



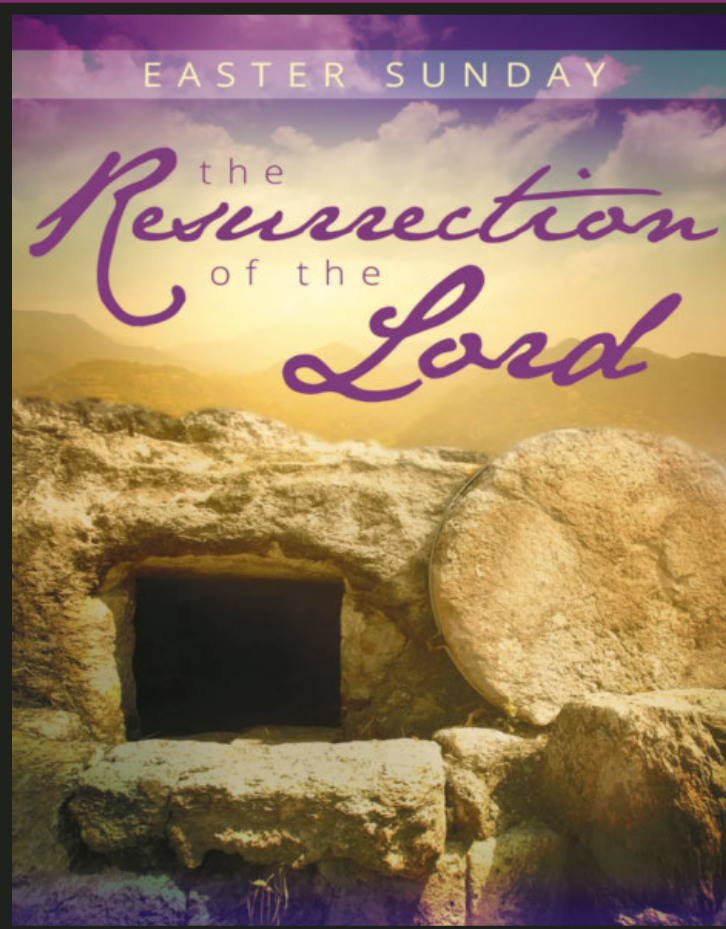
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 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 April 20, 2025
 Easter Sunday of the
 Resurrection of the Lord*



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

2025 Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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Fr. Michael Diochi

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

8:00 - Pilar Laureta — 70th Birthday
11:30 - Joseph Utka — 9th Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Month's Mind

Saturday, April 26, 2025

10:00 - Ena Saint Claire Charles — Memorial
4:00 - Meg Weljkovic — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:30 - Kendra Frabetti — 23rd Anniversary

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:00 - Antonio P. Sousa — Memorial

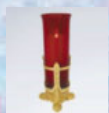
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HOSTS, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE WEEK Suggested donation \$55
Including a Memorial Mass, Suggested donation \$80

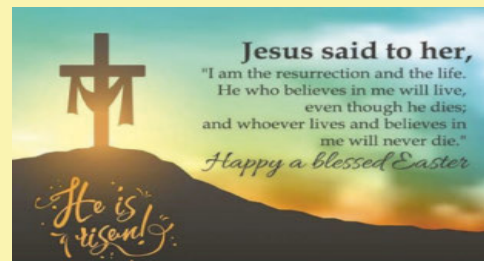
FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK \$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY



LAMPS, FLOWERS \$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

He is risen! Alleluia! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Today's solemnity brings about a joy that no power can attain, no money can buy. Today, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, true to His Word, has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life. What a glorious day this is for all God's people!

I can remember growing up that Easter had a different "feel" than the other holidays/holy days. Family gatherings were a part of each of these times (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), and going to Mass was part of many of them (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), but Easter stood out for me. Perhaps it was when I came to the realization of what the day was about. Christmas was (and still is) a beautiful time of year, but often times the "commercialization" gets the better of even the best of intentions; I can't recall any "commercialization" ever being associated with Easter. The other thing about Easter which brings it to the "top of the list" for me is the gift of resurrection.

Don't get me wrong – I'm eternally grateful that God thought enough of us to give His Son for us. Easter, however, is when one like us in all things (save for sin) gave His life for the world, so as to rise from the dead and win for us Eternal Life. Scripture tells us that "no greater love hath one, than to lay down their life for a friend" (Jn 15:13). This is what Jesus does for us in the Easter miracle – He lays down His life so that He might pick it up again, winning for us new life.

Easter comes at a time of new birth. In springtime, we see new life come into the world. How appropriate that our Easter celebration comes at this time. May this day (and season) be for us a time of "new birth." If you're joining us again for another week of worship, welcome back; you're the reason for our loving community! If you've been away from "the family" for a while, welcome home! May you find in us a home where you can put down "roots", planting yourself in the garden of God's loving care. In any event, no matter where you are on your "journey of faith", may you find in our parishes a place where you can grow, flourish and "bear great fruit" for the sake of God's Kingdom and His Holy People!

A 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



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.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

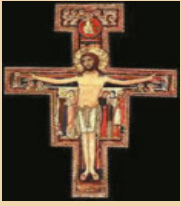
April 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann
Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge.

All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours!

Vacation Bible School

Coming this Summer! A week of faith, fun and friends. Dates and more info coming soon.

MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



The sanctity of Francis of Assisi is a many-splendored thing. He is an EVANGELICAL saint, for he sought to imitate Christ by living in a most radical way the perfection of the Holy Gospel. He is likewise an ECCLESIAL saint, a man who anchored his mission and his teaching in that of the mystical Bride of Christ, the holy Catholic Church. Nature-lovers claim Francis of Assisi, the friend and brother of creation, as an ECOLOGICAL saint. Those involved in dialogue with other religions hail the Sultan-visiting, peace-promoting Francis as the model of an ECUMENICAL saint. But can the Poor Man of Assisi, who bore on his body the wounds of Jesus Crucified, be rightly called an EASTER saint?

For St. Francis, the spiritual Easter was not a one-time event, but a journey, a process. Like St. Paul, Francis could declare: All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection! This knowledge and power enabled Francis to take the Cross-road which leads to glory: sharing in (Christ's) sufferings by being formed into the pattern of His death, Francis hoped that (he) too might attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Phil 3:10-11). Francis' road to Easter began with a profound encounter with Jesus Crucified. Praying before the crucifix in the church of San Damiano outside Assisi during the first years of his conversion, Francis heard Christ address to him the heart-shaking words: Francis, rebuild My house! The future saint felt a mysterious change in himself, but he could not describe it. This was the beginning of his spiritual Easter.

St. Francis journeyed to Easter transformation by contemplating and imitating Jesus in the mysteries of His poverty and humility. Seraphic love even compelled the Poor Man to ask Christ to grant him to feel in his body the pains of the Passion and to feel in his heart the love which urged Christ to die for sinners. In September 1224, two years before the Seraphic Patriarch's death, God answered his prayer with the imprinting of the Sacred Stigmata, making Francis an icon of the Crucified Jesus. Yet, Francis' immersion in the mysteries of the Passion did not make him sad or somber. Rather, the sorrows of the Lord opened Francis to a deeper, truer joy. The wounds of Christ's Passion which the Poor Man bore were in truth signs of spiritual resurrection, God visibly confirming Francis' passage through death to life.

The Easter life is new life, - life in Christ. Again and again, the 13th century authors hail St. Francis as the new man. In him, new signs of sanctity appear, new prodigies are made manifest. His religious family is a new flock in the Church, a new Order, living a new life. Francis proclaimed even in his body that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature: the former things have passed away. Behold! They are made new! (2 Cor. 5:17) Francis' Easter newness was the fruit of his union with the Crucified and Risen One. This union is the secret of the Little Poor Man's joy, his peace-making skills, his enthusiasm for the things of God, his unique relationship with creation. Illness, disappointment, pain, betrayal and misunderstanding still marked Francis' earthly pilgrimage. But, he saw these sufferings in a new light. He understood that through them, God

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was making all things work toward an eternal good, an eternal Easter. And so in Francis and through him an unexpected joy and a holy newness came into the world. St. Francis' mission of newness did not end with death. Those present at his funeral services saw his body, adorned with the wounds of Christ, shining with a marvelous brightness. In life, Francis bore in his body the likeness of the sufferings of Christ. In death, his body presaged the glory of the future resurrection: The wounds he has, show forth/ Gifts of a newer kind. The power of this new life was also manifested in the wonders which occurred through his intercession: he shone with the new light of miracles after his death.

Against this backdrop, the Easter references in St. Francis' writings shine with a new splendor. When composing his devotional Office of the Cross, the Seraphic Father included a special Office for the Easter Season. Yet even in the solemn Offices for Holy Week, the thought of Resurrection is present: Arise, my glory! Arise, lyre and harp! I will arise at dawn! I have slept and risen and my most Holy Father has received me in glory. Christ made Francis, the Easter Saint, a singer of the new song of Redemption. In the "Exhortation to the Praise of God," the Poor Man sang as his own the hymn of those who stand before the Throne of God in heaven: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, glory and honor! His song of Easter triumph is likewise that of the Church on earth: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! St. Francis of Assisi shows what can happen when the grace of Easter becomes effective in a Christian's life. He teaches us that every earthly suffering holds the seed of resurrection. For Francis, Easter was a vibrant reality that gave light and hope and even energy for his daily journey with Christ to the Father. He teaches us that the real saints (the Easter saints) are the quite human, quite natural people in whom, through the Easter purification and transformation, what is human appears afresh in its total originality and beauty.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



Loving and Merciful God,
We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

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



St Ann Prayer Line:

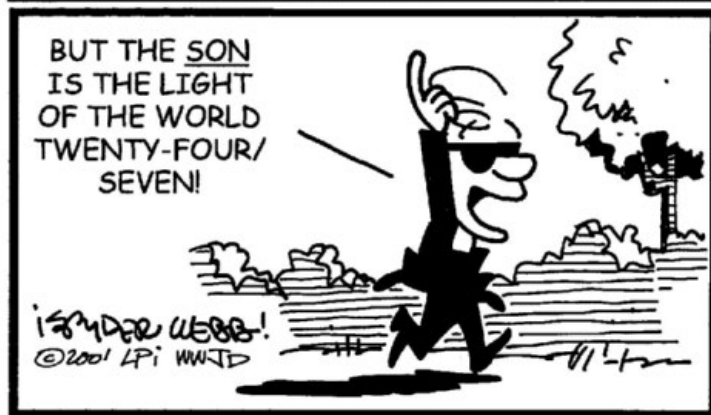
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like 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 Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepe, Ann Bortolotto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, Sandy, Tina DeCost & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EASTER



HAPPY EASTER FROM FR. PAUL AND THE STAFF OF THE COLLABORATIVE!!!

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, and \$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: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce, baked beans

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

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

NEWS

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Continued from last week's bulletin.

3) "Did You Know...?Children of abuse long to hear the message of hope.

Throughout scripture, there is evidence that we are ALL called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Victims of crime, their family, and loved one need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

4) Did You Know...What is happening in the Archdiocese of Boston to protect children?

Adults and youth learn how to create a safe space, identify and avoid or respond to risk, and report concerns.

All parish and school staff and volunteers must take safe environment training (PGC) to learn how to identify and prevent abuse!

Staff in the Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection can help parishes and schools to take all necessary steps to meet the child protection requirements. Just call and talk to any of us.

The Office of Pastoral Support and Child Protection provides on-going support for healing for those who were sexually abused in the Boston church and for their families.

A volunteer independent Review Board assists the Archbishop in reviewing new allegations of sexual abuse by priests and makes recommendations for moving forward.

An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

For particular help you may call:

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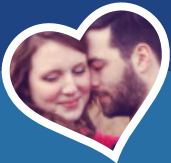
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