



SAINTE JOHN

***Together in Christ
Collaborative***

***Second Sunday of
Lent***

March 13, 2022

MASKS NOT REQUIRED



SAINTE ANN



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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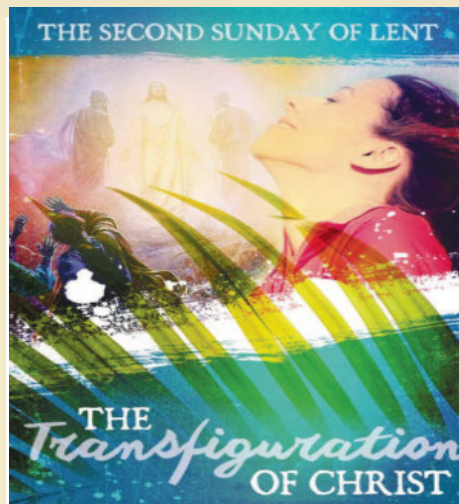
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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, March 12, 2022

4:00— Elaine Pratt — Birthday Celebration
(living — 90th)

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
6:15 - For those who need to reunite with God

Saturday, March 19, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday March 20, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 12, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, March 13, 2022

10:30—Robert & Rita Farrell — Memorial
Stephen Mason — Memorial

Saturday, March 19, 2022

5:30 — Suzanne Serino — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 20, 2022

10:30 - William T. Buckley — 3rd Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I love going to the movies; it's one of my great "passions". I especially enjoy getting there in time for the "coming attractions", the previews of movies that will be released. It is there that I begin to "pick and choose" what movies I'm going to see and what ones I'm going to avoid. It is in today's gospel that we have a "preview" of something to come, something to which we can look forward.

In today's gospel, the Transfiguration is "front and center". This moment in salvation history is seen by Peter, James and John, and is "seen" by those of us who have "eyes" (in the spiritual sense) to see. When this moment happens, the three disciples who are with Jesus are not seeing things clearly. This is understandable due to the fact that they (nor anyone else) had never seen anything like this, nor had anyone else. They were fearful and confused, but in some sense they trusted that the Lord had their best interest at heart; He had never led them astray, and wasn't about to here. They fell silent because no words could convey the power of that moment.

Lent is for us a time of reflection. Lent for us is a time of conversion. Today's gospel is, for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear, a moment of reflection and conversion as well. We reflect on the fact that in this moment of the Transfiguration, Jesus shows to us not only who it is He will become, but also who it is that we will become. When we believe in the power and presence of Jesus, we ourselves are "transfigured" – made anew as new creations of God's love and power; this must be for us a moment of reflection and conversion. We reflect on the love which Jesus has for us in showing us the way to the Kingdom. We are converted in the sense that it is a moment of renewal for us in being shown who it is that we will become.

May we use this moment of reflection and conversion to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church. May we come to see Jesus for who He is for us. May we come to believe that in the transfigured Christ, we have our hope and salvation. May this Lenten Season be a time of reflection and conversion, so that when Easter comes, Jesus may find us watching, waiting and ready to welcome Him anew.

A Blessed Lent to All,

Fr. Paul

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Feb 22, 2022- Feb 28, 2022

ST ANN		ST JOHN	
Online	N/A	Online	\$ 709
Mail	\$ -0-	Mail	\$ 320
Mass	\$ 1,761	Mass	\$ 2,287
TOTAL	\$ 1,761	TOTAL	\$ 3,316

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. Confessions

6:30—8 PM

March 9 — St. John March 16 — St. Ann
March 23 — St. John March 30 — St. Ann
April 6 — St. John April 13 — St. Ann

LENT/EASTER DATES

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU — CONFESSIONS
WEDNESDAYS 6:30—8 PM (ck schedule)
HOLY THURSDAY —ST ANN'S — 7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY:
SEVEN LAST WORDS—ST JOHN 3 PM
GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—7 PM —
ST JOHN'S
EASTER VIGIL — 8 PM — ST ANN'S



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel passage focuses on the Transfiguration of Christ. This was the moment when Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples (Peter, James, and John), showing Himself in His "glorified" form (that is, what He would look like after His Resurrection and Ascension. It was a powerful moment for the disciples, as well as the "literary onlookers" (that is, you and I), because even though they were terrified they still thought it good that they were there (see Luke 9:33). In being there "in spirit", we also get a sense of hope that as Jesus goes, so do we. Therefore, as Jesus resurrects and is glorified, so too do we have the potential for this same final glory; all we need to do is be "transfigured".

What do I mean by "transfigured"? Well, when one looks at the word, it can have many meanings but the way that it is used in this particular passage is a movement of divine love from Jesus' human/ordinary form to His divine/extraordinary form. This should give us hope, for Jesus did say that where He was going we would follow. We will move from earthly life to heavenly life, from ordinary and everyday living to a life of eternal joy. This is something which St. Francis experienced at His Transitus, The Transitus, from the Latin word for passage or crossing, commemorates the completion of St. Francis' earthly life, and his passage through death into eternal life. At first glance, it may seem odd to reflect on death, particularly in our present world. Yet, for Franciscans, St. Francis' teachings – those he spoke and those he embodied through his actions – are more than just a set of inspirational ideas. They are an example of how to live life well, pouring oneself out in service to others for the glory of God, and even how to suffer with joy. However, as a vowed religious, St. Francis' life was also a testament to the Christian belief that the life we enjoy on this earth is not all there is.

The interesting thing about Francis is, of course, that this transformation was no "deathbed conversion". No, Francis' conversion came at a time in his life when he had everything that he needed and didn't feel the need for God. As he was going through the Italian countryside, seeking adventure and good times, little did he know what God had in store for him. When Francis came to the realization that God was calling him to something deeper in life, the furthest thing from his mind was the radical transformation from itinerant soldier to itinerant preacher that he would undergo in his life. This movement truly was a "transfiguring" moment of faith. Just as Jesus' appearance changed at the Transfiguration, so did Francis' at the time of his Transitus. Gone was the Stigmata with which he was afflicted (although Francis might say "blessed"), and his visage truly was "beatific". I think this was, in large part, due to the fact that Francis did not fear death...far from it, in fact, embracing it as a welcome member of God's family and referring to it as "Sister Death".

Let us pray that we can embrace our new life in Christ, at the time of our death, as radically and vibrantly as St. Francis did, welcoming it as we would a friend or relative. Let us be "transfigured" here in this life, so that we may have the courage to embrace death as willingly as we do life. May St. Francis inspire us to welcome all aspects of life, especially the time of Eternal Life when it comes to us.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

Will return in our next bulletin.

Deacon Chris was on retreat and unable to complete his column.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being hangry. I'll give you a quick description of hangriness, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. Hangriness is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things" — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

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Something to make this Lent one of your best!!

Hello friend,

If you are serious about something, you probably make a plan to attain it. How often do you apply this logic to your life in Christ by setting spiritual goals?

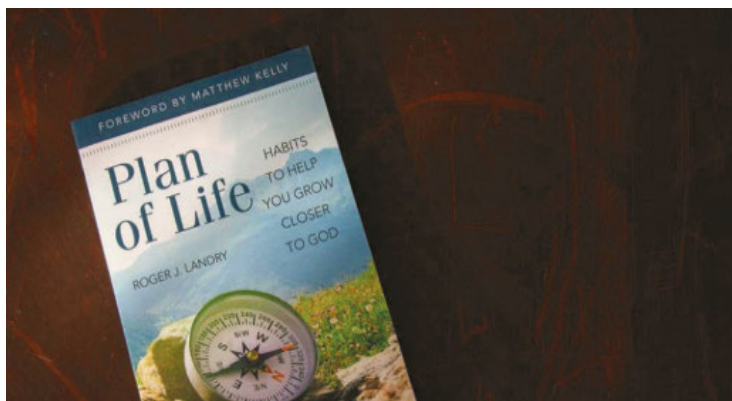
One of the many metaphors Saint Paul uses for the spiritual life is that of a professional athlete training for competition. Paul sets his gaze on heaven as the ultimate prize, and sees his life on earth as a training ground to help him cross the finish line to eternal union with God.

Much like an athlete, Paul will do every exercise that helps his body compete better and refrain from anything (food, drink, exercise, or activity) that might slow him down

If our ultimate goal is union with God in heaven, do we follow this same logic in the way we live our lives?

Fr. Roger Landry, author of [Plan of Life: Habits to Help You Grow Closer to God](#), has great recommendations for creating such a "game plan" for life, and Lent is the perfect time to start. If you are looking for some spiritual coaching this season, check out the [article he wrote for the Catholic Register](#) several years ago, based on his book. He gives us a solid orientation and practical tips for living Lent with clarity, purpose, and hope.

Are you ready to make a plan?



Daughters of St. Paul <newsletter@paulinemediamedia.com>

Saint Ann's Finance Council will be meeting on March 24, 2022 at Saint John's. at 7:00 and St. John's Finance Council will meet at St. John's at 8:00.



A Journey of Prayer With Pope John Paul II For Lent and Easter Season

You are invited

By the Together in Christ Collaborative of St John's and St Ann's to join us for a time of weekly prayer and reflection

There are 2 ways to participate

1. You can participate at home

Each week I will email a new theme to reflect on. You may do this throughout the week, anytime that works with your schedule.

2. You may participate in an in-person prayer and share group

Prayer and Share groups will meet every Tuesday at St John's Hall
Starting March 8th, 7:00pm-8:00pm
All materials will be provided. There is no cost to participate in this journey of prayer

Please type the following link in your browser for more information on the program

<https://youtu.be/UXjG4PQu808>

Please email Nancy Goggin to sign up at: Directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com

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 Nicoliar, 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, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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:

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

*Monday, March 7, 2022 1—4 PM
Saturday, March 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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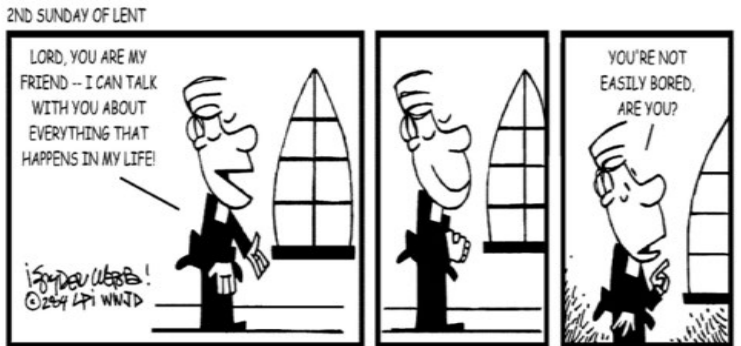
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SNOW REMOVAL IS EXPENSIVE

EVERY PENNY COUNTS.

PLEASE INCREASE YOUR OFFERTORY TO COVER THE EXTRA COSTS INCURRED BY THE RECENT SNOW STORMS.

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.



Hello Friend,

"Pray and never lose heart" (cf. Luke 18:1).

For some of us, these words of the Gospel may feel unrealistic, especially when news as alarming as the situation in eastern Europe breaks upon us. But when [Pope Francis addressed the church and the world at the end of his General Audience this past Wednesday](#), he urged us to pray with the faith of those who believe in "a God of peace, and not of war."

"Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting," Pope Francis reminded us. As violence, fear, and anxiety grip the hearts of our brothers and sisters around the world, especially in Ukraine and Russia, we are called to take up "God's weapons" of prayer and fasting in solidarity with them. As we do, we live our belief that whenever and wherever Christians come together in prayer, it is Jesus himself who prays in us, with us, and for us.

Yesterday, Sr. Anne and Sr. Orienne Pietra René led a [Divine Mercy Chaplet on Instagram Live](#) for peace, conversion, and the intentions of all affected by this tragedy. Today, we invite you to join us.

Pray the Chaplet

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