



SAIN'T JOHN

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Collaborative***

***Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

February 13, 2022



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**"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE NOW HUNGRY,
FOR YOU WILL BE SATISFIED." - LK 6:21**

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**BLESSED ARE
ALL WHO HOPE
*in the Lord.***

PSALM 1

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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.

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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, February 12, 2022

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:30 - Lyndsey Pelligrino —15th Anniversary

6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them

Saturday, February 19, 2022

4:00 - Gerald Bean —1st Anniversary

Sunday February 20, 2022

8:30 - Rita Giovanoni — 4th Anniversary

6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 12, 2022

5:30 - Patricia McCarthy — Month’s Mind

Sunday, February 13, 2022

10:30 Kim Russo — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, February 19, 2022

5:30 - Patricia McCarthy — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, February 20, 2022

10:30 - Wiliam McCormack — 9th Anniversary

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Jan 11, 2022- Jan 17, 2022

ST ANN		ST JOHN	
Online	N/A	Online	\$ 1,072
Mail	\$ 475	Mail	\$ 391
Mass	<u>\$ 1,941</u>	Mass	<u>\$ 1,611</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,416	TOTAL	\$ 3,074

Family Healing and Recovery Ministry

Please join us at St. Joseph the Worker church, 1 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA. This will also be Live Streamed at holyapostlescatholic.org and our Facebook page at "Holy Apostles Parish".

We will continue with food and fellowship after our 1st Saturday gatherings and 4th Saturday Mass. Mass is-celebrated by Fr. Mike Hobson. Please note that the Archdiocese of Boston has mandated that masks are required in all churches until March 3rd,2022.

For more information, visit our website for faith witness videos and for updates- rosary4recovery.org



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was in seminary, we often spoke of the “warm and fuzzy Jesus” of which people most often think when picturing Jesus. They think of the Jesus who restores sight to the blind, who restores health to the crippled, and life to the dead. While these images of Jesus are valid, they neglect the Jesus who was not afraid to confront authority, who was not afraid to upend the status quo.

In the Beatitudes as presented by Luke, Jesus offers blessings to the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the accursed and insulted. He reminds them their “reward will be great in heaven” (Lk 17:23), something my mother used to say to us when things were not going our way. It was of little comfort to hear those words as a four year-old, but they are of great comfort as a fifty-seven year old! Jesus does not stop there, though, as He does in other gospel treatments of the Beatitudes. Jesus follows these blessings with the “woe” statements, cautioning those who are rich, filled, laughing, well thought of, and the like. To these folks, his “woe” is not meant as sadness, but caution; Jesus might as well be saying “whoa” (as in ‘hold up/stop’) because these statements are meant as a caution and a warning. He cautions those who put their trust in the world that these are only passing fancies, fleeting glories. Our real treasure is in heaven, and Jesus is cautioning those who rely on the world for everything (in the control of the world or not) to be careful.

One of the challenges of the Christian life is that it is meant to be lived out in a world that does not always (or even often) follow gospel values and espouse gospel truths. The Christian life is one in which gospel truths and values are brought into the world, into one’s everyday life. Wherever we find ourselves – work, school, home – we are called to be “gospel people”; all too often we leave what we have heard and read right where we have heard and read it. Our challenge is to bring the gospel with us. As has been oft quoted, “be careful...you may be the only bible someone reads”; in other words, we are called to be the living embodiment of the gospel, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

May we have the courage to be gospel people. May we know the truth and be unafraid to incorporate it into our daily lives. May we not only “know of” Jesus, but truly “know” Him by how we live. May the Beatitudes which Luke offers be both comforting and challenging. May these words we hear today take root and bear fruit so that all may know Jesus and share Him with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



MY FRANSCIAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel is one of the key moments of Jesus' ministry, His "Sermon on the Mount and His preaching of the Beatitudes. In this passage, Jesus brings comfort to some (with the words "Blessed are you..." which begin some of these phrases) and challenge to others (with the words "Woe to you..." beginning other phrases). In this sermon which brings blessings to some and woe to others, Jesus shows to us that the way God looks at people and their daily lives is radically different than how the world sees people and situations.

In that same vein, St. Francis looked at the world – creation, really – in the same light as Jesus did. This should come as no surprise, that Francis would align himself with Jesus rather than the world. In looking at creation, whether it was humanity, the animal kingdom, or nature, Francis saw the Divine in everything. In this way, Francis saw inherent value in people and other created things. One of the most "Franciscan" Beatitudes would have to be "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours". How Franciscan is that?!? If Francis is known for anything by the layman, it is poverty. He is even known, colloquially, as "Il Poverello" ("The Poor Little Man"). Francis certainly would look at someone who is poor and see not their poverty but their dignity, as well as that "divine spark" which unites them to Christ. It was to the poor to whom Francis felt called to minister. And not just the physically impoverished (although he certainly did that, even to the point of taking poverty upon himself, wearing it like a cloak), but the spiritually and emotionally poor as well.

Francis was not afraid to "speak truth to power" and call upon the rich to share their treasures, for he saw wealth as a gift, one which was to be shared. He was not afraid to "call out" someone who was living luxuriously and challenge them to free themselves of their wealth so as to not only help out someone in need, but also to free the person themselves from being beholden to the world. This was not just limited to the lay world, even challenging the Church of his time and how it was living. His outburst caused Pope Innocent III to jail him, so outraged was the Pope, but that did not last long and Francis was released.

One of the great "fruits" of my Franciscan journey has been my time spent with the Capuchin Mobile Ministries, who serve our brothers and sisters in Boston and Cambridge who are without permanent, sustainable housing. In bringing them basic necessities in the form of sandwiches and coffee/cocoa, as well as items such as hats, gloves, and socks, the Capuchin Mobile Ministries strives to bring the spirit of Francis alive. You can learn more about this wonderful ministry on their website, <https://www.capuchin.org/mobile-ministries/> and you can even volunteer by visiting <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafa629abf5c43-volunteer>

It was once said by St. Francis that "poverty is that heavenly virtue by which all earthly and transitory things are trodden under foot, and by which every obstacle is removed from the soul so that it may freely enter into union with the eternal Lord God". May we all grow in that virtue and see in the poor the very face of Christ the Lord.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

"Fulfilled in Your Hearing"

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry as told by the evangelist Luke, Jesus enters the synagogue in Nazareth and finding the scroll with the passage from Isaiah saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (4:18-19). After proclaiming the scripture, Jesus comments on it by saying, "Today, this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." What Jesus did after proclaiming the word from scripture, your deacons and priests are called to do for you after proclaiming the Word of God.

After reading from the scroll, Jesus helped the people see how the sacred story God spoke to the Jewish exiles in Babylon 500 years earlier had power and meaning in their lives 500 years later. This is the purpose, task, invitation, and challenge of the preacher as he gives the homily. The purpose of the homily is to help the assembled People of God enter the sacred story proclaimed for them in readings and gospel. Its purpose is to help the congregation see the connection between what God did in the Old Testament was fulfilled in the New and how the promise of the Gospel gives meaning and purpose to our lives today. In his commentary on the Eucharist, Johannes H. Emminghaus, makes this point very simply with these words, the purpose of the homily "is to actualize the proclamation, that is, to apply it and make it relevant to the concrete world of today" (Emminghaus, The Eucharist: Essence, Form, and Celebration. P. 147).

The Bishops at the Second Vatican Council in the Constitution on Divine Revelation teaches that of all the different forms of evangelization: catechesis, pastoral preaching, other forms of Christian instruction, the place the homily holds is the most important. Homilies are not meant to bring faith to those who have none—though it may. The homily presupposes faith and, as part of the liturgy itself, is meant to assist the assembly in celebrating the Eucharist more fully and deeply (cf. USCCB, Fulfilled in Your Hearing, p.18).

As I prepare my homilies, I first ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to guide my prayer and reading of scripture. Then having prayed with the texts for a couple of days, I look at the prayers for that particular Sunday and see if and how the readings might help me understand their liturgical context. Then I ask myself, "how were these texts heard by the original listeners? What human need is being voiced in the readings and what is God's response? How might these texts address the needs of our time so that we might see how God is active and present in our lives? The homily helps us see how the sacred story touches and gives meaning to our particular stories.

The Liturgy, in its parts and as a whole, is oriented toward communion. Through the liturgy, God's people are invited to unite themselves to Jesus Christ as he has chosen to unite himself to them. Therefore, the homily ought to break open the Word of God in such a way that the assembly meet, encounter, and commune with Jesus Christ.



Saturday, April 30, 2022
Growth through Grief

Wellness Day for Grieving Mothers

For mothers who have lost children to substance use disorder (SUD)

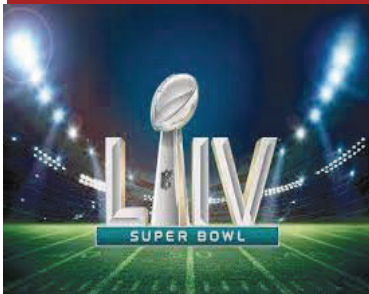
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10:00am to 4:30pm
9am Mass available before retreat

Cost Per person \$ 25.00 (Includes morning refreshments and lunch)
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6:15 MASS CANCELLED

February Religious Ed Schedule

February 6th: Grades 1, 3, 4 and 9

Grade 1: will meet at St John's at 9:25am, followed by 10:30am Mass. Students will attend Mass as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children are welcome to sit with their Parents at Mass.

Grades 3 and 4: will attend 10:30am Mass at St John's as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children may sit with their parents at Mass. Class will follow Mass and go until 12:30pm

Grade 9: will attend 6:15pm Mass at St Ann's, followed by class until 8:30pm.

February 13th: Grades 2, 5, & 6

Grade 2, 5 & 6 will meet at St John's at 9:25am, followed by 10:30am Mass. Students will attend Mass as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children are welcome to sit with their Parents at Mass.

Grades 5 and 6: will attend 10:30am Mass at St John's as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children may sit with their parents at Mass. Class will follow Mass and go until 12:30pm

Grade 7, 8 & 10: No class due to Super Bowl.

February 20th: No Class due to February Vacation

February 27th:

Grade 7, 8 & 10: will attend 6:15pm Mass at St Ann's, followed by class until 8:30pm.

If your child is registered in the Religious Education Program, you should be receiving notices by way of Constant Contact. A program designed to email-blast all participants. If you are not receiving these messages, please contact Nancy Goggin, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com or at 617-639-4815.

You may also find information on the St. John and St. Ann Facebook pages

St. John the Evangelist –EB
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Or notices are also in the bulletin or on the web pages each week.

www.stjohnsb.org or stannswb.com

FEBRUARY 

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 Nicolar, 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, Joan Thompson & 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 that 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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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.



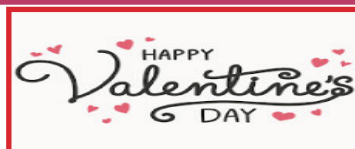
What is World Marriage Day? SUNDAY, FEB. 13TH

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

History

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership.

By 1982, 43 governors officially proclaimed the day, and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day (WMD). WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.



Live with eternity in mind

One of our sisters tells a story about standing with Mother Thecla outside their convent in northern Italy and looking up at the night sky together. It was a beautiful sight—the kind that moved both women to retreat into contemplative silence. Until Mother Thecla spoke up. "Beyond those stars is the Father's house. He awaits us!"

This was Mother Thecla's posture. Even in the darkness, God was there: present, loving, actively willing her good. She was deeply aware of God's love for her and all humanity. And she knew that eternity with God begins now, even in life's smallest and most hidden moments.

Mother Thecla did not have an easy mission. She shed tears over the weight of being the religious superior (for 40 years!) of a growing international community. But she put a crucifix on her desk and kept going. She persevered in daily prayer, regardless of how close (or far away) God felt. She carried out her daily responsibilities with the same generosity and love, whether she was boarding a ship to visit sisters overseas or sweeping the convent hallway in her native Italy. For her, every choice was an opportunity to let God incarnate his love for humanity in and through her life.

Mother Thecla knew that behind every star and every dark night, the Father was waiting for her—and waiting to reach others through her. May she intercede for us from heaven, so that we might learn her wisdom and inherit her zeal to lead others to Christ.

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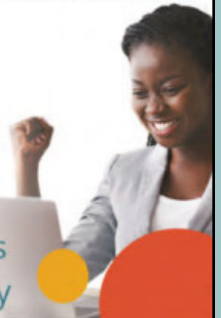
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