Sunday, 8:00 AM
Sunday, 11:30 AM
Sunday 6:15 PM

Together in Christ Collaborative

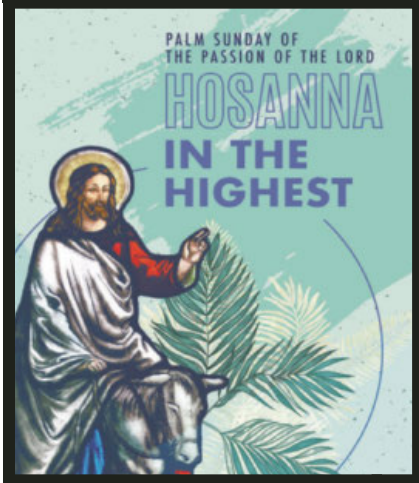
Saint Ann & Saint John

April 13,2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM

2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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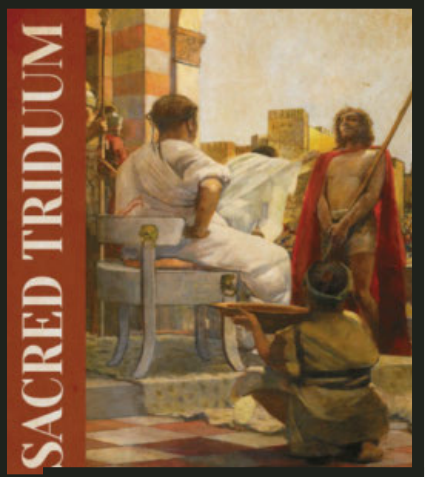

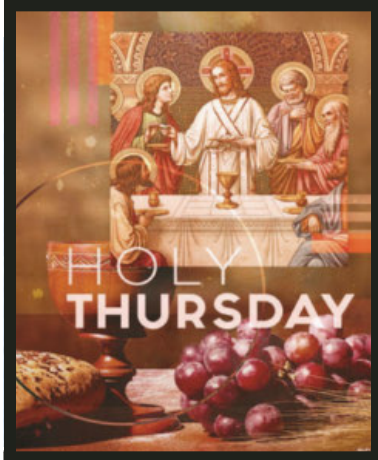

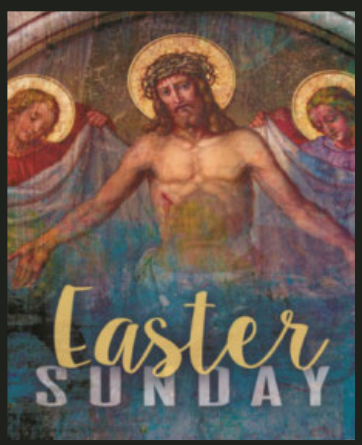

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Fr. Michael Diochi

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
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 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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Edward Wright — Memorial
6:15 - Teens of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00 - 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

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 - Robert DiFazio — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:30 - George Martin — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, April 19, 2025

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

Sunday, April 20, 2025

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

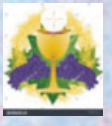
WAYS TO REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES

MEMORIAL MASSES
Suggested donation $25+

HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation $55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation $80

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
$85; or including the mass Suggested donation $110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS $140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of $165



Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

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, and as a Secular Franciscan I have "adopted" a particular viewpoint that would put Christmas "on par" with Easter, with its Incarnational (that is, bodily) Theology. However, when looked at liturgically, 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

Ministry News

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

April Teen Mass
Our final Teen Mass of the school year is April 13 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann. Similar to Family Mass, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

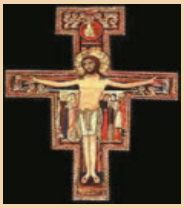
Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries
April 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours!

Tenebrae
April 15 @ 7 pm St. Ann
Start your Holy Week with our annual Tenebrae service. The word tenebrae is Latin for darkness, so this service will feature the gradual darkening of the church by extinguishing of candles on the altar. Through scripture readings and the singing of psalms, it honors the loneliness and darkness that characterizes Jesus' passion.

Easter Egg Hunts

This year we are having **two** egg hunts on Easter Sunday (April 20)!!
St. John: following the 9:30 Mass
St. Ann: following the 11:30 Mass

All are welcome! Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Janice Martin for their support of our egg hunts.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, or "Passion Sunday" as it is sometimes called due to the fact that the Passion Narrative (that is, the story of Jesus' suffering and deaths which, ultimately, lead to Resurrection). In this narrative, one of the key elements on which we focus is the depth of Jesus' love for us in allowing Himself to experience the physical suffering that He did, especially the Crucifixion. In this heinous act, Jesus is nailed, hands and feet, to the Cross. When He is taken from the Cross, the wounds remain open until He is readied for burial. There have been some in our faith tradition (including Padre Pio, a Franciscan Capuchin) who have experienced the Stigmata, that is the bodily manifestation of the wounds of Christ – His hands, feet, and side. Most times, the Stigmata is limited to the hands, but there have been occasions when some have experienced the Stigmata on the other parts of the body as well. Francis was one of those people.

St. Francis was, in point of fact, the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. In 1224, St. Francis and a follower (Brother Leo) were meditating on Christ's suffering during a forty day fast spent in the wilderness of Mount Verna, Francis had a vision of a seraph (a six-winged angel) crucified like Christ. Immediately, there appeared on Francis's body the stigmata, visible marks of the wounds of the crucified Christ that he carried to his grave. So, who does receive the stigmata? Quite simply put, it is a physical manifestation of a desire to imitate Christ in one's dedication of oneself to the poor and suffering. It also shows the special union a stigmatist has with Christ. One need not be a stigmatist to be have an intimate relationship with Jesus, but one who receives the stigmata can most certainly be considered close to Christ. Following Francis, two more Franciscans received the stigmata: Saint (Sr.) Mary Francis of the Five Wounds (in 1731), who received the stigmata internally – that is, she felt the pain of the stigmata without actually bearing the wounds. St. Pio of Pietrelcina (in 1918), affectionately known as "Padre Pio", bore the wounds of Christ in the stigmata for the final 50 years of his life. Both of these saints showed an incredible love for Christ in bearing these wounds.

I dare say that most all of us will never receive the Stigmata. However, we are still called to unite ourselves to the suffering of Christ by reaching out and uniting ourselves with the poor, the outcast, the marginalized. In doing this, we bear the sufferings of our brothers and sisters – and, thus, of Christ Himself, who came into the world to serve the needs of all. We do this most profoundly when we lend a hand – physically, spiritually, emotionally – to a brother or sister in need. May we enter into this Holy Week by beginning today, with Palm/Passion Sunday, to walk with Christ and remain faithful to Him to the Cross, the grave, and, ultimately, Resurrection at Easter!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS TO PAY FOR THE ALTAR LIGHTS AT ST JOHN WHICH ARE CURRENTLY OUT ON SIX OF THE BULBS
THE LIGHTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CHURCH ALSO NEED ATTENTION.

EASTER IS COMING

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU —Confessions
Wednesdays 6:30—8:00 PM

3/12 @ St. John's
3/19 @ St. Ann's
3/26 @ St. John's
4/2 @ St. Ann's
4/9 @ St. John's
4/16 @ St. Ann's

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — Fridays at 7:00 PM
Each week Simple Suppers will be held at 6:00 PM before Stations - Pot Luck - Please bring a meatless dish.

3/7 — St. John's
3/14 — St. Ann's
3/21 — St. John's
3/28 — St. Ann's
4/4 — St. John's
4/11 — 6:00 Simple Supper with First Church & Stations at 7:00 at St. Ann's

HOLY WEEK

4/15 - 7PM — TUESDAY — TENEBRAE — ST. ANN'S

4/17 - 7 PM — MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (WITH WASHING OF THE FEET) ST. JOHN'S.

4/18 - GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 MORNING PRAYERS AT ST. JOHN'S

3:00 PM — SEVEN LAST WORDS WITH EB CLERGY ASSOC. AT ST. JOHN'S
7:00 PM — GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE — ST. ANN'S

4/19 - 9:00— MORNING PRAYERS AT ST. ANN'S
8:00 PM — EASTER VIGIL MASS—ST. JOHN'S
4/20 EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 — ST. ANN'S
9:30 — ST. JOHN'S

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pope Francis, Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchll, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guiseppe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Merilyn, Sandy, Tina DeCost & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,

I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross …. and to a victorious hope. Amen.

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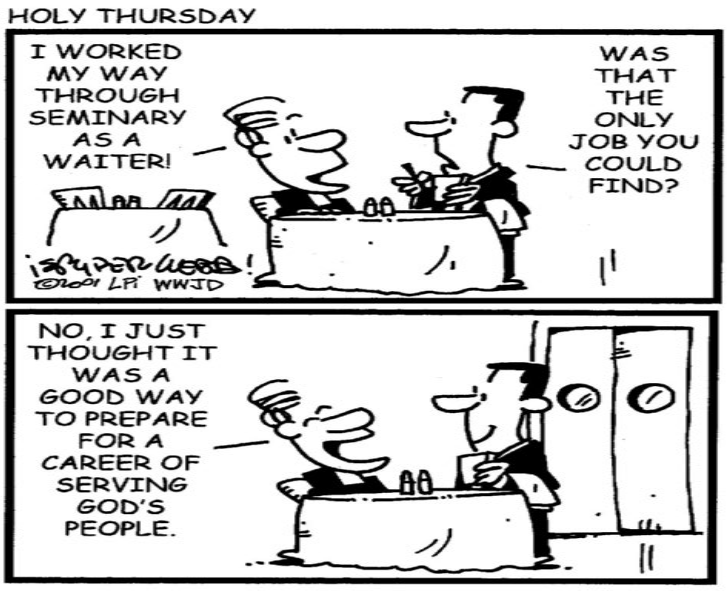

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379
To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Please help St. Ann's, St. Vincent de Paul Committee help our homeless neighbors.

We are looking for donations of:
Hats, Gloves/mittens, handwarmers, hand sanitizer, cleansing wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, $5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift cards, etc.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: May 13, 2025

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater 02379
WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
Need: crackers, cookies, cereal, brownie mix, peanut better, jelly
Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

April 21, 2025

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. $5 — $25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie $100

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

"It takes a village, or in this case, a parish, to keep our kids safe and stop child abuse. There is no such thing as too many people educated or too many people praying. Everyone who know how to keep kids safe is one more person who is watching and maybe one more child who won't be abused or will be freed from abuse.

1) "Did You Know…?Five Steps to Safer Environments
The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools much undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. Come to a Protecting God's Children training to learn about the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child, and how to help keep all kids sage. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse:

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

2) *Did You Know...*Child Abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research also indicates the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

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