

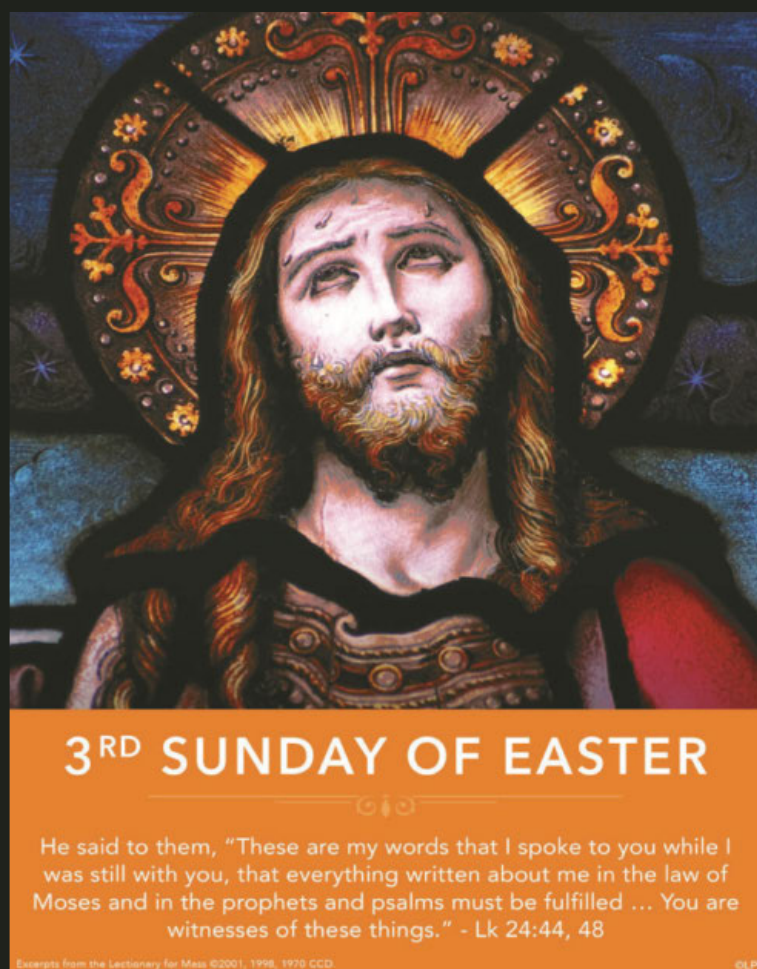
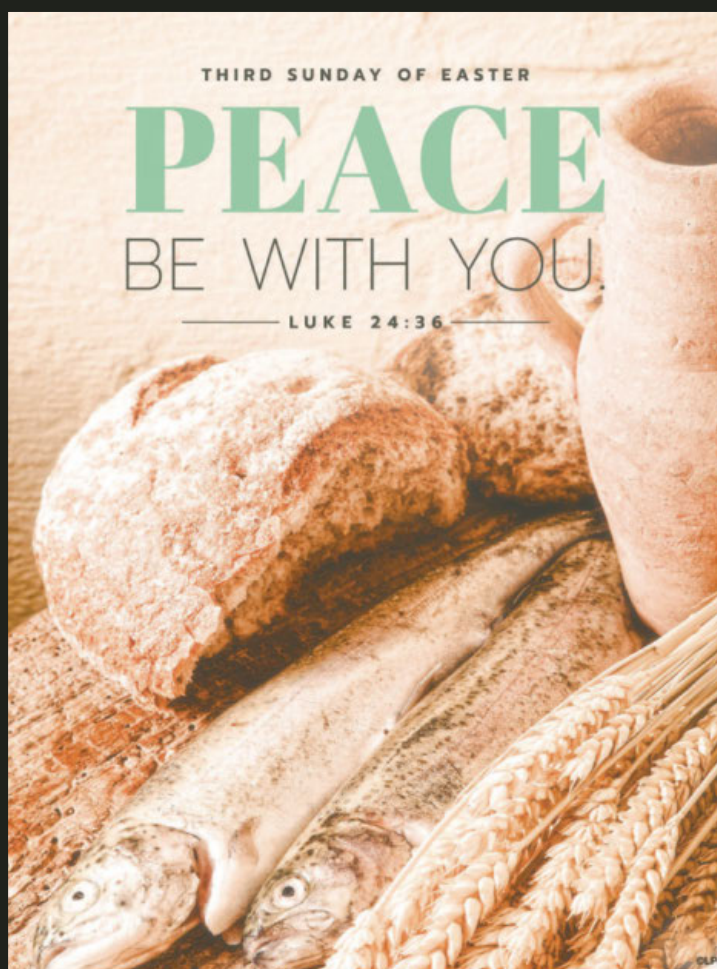


Saturday, 4:00 PM
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 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 April 14, 2024
 Third Sunday of Easter*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM



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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 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 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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 13, 2024

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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:30 - Robert Small — 10th Anniversary

6:15—Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 - Willie DeIulio — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30 - Joseph Utka — 8th Anniversary

6:15 - People in Need Around the World

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

11:30 - Debbie & Lee Conrad — 40th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — 22nd Anniversary

11:30 - John S. Oliveira — 1st Anniversary

**THE MASS SCHEDULE
WILL BE CHANGING**

**THE WEEKEND OF
May 25 - 26**

ST ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, — 8:00 & 11:30 AM
6:15 PM**

ST JOHN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday — 4:00 PM
Sunday — 9:30 AM**

**This schedule will be in effect
for 1 year.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

My Dear Friends in Christ,



A (continued) blessed Easter to you! I know that for most of the world Easter has come and gone, but for those of us who gather on this day the Easter celebration continues! In today's gospel, we have the passage from Luke which tells of Jesus' encounter with the disciples in the "upper room"; it is mostly likely the same space that they gathered with Jesus for the Last Supper. As we enter into the scene, the apostles are hearing about the two disciples' encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It is in the "breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35) that these two come to recognize Jesus, whereupon He vanishes from their sight.

As the apostles are hearing about this post-Resurrection event they have one themselves. As with the other gospel accounts, Jesus' first gesture is to offer them peace. It is a peace that only He can give, for it is a peace that is rooted not in this world, but in the Eternal Kingdom of God's Eternal Peace. He further assists them by allaying their fears, for they think they are encountering a ghost. In showing them His flesh and bones, as well as asking for something to eat, Jesus shows them (and us) His *humanity*, and the fact that there was, indeed, a bodily death and resurrection. He emphasizes this point further by speaking of the prophetic words that were written and spoken about Him.

Easter is a time of new hope, new peace, and new life. The apostles, gathered in the upper room, are sharers and bearers of that new life. They are about to embark on a new way of living and Jesus takes the time to give them some "marching orders". As witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection, they are now being called to share these truths with others, with the whole world really. This is why "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Lk 24:47-49). This is the new "job" for the apostles, "ones who are sent" (which is what the word "apostle" means) into the world for the spread of the gospel and the salvation of souls. May we who share in Christ's baptism also share in His death and resurrection. May this sharing bring forth a boldness in word and deed. May we come to know and understand this truth, and share it with all whom we meet.

A (Continued) Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

April Family Mass

Our next Family Mass is Sunday, April 28 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily. There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass.

If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading please contact Matt Brady.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm
St. Ann

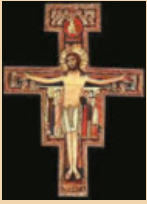
Every month we make sandwiches to be distributed to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge by Capuchin Mobile Ministries. This is a great service project that anyone can do! All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours.

**Save the Date!!
Outdoor Mass and
Barbecue
Sunday August 18
St John's
Time TBD
Stay tuned for more
details**



It was a wonderful Triduum. Congratulations Josh!

MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



In today's gospel, Jesus offers His disciples the gift of peace. It is a peace that only He can give as it comes not from the world (whose peace is temporary and transitory) but from God's Eternal Kingdom (whose peace is eternal and everlasting). In light of that, I offer you St. Francis' Peace Prayer. It is a "blueprint" on how we (all, not just Franciscans!) are to conduct ourselves in the world. And so, I offer you this:

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow
love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.*

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR REPAIRS

NEXT WEEK WILL ALSO BE FOR REPAIRS

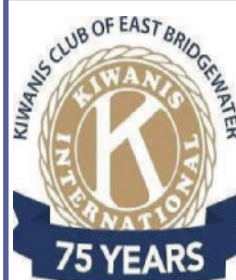
Everyday Stewardship

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 7th — 7 AM—Noon

GWM Middle School

All net proceeds benefit
Kiwanis Charities

Tickets available at the Door

The Together in Christ Collaborative is sponsoring a Baby Shower!

"Cribs" will be set up on **April 6** at both St Ann and St John Parish. Donations will be accepted through **May 5!**

Donations of NEW UNWRAPPED layette items, toiletries (no powder please), and diapers are needed.

Items from the Parish Baby Shower helps mothers make life-affirming decisions for their unborn children and supports clients of Pregnancy Help, the crisis pregnancy center of the Archdiocese of Boston. Monetary donations to Pregnancy Help or the Fund for the Unborn are also gratefully accepted.

Please contact Missy Schrader at 508-725-2177 or missyschrader73@gmail.com with any questions!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

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:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Louise Ferrari, Dan, Christine Staples & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



St John's



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*Please welcome the
following children into our
Collaborative.*

*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

*Kennedy Marie Loomis
Grady Patrick Malloy
Zoey & Leo Doucette*



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457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**

**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
peanut butter, Progresso soups, pasta sauce & brownie
mix are needed.**

Cash donations also accepted

**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**

**To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony 508-245-5481
Next meeting: April 9th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. St. Ann's Hall.

**Donations are always appreciated. Place Money and
gift cards \$5-\$25 into the St. Vincent de Paul boxes
located at the exits.**

**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**

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

Monday, April 15, 2024

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.**

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

Stand out for Life!



12:00-2:00 PM, Sunday, April 21st
Bridgewater Town Common
15 South Street, Bridgewater MA

The abortion lobby wants people to believe that the pro-life side is dying out. Now's our chance to prove them wrong! Please come to this Pro-Life Standout and be a witness to the value of human life! We'll stand in the center of Bridgewater and hold pro-life signs while praying the Rosary and hearing from a special guest speaker. Afterwards we'll have time for food and socializing! Signs will be provided. Email dionisi@aol.com for more info or to sign up!

Angels

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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