



Together in Christ Collaborative

March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday
The Passion of the Lord**

St. John the Evangelist



St. Ann



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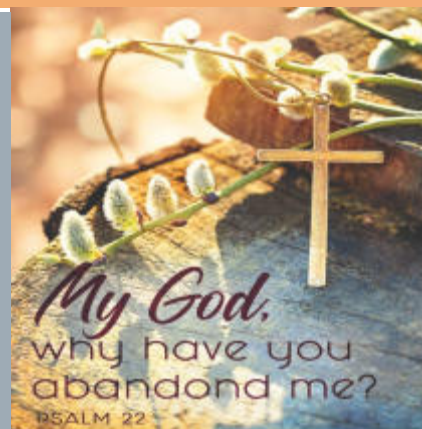
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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8



TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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 27, 2021

4:00 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, April 3, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 27, 2021

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

Sunday, March 28, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, April 3 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, April 4, 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 10 - Mar 16, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$799

Mail \$450

Mass \$1,882

TOTAL \$3,131

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$1,830

Mass \$1,715

TOTAL \$3,545

THE CHURCH WILL BE
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ACCEPTED NOW.



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Saint Joseph*
9 Activity Ideas

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

If someone were to ask you, “what is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be?

Most, I dare say, would answer

“Christmas”...and they’d be wrong! Now,

don’t get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, but it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final

approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services)

with today’s celebration of “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s

Passion” (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm

Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the

Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Both read at today’s liturgy serve as “bookends” to our Holy Week services.

The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

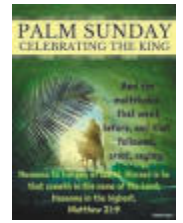
This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus’ earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul

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

3.29.21-4.4.21



Consider some of the following activities as you celebrate this most sacred week!



Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Walk through our outdoor stations behind St. John's!

Each sign gives an explanation of the station and includes a prayer to help reflect on how Jesus' journey relates to our own lives. All are welcome to pray, reflect, and enjoy.

Easter Prayers and Prep

Think you're ready for Easter? Check out this [Easter Preparation Checklist](#) to reflect and focus on this time of new life.

As you prepare for your Easter meal, consider including this [Easter Sunday Prayer Service](#) as part of your dinner table discussion. Take turns reading and sharing with your family!

Easter Egg Traditions

Ever wonder how eggs became part of our Easter traditions?

Take a look at [Mary Magdalene and the First Easter Egg](#) or [Symbolism of the Easter Eggs](#) to learn how Jesus' rebirth is mirrored in early customs.

Outdoor Mass and Egg Hunt

Going to the OUTDOOR Mass at St. John's 10:30 AM Easter Sunday?

Make sure to stick around afterwards for an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following Mass! The Mass and Egg Hunt will be safe and socially distant; all are welcome!



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, Linda Joy & 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

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

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

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Wine Distribution

Question:

Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer:

If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood the Lord.



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