Fraternity to which I belong.

This Rite of Profession (which can be found here: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Rite-of-Profession-within-the-Mass.pdf>) is usually done within a Mass, but is always done with the intention of being a "witness"....a witness to the workings of the Secular Franciscan Order, a witness to the Fraternity Life that one engages themselves in the Order, a witness to the life of St. Francis himself! In making this Profession, one is making a statement, a pledge, to walk in the footsteps of Francis, who strove to walk in the footsteps of Christ. So, in essence, in making this commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order, one is deepening their commitment to Christ, Himself.

I humbly ask your prayer for myself, as well as Nancy and Kevin Smith (who are seeking Profession themselves in the same manner as I). I ask you to pray for a successful conclusion to this Initial Formation process and that our life-long commitment through Profession bear fruit for ourselves, for those whom we love and who are in our care, and for the Church itself. May God Bless us, and may God Bless the Secular Franciscan Order.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

The Unity of Sacred Scripture

What is your favorite Bible passage or story? Maybe it is the story of Jesus' birth in Luke's gospel or the story of the Prodigal Son? Perhaps, it is the story of Moses or David and Goliath. We all have our favorite stories from the Bible. Did you know that in the Bible there are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament for a total of 73 books in our Catholic Bible. These books collect the sacred stories of the Israelites that stretch back thousands of years. Even before invention of writing, sacred stories were handed down by word of mouth so that the truths they contained and communicated could be made known generation after generation. But of all the stories the Bible tells, there is only one word that is used to unite and describe all the stories in the Old and New Testament: Covenant.

A Covenant is a sacred agreement that binds people together in relationship. The Bible reveals to us truth that God desires to be in a relationship with all us. But what kind of relationship? In the creation stories of Genesis, we learn that God is a Good God who creates freely and deliberately. He creates us in his image and likeness and animates us with his own Spirit so that we could have a share in his dominion. From Abraham's descendants, God promises to fashion a holy people—a people through whom all nations find blessing (see Genesis 12). In Moses' time, God heard his people's cry and came to their assistance in Egypt freeing them from Pharaoh. On Mt. Sinai, God gave the Israelites the commandments so that they could live in the world as God's people. God promises David a Son who would be God's own Son and the dynasty that this Son establishes will endure through the ages. When the people are in exile God renews his promise through the prophets. Through them, he promises a savior and messiah who will not only rescue God's people but unite all the nations of the earth. Through all of these sacred stories, God has been preparing us for what he is going to do in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant and through our relationship with Jesus Christ we have eternal life.

St. Augustine writes about this mystery with these words: "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New." It is for these reason that the Church deliberately links the Old Testament reading and the Gospel reading at Mass. Through the selection of readings, we are invited to see the link between the promises made in the Old Testament to their fulfillment in the Gospel. Though it is fruitful to read the Old Testament stories by their own merit, they take on new power when we read them considering the Gospel.

But there is another story that Jesus wants to be a part of that is not written in the Bible. That story is your story. How will the sacred story of Jesus Christ influence and direct your lives as his beloved children and our lives as his holy people?

Anyone interested in becoming or rejoining as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, Please contact the Office.

508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS WHO
DONATED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DECORATING
COMMITTEES OF SAINT ANN AND OF SAINT
JOHN'S. ONCE AGAIN YOU DID A BEAUTIFUL
JOB!**



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMITMENT & YOUR
HELP!**

SAINT ANN AND SAINT JOHN ARE IN NEED OF
SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP WITH SNOW
REMOVAL THIS WINTER.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORIES IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED AND CAN HELP!

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Happy New Year!

January Religious Ed Schedule

January 9th:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30 at St John's

Grades 3 and 4: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm at St John's

Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 16th: off MLK Holiday

January 23rd:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

Grades 3 and 4: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm at St John's

Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 30th:

Grade 2: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

Grades 5 and 6: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm St John's

Grades 7 and 8: Class: 5:00pm-6:00pm, Mass 6:15pm at St Ann's

Grade 10: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm St Ann's

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 1, 3,4 and 9

For those doing Asynchronous work, your work will be sent via email. If you do not receive the work, please email Nancy Goggin at:

directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

and I will send you the work.

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Karen Parenteau, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Claudette Rochefort, Frank McCarthy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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

Winter dates and hours will be in effect from **November thru April**, pantry days will be the **first Monday** of the month, except for holidays, from 1pm to 4pm., and the **3rd Saturday**, except for holidays, from 10am to 11:30 am

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

*Monday, February 7, 2022 1—4 PM
Saturday, February 19, — 10—11:30 AM*

*Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc
are always great additions to the shelves.*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. 508-378-3760
Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.



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PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

Saint Ann's Church is continuing to collect food items for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Items can be left in church on the shelves to the right as you come in the front door.

**In-person daily masses have
Returned!!! To be Live-Streamed as well**

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AT SAINT JOHN
THURSDAY & SATURDAY AT SAINT ANN**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE AT SAINT ANN'S
BETWEEN 3:00—3:30 OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH
ONE OF THE PRIESTS AVAILABLE.**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**REMEMBER THE 6:15 PM MASS IS LIVE-
STREAMED WITH A DRIVE-UP OPTION-
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SAFE BUT
RECEIVE THE HOLY
EUCHARIST.
PLEASE PARK ON THE RECTORY SIDE OF
THE PARKING LOT.**

What is a Drive-Up Option?

The 6:15 Sunday evening Life Teen Mass has a drive-up option which means that you can sit in the parking lot and livestream the mass from the St. Ann's Facebook page on your electronic devices., like your iPad or cell phone or lap top. (St. Ann - WB)

You are able to receive the holy eucharist by getting out of your car and lining up for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to distribute the hosts to you or you can signal that you would like to receive from your car.

Please park on the Rectory side of Saint Ann's Church.



Our choir is looking for additional Members. No musical background is necessary; just a love of God and Singing!

PLEASE CONTACT RICH CESARINI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

richcesarini@gmail.com

Let's start the New Year off with Love!

For the month of January our Collaborative is focusing on God's Immense love for us as we take a

"Journey to Discover God's love."

Each day we will send out email messages that focus on God's love with scripture verses that support that message. These will also be posted each day on St Ann's and St John's Facebook pages. Some of the daily messages will have links to video talks which are teachings on God's love.

These teachings will be on messages Jesus gave to various Saints regarding God's love for us and on talks given by Pope Benedict XVI on God's love. We will also have daily challenges to share God's love through daily **"Acts of Love."**

If these messages have not been coming to you through Constant Contact, please check your Spam Folder or Junk Folder. We have discovered that we have been having some issues with Constant Contact and are researching the use of a different communication vehicle.

You can also find these on the Facebook pages.

MASK ARE REQUIRED IN MASS MADATED BY THE CARDINAL and has been extended until March 3. We will keep you updated as information comes in from the Archdiocese.

PLEASE BRING A MASK TO MASS.

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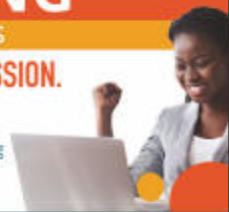


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