



**Together in Christ Collaborative**

**January 31, 2021**

**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*St. John the Evangelist*

*St Ann*



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**Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th**

**For both Churches**

**Currently we are working from home.**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25



# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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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.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday  
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice  
In the Chapel  
Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass.

### St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All 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

Is 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**

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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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, January 30, 2020

5:30 - Patrick Abati — 31st Anniversary  
Wendel Harrington — 14th Anniversary

#### Sunday, January 31, 2020

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Saturday, February 6, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Sunday, February 7, 2020

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, January 30, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, January 31, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Saturday, February 6, 2020

4:00—Carolyn A. Ritucci — Month's Mind

#### Sunday, February 7, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

### THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

**Our financial situation is getting to a crisis level.  
The pandemic has taken a very real toll in so many  
ways.**

#### Weekly Offertory

Jan 13 - Jan 19, 2021

##### ST JOHN

Online \$764

Mail \$930

Mass \$1,246

Grand Annual To Date \$11,710 (rec'd \$200)

##### ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$1,210

Mass \$1,062

Grand Annual To Date \$12,405 (no change)

#### Suggested Sacramental Offerings

Memorial Mass — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Throughout (both salvation and human) history there have been those who have made claims on Christianity or who have said that “God told them...”. I am not going to tell you that God is or is not speaking through them – that would be presumptuous of me to say “yea” or “nay” to whether or not God is using these folks to “promote” His message. I do know, and can say, that those who presume to speak for God had better be doing so, or woe to them!

Today’s readings reflect the theme of divine authority. It is seen in the prophetic utterings of Moses, the exhortation of St. Paul and the power with which Jesus exercises (or should I say “exorcises”, in the case of today’s gospel?) His authority. Moses is ready to move on from the mission given him by God; the promise Moses makes that another prophetic voice will come forward is meant to give comfort to the Israelite community. The continuity of this relationship comes through that prophetic relationship God has with His people. In the second reading, St. Paul makes it clear that one should focus in on one’s calling; for reasons of “keeping focus”, Paul feels it better that if one is to serve God, it would be better for them not to be married. This is not to say that married folks can’t serve the Lord, but it can be a “distraction”. In today’s gospel, the authority with which Jesus exercises His ministry is clearly seen by friend (disciples) and foe (demons) alike.

This idea of divine authority comes through in our lives as well. If one is to presume to speak for God, one had better know about what one is talking. Such a person who feels the need to communicate the desires of the Almighty One had better have their own “house” in order. This is not to say that one need be perfect to engage in ministry and mission – far from it; often times one is who is “flawed”, but who has met and overcome these flaws, can serve God well in helping others overcome those same difficulties. One who does feel “called” to speak for God, however, had better have communicated (through prayer) with God before making such a bold, public proclamation.

We are called, by virtue of our baptism, to speak our faith with conviction and authority. We are called, as Catholic-Christians, to “speak the truth in love” when it comes to our faith. May we have the courage to speak these truths. May we also have the courage to “know what we don’t know” and never presume to speak those things over which we have no mastery, authority or knowledge. May we know, through prayerful consideration, to know the difference between the two! May God continue to reveal Himself to us, so that we may bring to the world all of the good things God has in store for us.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, George Lepine, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dennis Green, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly, Baby Abigail & 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

### THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

*The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the winter.*

*Monday, Feb. 1 - 1:00—4:00*

*Saturday, Feb 20. - 10:00—11:30*

*Monday, Mar. 1 - 1:00—4:00*

*Saturday, Mar. 20 - 10:00—11:30*

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above.

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

**Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are**

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## *Mary of Nazareth*

Guided Retreat!

Via ZOOM

**January 31 through February 5**

### **Mary of Nazareth: Graced Woman and Spirit-filled Friend and Prophet of God**

This retreat is an opportunity to reflect and deeply listen to Mary, who embraced the call of Spirit-Sophia to co-labor with God in bringing to fullness the coming new and ever-evolving realm of God. As friends and prophets of God we, too, are lured by God to co-labor and share in God's vision for the universe

Welcome Session Sunday at 7:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday  
10:00 AM - Talk; 3:00 PM - Talk;

4:30 PM - Prayer Service by Fr. Mark Schramm with music accompaniment by Bro. Donald Champagne.

Fee is \$250. You do not need to be computer literate - the link is very easy.

To register please visit [www.MiramarRetreat.org](http://www.MiramarRetreat.org).

**For further details concerning sign-in or attendance, please call**

**Mary-Fran**

at

**781.585.2460**

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[MaryFran@MiramarRetreat.org](mailto:MaryFran@MiramarRetreat.org)

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL



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New mailing address:

P O Box 474

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.



### St Ann Prayer Line:

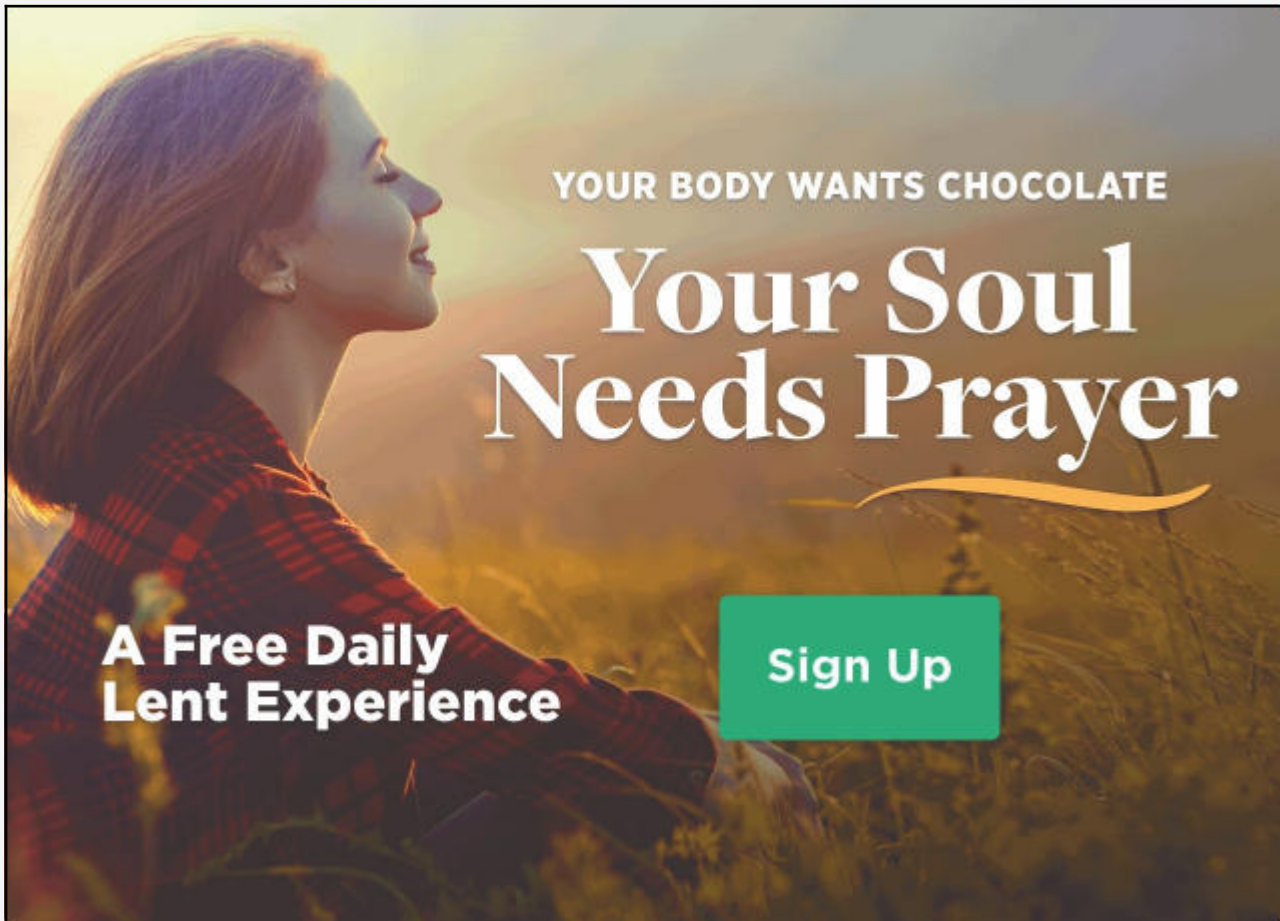
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or [linda@santry.org](mailto:linda@santry.org). If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 BEGINS LENT

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- A. Stop eating chocolate for 40 days
- B. Praying every day for 40 days

Join Matthew Kelly for BEST LENT EVER this year as we take a 40-day journey through his new book *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*. Giving up chocolate could be helpful. Learning how to pray will be life changing!

**Sign Up**

# This Week in Ministry

2.1.21-2.7.21



## *"Not by bread alone"* Recipe Contest!

Do you love to cozy up in the kitchen on a chilly blustery day? It's time to share those talents with our very first Recipe Contest! No need to be an expert chef; whether it's a simple snack, a tasty dessert, or a well-honed family favorite, all entries are welcome! There will be prizes in various categories!

Send your recipe by Friday, March 5th to [directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com)



## First Communion Candidates: Special OUTDOOR Mass!

All grade 2 students and their families are invited to a special outdoor Mass on Sunday February 7th at 12:00 PM in the St. John's parking lot. Families are invited to bring chairs to sit outside, or can listen to Mass from inside their cars!

At the end of Mass, all First Communion candidates will be given important materials to celebrate and prepare for their sacred Sacrament. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



## Reminder: Upcoming Virtual Book Club!

We will be discussing Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* on Sunday, February 21st at 1:00 PM. All are welcome!

Click here to join the discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81724087967>

Need to find a copy of the book? Check out:

[East Bridgewater Library](#) [West Bridgewater Library](#) [Barnes and Noble](#) [Amazon](#) [DiscoverBooks](#)

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*"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only; Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" (James 1:22; 2:18)*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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