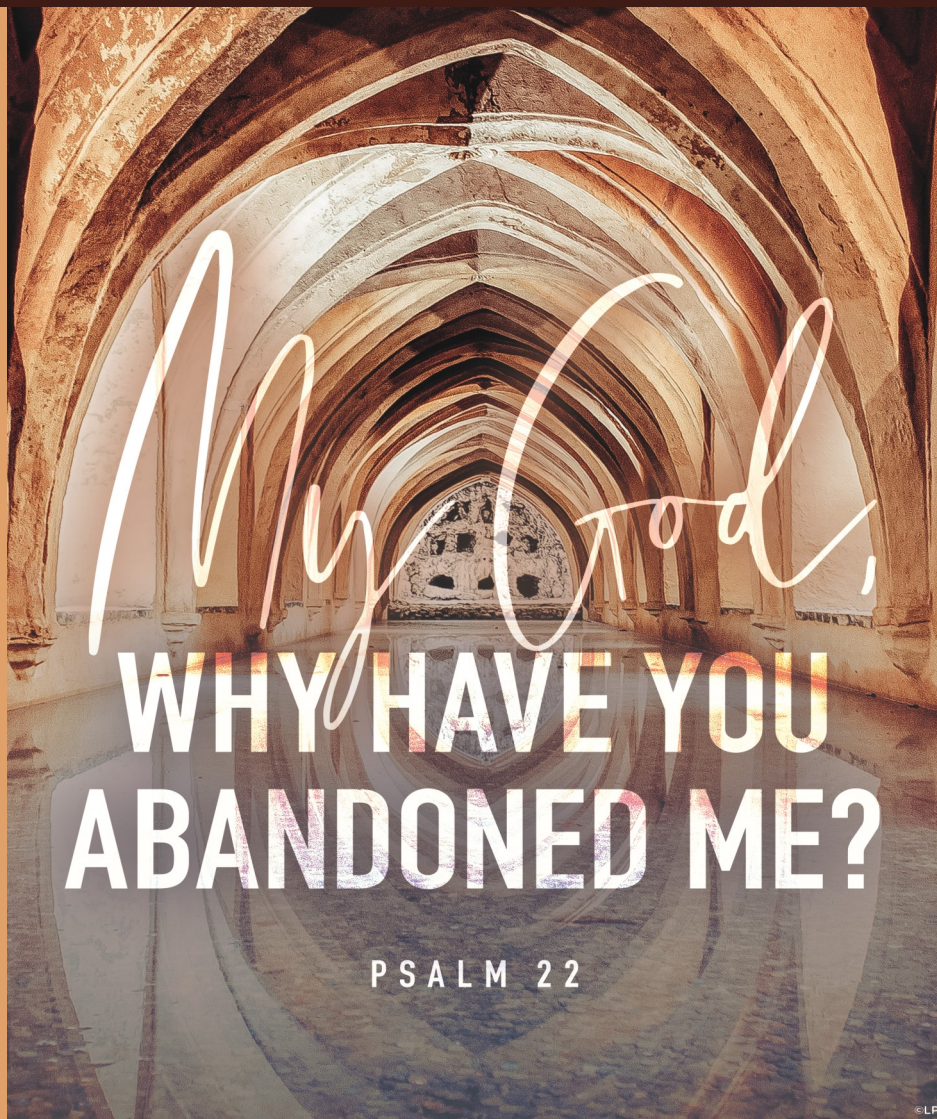




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*



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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m.**

In the Chapel

**Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.**

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED
ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR
GROUP GATHERINGS.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter into the holiest of the Church’s weeks, we do so under a “new reality”. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we must celebrate our Holy Week Services without a congregation present. This is, to say the least, disconcerting. We cannot be discouraged, however, because what this Holy Week teaches us (as it does every year) is that our God is one who NEVER leaves us abandoned. We may need to maintain a “social distance” from one another, but our “spiritual distance” is “bridged” by a God who walks with us at all times, in all places, in all ways.

Jesus comes to us on Palm Sunday as the Triumphant One, one who enters into the holy city of Jerusalem to cries of “Hosanna”! It is on this day that Our Lord is hailed as King of All Creation. While these cries of “hosanna” will soon turn to cries of “crucify him!” we must not lose hope. We know how the story ends, for it ends in triumph. Jesus will be victorious over death and will, in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, win for us newness of life.

I heard someone say, recently, that this has been the “Lent-iest” Lent that they have ever walked. It certainly has been a challenge, and continues to be so into Holy Week. We recognize that this Lenten Season has been a true “desert experience”. I think we have a new appreciation for what the Israelites went through, at least in some small way (as their experience was 40 years...may our experience not carry on THAT long!). As we move from Lent to Holy Week, our focus shifts...several times. We begin on Palm/Passion Sunday with the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. We move through to Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist. We journey, on Good Friday, from the Upper Room to the hill on Calvary. We wait, in anticipation, for the power of the Resurrection. On Easter, we rejoice in our New Life in Christ!

Please know of my prayers for all of you as we pray together, albeit remotely. Know that I carry each and every one of your intentions in my heart as I journey through this week. We have been, and are still to some extent, in the desert. May this Holy Week be a time, for us, of refocus and of joining together spiritually even in the midst of “social distancing”. May the Lord be with us...in our hearts...in our minds...in our lives, and may His abiding presence carry us through to the time when we can be together again in celebrating the New Life won for us by Jesus Christ. May Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection be for us a renewal of the promise of Christ to be with us for all times, in all places, and in each and every one of our hearts.

Have a Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus’s last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life’s seemingly opposing experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering’s loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.

Cardinal Seán is dispensing all Catholics in the Archdiocese from the obligation of abstaining from meat during the remaining Fridays of Lent.

CHANGES TO INSURE YOUR PROTECTION FROM THE COVID 19 VIRUS.

MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS
NO BIBLE STUDY
NO CCD
CATHOLIC TV DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)

Daily mass aires live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at www.WatchtheMass.com

Visit <http://www.catholicstv.org/>

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

The Next Second Collection

April 10 — Good Friday — Holy Land Shrines; April 12 — Easter — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
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SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual

OFFERTORY PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS YOUR WEEKLY GIVING THAT KEEPS OUR CHURCHES AFLOAT!!!! IT'S A GREAT TIME TO START AN ON-LINE ACCOUNT.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING TIPS

Social distancing can take a personal health toll on us all, causing psychological problems. During this unprecedented time of “shutting down” here are a few tips you may consider until we receive “the coast is clear.”

- 1.) How about calling that “old friend” from high school, a former work friend, a relative or elderly neighbor to check in on them and see how they are doing (and letting them know how you, too, are doing! It’s always nice to renew and refresh relationships)! They say, "Old friends are the best friends!"
- 2.) Remember that recipe you always wanted to try (or invent!)? How about making a healthy soup, casserole and stowing it away for future use in your freezer! Remember, this is not the time to "imbibe" during socially isolating times!
- 3.) EWTN or Catholic TV -both provide spiritually uplifting programs! The Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and shows for children are plentiful.
- 4.) Remember that book or magazine that has been collecting dust in your bookcase or closet? Perhaps, it is in need of a special friend to clear off the cobwebs and engage in some constructive reading for enjoyment or knowledge!
- 5.) How about that closet that has been due for an uplift in appearance? So it goes that if we haven’t worn it in 6 months to a year, it belongs to someone else! Spring cleaning can come early too, maybe finding things lost or forgotten about in the “junk drawer/room”. Many people have overbought fragranced hand sanitizers in the past and are happy to find these well sought after infection control sprays and gels in this time of need.
- 6.) Remember games we once loved and haven’t found time to play? Solitaire, game puzzles, board games, fitted picture puzzles, word search, jumble, crossword puzzles or how about learning a new game such as Sudoku which can be mentally stimulating!
- 7.) Remember to wash those hands for 20 seconds and for younger children, have them sing “Happy Birthday” twice as they scrub-a-dub! Sanitizing hand lotion with at least 60% alcohol may become a staple in our pockets!
- 8.) Limit your time on the TV regarding the coronavirus but keep abreast of enough information to remain informed. Balance is the key. Too much time devoted to the news can be draining and depleting to our mental health and that of our children. Speak to your little ones about coronavirus, a "germ," in language they can comprehend.
- 9.) Seek out phone and online addiction support groups for you and your loved ones such as rosary4recovery.org , aa-intergroup.org & talksober.com. There are many web based groups that can help those struggling to cope during these difficult times.
- 10.) Most of all, know that **God is with each of us and never leaves our side. He is "Omnipresent"!** Start up a personal conversation with Him asking Him for healing and consolation "for and to" all who are directly affected by this virus. Give gratitude to Him for medical professionals and their families who are on the first line of defense in order to assist the ill and prevent this virus from escalating. Gratitude for a home, health, loved ones (pets included). God loves us and will get us through this!

Peace and Blessings to you and your families!

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving

their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult
of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to
our neighbors.

Amen.

Pray for those currently infected with COVID-19

Lord, we pray you will bring healing to those suffering from this virus. We know you value our physical health just as you care for our spiritual health. During his time on earth, Jesus cared about every aspect of our humanity — from our spiritual wellbeing to our physical strength. We pray those who are ill will experience your healing power through the hands of medical personnel and wise decision-making, taking away fear and anxiety from those who are sick. We ask, too, that you guard against loneliness for those who are quarantined as they recover. Protect the families and friends of those who might come into contact with loved ones who have this virus.

Pray for those in high-risk communities

Heavenly Father, we lift up our grandparents, our parents, our aunts and our uncles, as well as those we love who might be immunocompromised in our communities — for those who have undergone treatment for cancer, for those with diabetes, or who suffer from asthma or heart disease. Please place your hedge of protection around them and instill within us a sense of just how important it is to look out for the most vulnerable . . .



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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.

among us during this pandemic. Ease the fears and worries of those who are at higher risk of infection and fill them with supernatural peace.

Pray for medical personnel and caretakers

Dear Jesus, we ask that you provide rest for those who are working in our hospitals, medical clinics, and in the telemedicine industry. Give them wisdom as they care both for those who are infected with this virus and for people impacted by other health concerns. Protect them from becoming ill themselves and ease their anxieties as they seek to care also for their own loved ones during this time.

Pray for our leaders and health experts

God, we ask that you convict our national, state, and local leaders to act wisely as we learn more about the coronavirus pandemic, setting aside any political interests. We pray that you will grant them vigilance as this issue continues to evolve. We ask, too, that you will help us to trust you are in control and have appointed our leaders for such a time as this.

Pray for the spread of the Gospel

Dear Lord, we know that you are all powerful, that nothing happens outside of your knowledge and that what was intended for evil you will use for good. We pray that will be the case with this illness. More than anything, God, give us a heavenly and eternal perspective: help us to understand the importance of being wise and thoughtful members of the body of Christ right now, helping to meet the needs of those around us, those who are less fortunate and in need during this pandemic. We ask that you inspire our pastors to speak into this cultural moment, offering hope in troubled times. Above all, Lord, we pray that, through this, more people will learn about Jesus.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, 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, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Jake Gillis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

[Boston Pilot: Archdiocese issues liturgical directives for coronavirus prevention](#)

PLEASE READ THE CARDINAL’S BLOG AT:
Cardinaleansblog.org and our websites.
(Addresses on Cover of bulletin)
For continuous information

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For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to www.stjohne.org
- Click on tab across the top “Giving”
- Go to “Click Here to Give Online”

We recommend setting up an account by selecting “Sign In” at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select “Give Now.”

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Womens’ Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help.

As of this writing, it is our understanding the Holy week services, up to and including the Sacred Triduum, will be celebrated without a congregation. We will be broadcasting and/or live-streaming these celebrations. It is unfortunate that we must do this, but it is in the best interest of public safety that we follow the guidelines established by the Archdiocese.

Please know of our prayers for you and your family during this challenging time.

Peace
Fr. Paul

The following Easter Celebrations will take place on broadcast television or by live streaming on our website, Fr. Paul’s Facebook Page, or St. John’s Facebook Page at these established times.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

- Holy Thursday — St Ann’s— 7 PM—April 9th
- Good Fri —7 Last Word of Christ — St John’s 3 PM —April 10th
- Passion of the Lord— St. John’s— 7 PM—April 10th
- (Easter Vigil) — St. Ann’s— 8 PM — April 11th
- EASTER SUNDAY — April 12th
- St. Ann — 8:30 & 10:30 — St John — 8:00 & 10:30
- Friday’s during Lent, St. John’s will have a 6:30 AM Mass As well as the 9:00 AM.

“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”

Peace,

Fr. Paul

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.