



St. John the Evangelist

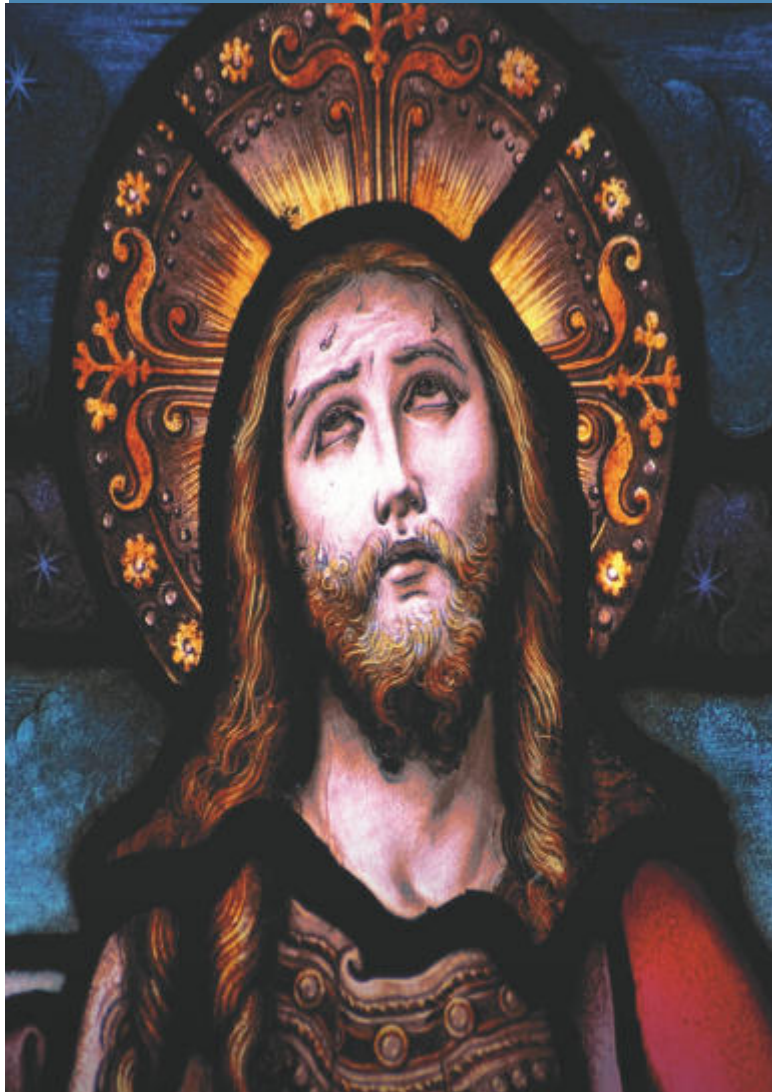
Together in Christ Collaborative

April 18, 2021

The Third Sunday of Easter



St. Ann



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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**Earth Day
EVERY DAY**

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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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, April 25, 2021

8:30 - Joseph Utka —5th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 17 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, April 18, 2021

10:30 - Robert Small — 7th Anniversary

Saturday, April 24, 2021

5:30 - Robert DiFazio — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:30 - June M. McHugh — Birthday Remem.

**THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE**

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Weekly Offertory

Mar 31 - Apr 6, 2021

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TOTAL \$3,727

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Mass \$300

TOTAL \$2,190

Clergy Trust \$1,968



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 most 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

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STRENGTH FOR THE WEEK



Hello, our friends!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The Church celebrates Easter for the next fifty days. One day just isn't enough to take it all in: something too great, too wondrous has happened here! Death has been conquered; life will never be the same

In a world that is slowly passing way, Jesus has given us access to eternity through His passion, death, and resurrection.

Our destiny was a tomb; but now, that tomb is empty.

Did the disciples understand the cosmic implications of the Paschal Mystery on that first Easter morning? Clearly no. But perhaps this is why Jesus kept appearing to them after His resurrection. If you read the resurrection accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you'll find that every appearance of Jesus is new and unexpected. **It's as if Jesus is urging His disciples: Keep looking at me. If you stop looking—if you think you completely understand Who I am and what's happening here—you will walk away with an incomplete picture. But I am no image frozen in time. I am a Person, alive and with you always. I am your Way out of the tomb. Keep looking—and come, follow Me.**

In this glorious Easter season, let us set aside time to really *look* at Jesus. Where is the Risen Lord appearing to me? What is He saying? Have I entombed Him in a domesticated, pastel-tinted version of the Easter story—and if so, do I have the courage to follow Him out of this tomb to a new way of living?

May Jesus our Risen Lord lead each of us, together with the entire Church, to a deeper grasp of the meaning of Easter and rekindle in us the need to share this Good News with the world.

A Blessed Easter!

Sr Amanda Detry, FSP



As your Easter season continues through May, come join EWTN in helping you celebrate the The Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost Sunday and much more in May!

EWTN is available through TV, Radio, Internet and Mobile Devices. Go to ewtn.com for more information and a schedule of programs.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE EASTER TRIDUUM SO SPECIAL AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO MAKE MASSES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC.

YOUR HELP HAS BEEN INVALUABLE!!!!

This Week in Ministry

4.19.21-4.25.21

Weekly Outdoor Masses! Spring and Summer Schedule

After the beautiful responses to our grade 2, grade 10, and Easter weekend outdoor Masses, we have a special announcement! We are excited to announce we will be offering outdoor Masses every week!

Masses will be **every Sunday at 6PM**, beginning May 2nd.

In true Collaborative fashion, they will **alternate between St. John's and St. Ann's parking lots.**

Families are invited to bring chairs to sit outside, or can listen to Mass from inside their cars! The radio station will be displayed at each parking lot, or parishioners can simply roll down their windows to listen to the music and sound system. Our **spring and summer schedule is included here: [Spring and Summer Outdoor Mass Schedule.](#)**

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Grade 2 Outdoor Reconciliation April 25th 1pm!

First Reconciliation is going to be outdoors! Families will drive into St. John's back parking lot, and students will be able to come out of their cars individually to receive confession. Then they will be able to walk over to the tent on the grass to pray, all while listening to beautiful instrumental music to set the tone of the event.

On this very sacred day, we ask all parishioners to offer up a special prayer for the second graders and their families. Please keep them in mind as they continue on this special part of their faith journeys!



Lord, I pray that you will surround these children with your grace. In your mercy and kindness, strengthen them with the fortitude of the Holy Spirit. May they be forever filled with your knowledge and wisdom, and may they make decisions that will glorify and honor you. Help them to embrace the peace that comes from penance, and appreciate your guidance as you lead them on their paths. Amen.

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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 Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly, Baby Abigail, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, Linda Joy, Gail Butler & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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 5 - 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

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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 MOMENT

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Why Use Incense?

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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