



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

March 7, 2021

**The Third Sunday
Of Lent**



St. John the Evangelist

St. Ann

**3^{er} Domingo
DE LA CUARESMA**

**Y a los que vendían palomas les dijo:
"Quiten todo de aquí y no
conviertan en un mercado la casa
de mi Padre". En ese momento, sus
discípulos se acordaron de
lo que estaba escrito: *El celo
de tu casa me devora.*
-Jn 2, 16-17**

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Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th

For both Churches

Currently we are working from home.

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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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 6, 2020

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, March 7, 2020

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 7th Anniversary

Saturday, March 13, 2020

4:00 - Raymond & Patricia Eaniri -Anniv. Rem.

Sunday, March 14 2020

8:30 - Robert Smith — 8th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 6, 2020

5:30 - Robert E. & Theresa F. Mason — Mem.

John F. & Mary J. Doherty — Memorial

Sunday, March 7, 2020

10:30 - Paul Luddy — 37th Anniversary

Mary Luddy Ahern — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, March 13, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, March 14, 2020

10:30 - Paula & John Brodie — Memorial

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 Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2021

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Online \$ 759
Mail \$2,330
Mass \$1,422
TOTAL \$4,511

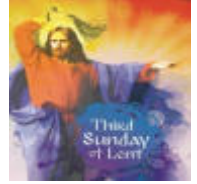
ST ANN
Online N/A
Mail \$2,140
Mass \$1,280
TOTAL \$3,420

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.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



This Third Sunday of Lent marks the “halfway point” of our Lenten journey. Oftentimes on a journey of any kind, the halfway mark is good time to reflect where one has been, as well as looking ahead to where one hopes to be. In the Lenten season, we’ve seen the temptation of Jesus in the desert (First Sunday) and the Transfiguration of Jesus, a vision given to Peter, James and John (Second Sunday).

On this Third Sunday, we have three distinct, yet “linked” images: the Commandments, the Cross, and the Cleansing of the Temple. In the first reading, Moses is given the Ten Commandments to help the Israelite community stay focused. They are useful for us so as to give us guidance and a set of opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love. While they are “Commandments” and are to be followed (after all, they aren’t the “Ten Suggestions”, as I read on a bumper sticker a while ago), they are more than just “dos and don’ts” – they are ways of living, living in God’s love.

In Paul’s bringing to mind the Cross, in our second reading, we have the image of that “tool of salvation” that Christ’s Cross is for us. What was (and still is by the world) seen as an image of torture and death, is seen by Christians as the way to the Kingdom. It is on the Cross where Christ, once and for all time, opened the “gates of salvation”. All we need do is follow!

In our gospel passage, Jesus cleanses the temple for He sees it being used as a “marketplace” and not the house of prayer that it is meant to be. He feels compelled and commanded to so out of love for the Father. It is this same fervor and zeal with which we must live our faith.

May these days and weeks of Lent give us opportunities to grow in grace. May we take advantage of every opportunity given us, so that we may grow not only in grace, but in faith, hope, love and, ultimately, Easter joy!

Have a Blessed Lent,

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, 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, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, & 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
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the winter.

*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.
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SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

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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.

Dear Friend in Christ,

What did you go out into the desert to see?

With this question, Jesus tested the faith of the Judeans who had taken an interest in John the Baptist. We should let it test us throughout this Lenten season.

The episode is reported by Saints Matthew and Luke, who situate it after the visit of John's disciples to Jesus. The word they use for desert is *eremon*—a lonely place—which most translations today render as “wilderness.” But the present-day meaning of “wilderness” may be too positive for us to appreciate the force of the Lord's question, for we go to wilderness areas for recreation and beauty, to recharge spirits tired out from technological noise and city-living. The wilderness across the Jordan River that John the Baptist inhabited was a desolate place, and it had the qualities that we associate with a desert: it was silent, full of light, and dry.

A desert is silent.

As Cardinal Sarah has reminded us in his recent book, silence is a vital necessity for Christian life. And not just the silence that we hear, but the silence that we see, and perhaps even touch, smell, and taste. To bring quiet to our exterior senses is the way to begin to settle down and to be quiet interiorly. And it is that interior attentiveness that Christ calls us to again and again, saying “watch” or “stay awake” (see, for instance, Mk 13:37). As Elijah learned on one of his trips to the desert, the Lord is not heard in the wind, earthquake, or fire—that is, not in the catchy tunes and flashing colors of our screens—but in “*the sound of a low whisper*” (1 Kings 19:12). We must be silent to hear him.

A desert is a place without shadows.

It is bathed in light. And our Lent should be, too, with the brilliance of the one who said, “*I am the light of the world*” (Jn 8:12; 9:5). The attentive spirit that we gain by our voluntary efforts of renouncing distractions is not for its own sake; it is a preparation to hear or to see Christ. Lent is a time for testing the quality of our faith. Do we look to Jesus for light? Do we live on his very words? Or do we settle for the slogans and sayings endlessly repeated by the world? For judgment, that is, for the testing of hearts and minds, “*I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind*” (Jn 9:39).

Tim Gray <customer.service@augustineinstitute.org>

SNOW REMOVAL IS ALWAYS EXPENSIVE.

YOUR HELP IS VITAL

**ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS YOU
ARE ABLE TO MAKE TO HELP COVER COST
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATE AND
DESPERATLY NEEDED.**

This Week in Ministry

3.8.21-3.14.21

meatless fridays



Sick of the same meatless meals? Try out some of these tasty [Lent Recipes](#) to mix up your palate while respecting the Lenten sacrifice each Friday!

Stations of the Cross Art Contest! Submit by Thursday, March 25th

Lent is a special time to pray, reflect, and connect to Jesus in new ways. This year we are embracing the benefits of praying creatively—by having our very first Stations of the Cross Art Contest!



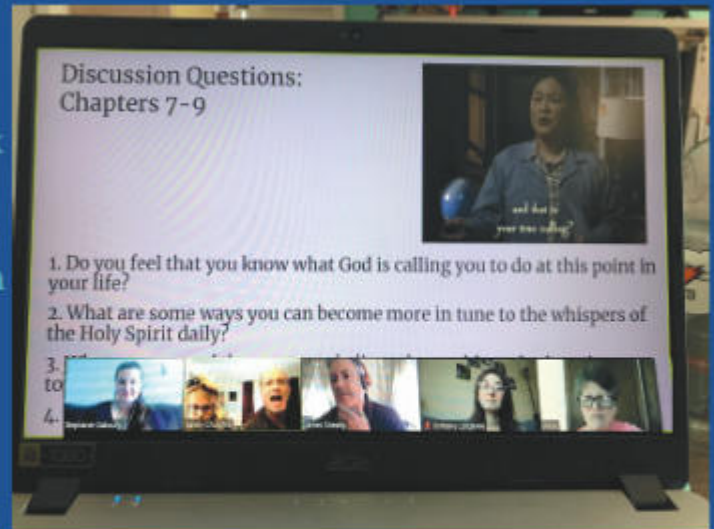
- Step 1:** Choose a Station
- Step 2:** Recreate it using any art form
- Step 3:** Send your submission to directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com

Need a reminder of the stations? Check out [Stations of the Cross for Children](#) or [Stations of the Cross Prayers](#)

Winners will receive prizes and be featured in the bulletin!

Book Club Participants—Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended our first virtual book club! It was a wonderful chance to connect and discuss. If you are interested in participating in the future or have an idea for a suggestion, please reach out to directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com



Stephanie Gaboury
Director of Ministries, T.I.C. Collaborative

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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)

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



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The Arms of Love*

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