



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent*



**With the Lord
there is
mercy and
redemption.**

PSALM 130



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Church

St Ann's
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.
Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

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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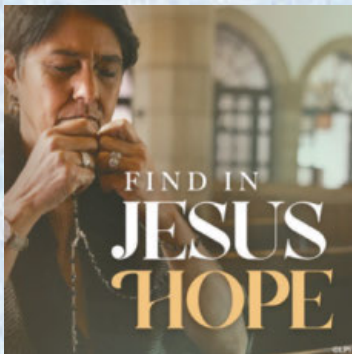
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 - Patricia Euginia—31st Anniversary
Marie Bagley —17th Anniversary
11:30 - Joseph Giovanoni — 1st Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Sunday, April 2, 2023

7:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C Collaborative
11:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C Collaborative
6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 25, 2023

4:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:30 - Kim Russo — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 - Felice Rondeau — 20th Anniversary

Sunday April 2, 2023

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Wine, Hosts & Sanctuary Lamps this week are in memory of



Kim Russo



March 25 — Confirmation Retreat — Glastonbury Abbey

April 2 — Palm Sunday

April 4 — Tenebrae — 7:00 PM — St. Ann's

April 6 — Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:00 PM St. John

April 7 — Friday of the Passion of the Lord 7 PM St. Ann
Seven Last Words — 3 PM St. John

April 8 — Holy Saturday (Vigil Mass) 8 PM St. John

April 9 — EASTER SUNDAY — see page 5

April 22 — Ecumenical Bi-Centennial Celebration —
6:30 — 8:00 pm at St. John's

Mass Location/Time Changes effective April 15 & 16

Saturday

3:00 pm — St. Ann's (confessions)

4:00 pm — St. Ann's Mass

Sunday

8:00 am — St. John's Mass

9:30 am — St. Ann's Mass

11:30 am — St. John's Mass

6:15 pm — St. John's Mass

My Dear Friends in Christ,



There is an old spiritual titled "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Could you imagine being a friend of Jesus? I'm not talking about a disciple, apostle or follower of Jesus – we're all called to be that. I'm talking about a friend – some with whom you "hang out", have over to dinner, someone with whom you play golf or tennis. This is the type of relationship which Martha, Mary and Lazarus had with Jesus. Think back to the gospel passage (Lk 10:38-42) where Martha was busy preparing to host Jesus and Mary just sat there (or seemed to, to the untrained eye), ending with Martha being told that Mary had taken the "better part, and it shall not be taken from her" (Lk 10:42). This was a moment when Jesus showed He was a friend of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Their friendship was evidenced by the honesty of their words, something friends aren't afraid to do.

The story of the "raising of Lazarus" is one of friendship, both human and spiritual. Jesus gets word that Lazarus is ill. One would think that Jesus, a friend of the trio, would rush right over (or perhaps send one of His disciples in His name). Yet Jesus waits for two days before departing from where He was. This may seem strange, but Jesus assures those around Him that "this illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God..." (Jn 11:4). Jesus has already formulated a plan in His mind; He knows exactly what He is going to do, for He knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows He has power over life and death, so He knows that even if Lazarus experiences an earthly death that this particular episode will not end in death.

There is another reality at work here as well. Jesus knows that He has power over life and death because, as He proclaims to Martha, He is "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25). It is in this "vein" that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus isn't concerned about the crowds and their wailing; He isn't concerned about the stench emanating from the tomb; He isn't even concerned about Lazarus being dead. Jesus knows who He is, what He is about and what He is doing at all times. This is a powerful lesson for us. While we don't have power over life and death, we have power (in the form of "free will") to decide how we are to live in this life, and thus how we are to spend Eternal Life. God wants us to be with Him in the Kingdom, sharing Eternal Life, but the choice is ours. We choose God by how we choose to live our lives, either in union with God or with the world. Whatever choices we make, the choice is ours. Let us choose wisely and well, so that we may spend Eternal Life in the Kingdom with God and all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Family Mass Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 2nd at the 9:30 Mass at St. John is our Family Mass. Since it's Palm Sunday we will have a special procession around the church with the kids and their palms.

As with all our Family Masses, we are looking for readers, gift bearers and someone to pick up the coffee and donuts. If interested, please contact Matt Brady.

Adult Bible Study Starts this Wednesday

Our new Adult Bible Study will hold its first meeting this Wednesday, March 29th at 7 pm at St. John and continue to meet every Wednesday at 7 pm after that. We will gather in the conference room in the lower church. Our focus is the Sunday Gospel and what it means for us as disciples. All are welcome!

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

This Friday, 3/31, at 7 pm at St. Ann's is our Annual Ecumenical Stations of the cross with First Church. Please join us as we gather with our neighbors in prayer.

Fellowship Hour at St. Ann

On Sunday, March 26th our Disciples of Hospitality will host a coffee hour in the Parish Center following the 11:30 Mass.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation with your fellow parishioners!

Last Week to Donate Socks

As we reach the end of Lent, next weekend will be the last weekend to donate socks for our Lenten Sock Drive. Thank you to all who have donated for your support of the homeless in Boston. Fr. Paul brought 2 big trash bags full of socks to Capuchin Mobile Ministries on Tuesday and will bring the rest next month.

Tenebrae Service:

On Tuesday of Holy Week (4/4) at 7 pm at St. Ann we will hold our first ever Tenebrae Service. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "darkness," and this service remembers Jesus' passion and victory over evil. It features the gradual darkening of the church by extinguishing candles so that at the end of the service we depart in darkness to await the light of the resurrection. Please join us!

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Holy Week Schedule:

Tuesday (4/4): Tenebrae Service at 7 pm at St. Ann

Holy Thursday (4/6): 7 pm Mass at St. John

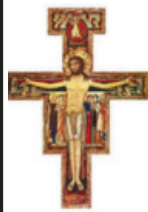
Good Friday (4/7):
3 pm Seven Last Words at St. John's
7 pm Service at St. Ann

Easter Vigil (4/8): 8 pm

Easter Sunday Schedule:

8:00 am St. Ann
9:30 am St. John
11:30 am St. Ann

There will be no 6:15 Mass



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

When one looks at the life of Jesus, miracle stories abound during His ministry. Today's gospel shows one of those miracles, the raising (from the dead) of Lazarus. Jesus loved Lazarus, so a case could be made that Jesus raised him from the dead solely because of His love for him. The love Jesus had for Lazarus was certainly evident, but it wasn't the only reason for this miracle. Jesus also raised Lazarus to show forth the power of God. When looking at the life of St. Francis, there were several instances of the miraculous happening during his ministry. Here are but a few of these miraculous happenings:

A paralyzed man lived in the city of Nardi. One day, he learned of the arrival of Francis in this city to preach, appealed to the diocesan bishop's plea to send the poor man of Assisi. After Francis' acceptance of this invitation he arrived at the man's home and, with a simple sign of the cross, healed the paralytic.

A woman (also from the city of Nardi) regained her sight when Francis made the sign of the cross.

A woman with hands clenched so as not to use them heard about the coming of the Holy Father Francis to her city urged him to regain use of her hands. Francis heard her prayer healed her.

St. Francis had pity for a Friar hit by epilepsy; Francis went to him and, after having blessed him, healed him.

A woman possessed lived in in the City of Castello; Francis, passing there, drove out the demon and freed the woman from harm.

These are but a few healings during the life of Francis. During the process of his canonization, many others came forward and spoke of Francis' intercession in healings that took place. These intercessions were part of the testimony needed to "prove" the miraculous nature of Francis' life. May we look to Francis for his intercession as we make our way through our Lenten journey and to the "ultimate healing" of the Resurrection.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicolar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.

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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Hotline—508-378-3760

**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from **3 pm to 5:30 pm**, and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

*Monday, April 3, 2023
Monday, April 17, 2023*

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

Thank you for your continued generosity.

BINGO IS IN FULL SWING

Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP



Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP



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jchbaker@msn.com

We at SVdP at St Ann's want to thank everyone who donated to our calendar and all those who purchased calendars from us. All the funds raised will benefit those in need.

Thank you and God Bless.



There is nothing like beautiful flowers to make the altar look festive to celebrate the Easter Season.

Please use your Easter Flower Envelope or any envelope from home designated for the flowers to help us provide an altar worthy of this wonderful Holy Day in honor of Jesus' Resurrection.

If anyone has been having problems receiving their envelopes, please let the office know. We are working with the envelope company to resolve this issue. (508-378-4207)

In the meantime, please write your name and number on the outside of a regular envelope so you can be given credit for your donation.

NEWS

Consider yourself invited to discern a wonderful Retreat opportunity at the Holy Cross Retreat House held on various weekends from October-April. Kevin and I have lived in Cursillo, and either of us would be happy to sponsor you!

Cursillo means "a short course in Christianity".

Cursillo is more than a retreat. It is a dynamic Christian seminar. Participants are given practical insights into the everyday life of faith and service. Through prayer, reflection, group activities, and fellowship, the weekend is designed to deepen and round out what one has learned about Christ.

There is time for reflection and silence, and plenty of songs, laughter, discussion, prayer, liturgies, and breaks to make it a most enjoyable experience.

Winter & Spring Dates

March 23-26 (Men)
April 20-23 (Women)

The retreat costs \$195 for the weekend and includes program materials, lodging, and meals. Please reach out if the cost prevents you from joining us, as help is always available.

To register/obtain more information, contact:

Holy Cross Retreat House
490 Washington St.
North Easton, MA 02356
508-238-2051



Join with Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group for the following events (sponsored by the Flatley Foundation):

Mass 4 Life: Thursday, April 13th at 7pm
Sacred Heart Church, 386 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171
with Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston

Youth 4 Life: Friday, April 14, 2023 from 6-9pm
The Marriott Ballroom in Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169
with Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston

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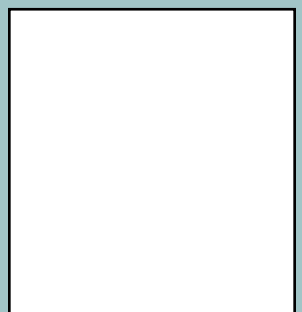


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