



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

March 21, 2021

**The Fifth Sunday
Of Lent**



St. John the Evangelist

St. Ann



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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 20, 2021

4:00—Gilda Jane Cribbin — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 20, 2021

5:30 - Suzanne Serino — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:30 - Martin J. Hanley — 31st Anniversary

Saturday, March 27, 2021

5:30 - Rev. Donald Skerry — Month's Mnd

Sunday, March 28, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

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

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Weekly Offertory

Mar 3 - Mar 9, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$1,029

Mail \$1,992

Mass \$1,617

TOTAL \$4,638

GRAND ANNUAL \$750

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$1,560

Mass \$1,429

TOTAL \$2,989

THE CHURCH WILL BE
DECORATED WITH FLOWERS
THIS EASTER. EASTER
ENVELOPES ARE BEING
ACCEPTED NOW.



THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



Jesus once noted, regarding the law, that He had come to “fulfill” what had been written (cf. Matthew 5:17). He was to fulfill this writing and prophecy by giving His life for us all on the Cross. In doing so, Jesus would bring to completion all that had been written about the Messiah in Scripture. Furthermore, Jesus would bring about a new covenant between God and the People of God (i.e. you and me).

In today’s gospel passage, some Greeks wish to meet Jesus. This encounter is brought about in a linear fashion, moving from Phillip, to Andrew, to Phillip AND Andrew, and finally to Jesus. When all arrive and hear from Jesus, He talks about the sacrifice He must make for this “fulfillment” to take place. Jesus uses the analogy of a seed which must die so that life might be brought forth. Analogously, it is only in Jesus’ death that we can have life; it is the death of Jesus that will bring about Eternal Life for us. This is to take place so that the covenant between God and the People of God can be realized.

God alludes to this covenant when Jeremiah brings the message of God to the people. Unlike the covenants of old, this “new covenant” will be unbroken because it will not be written in stone (like the Ten Commandments) but on our hearts. It is when this “new covenant” is written that we will be in “full communion” with God. Jesus will bring this about in His life, death, and resurrection. When we enter into Holy Week (in just about a week’s time!) we make a journey with Jesus, who will then fulfill all that was written about Him.

We are called to enter into this “new covenant” with God, through Jesus, by giving our lives in service to God and to our brothers and sisters. May we, in concluding our Lenten observances, continue to give our hearts to God so that He may write His Law upon them. May we come to know Jesus, have the courage to walk with Him, and seek to fulfill all that God has called us to do. May we take this Law, written on our hearts, and apply it to all that we do, say and are. May we share this Law, this Law of Love, with all whom we meet.

A Blessed (Continued) Lent to All,

Fr. Paul

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



Saturday, March 27th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—4pm St. Ann's; 5:30pm St. John's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-mass17>

Sunday, March 28th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD—8:30am St. Ann's; 10:30am St. John's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-mass17>

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS—1-2pm St. John's; 4:30-5:30pm St. Ann's
Parking lot distribution: no signup required

Thursday, April 1st

Thursday of the Lord's Supper: HOLY THURSDAY—7pm at St. John's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-holy>
Holy Adoration will follow in the St. John's parking lot. No signup required

Friday, April 2nd

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS—3pm at St. John's
No signup required

Friday of the Passion of the Lord: GOOD FRIDAY—7pm at St. Ann's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-good>

Saturday, April 3rd

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT—4pm OUTDOORS at St. Ann's
Parking Lot Mass: no signup required

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT—8pm at St. John's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-easter>

Sunday, April 4th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—8:30am at St. Ann's
Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-easter1>

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—10:30am OUTDOORS at St. John's
Parking Lot Mass: no signup required

This Week in *Ministry*

3.22.21-3.28.21



All families are invited to pick up an Easter craft bag for each child in their home. Pick up will be entirely safe and socially distant, and families can drive through without leaving their cars.

Pick up options are:

- Saturday, March 27th 2:30-3:30 (St. Ann's)
- Sunday, March 28th 4:30-5:30 (St. John's)

Stations of the Cross Art Contest—Last Chance to Submit!

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 whatever art form you'd like

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!

Stephanie Gaboury
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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)

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

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

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the Spring.

Our pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the every month April through October, 2021. When days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will be the Tuesday of that week.

*First Mondays = 3:00—5:30
Third Mondays = 3:00—4:30*

*Monday, April 1 - 3:00—5:30
Monday April 19 - 3:00—4:30*

*The schedule is as follows:
May 3rd and 17th
June 7th and 21st
July *Tues the 6th and 19th
August 2nd and 16th
September *Tues the 7th and 20th
October 4th and 18th*

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**

Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.

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.



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS.

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STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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