



St. John the Evangelist

**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

April 25, 2021

**The Fourth Sunday
of Easter**



St. Ann



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

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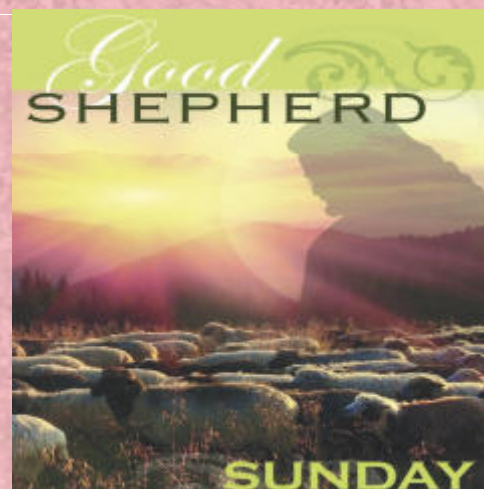
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, April 25, 2021

8:30 - Joseph Utka — 5th Anniversary

Saturday, May 1, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann aaaaa

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 24, 2021

5:30 - Robert DiFazio — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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

Saturday, May 1, 2021

5:30 - Pat Solakoff — Month's Mind

Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:30 - Kendra Frabetti — 19th Anniversary

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Weekly Offertory

Apr 7 - Apr 13, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 759

Mail \$1,025

Mass \$1,438

TOTAL \$3,222

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$1,380

Mass \$994

TOTAL \$2,374

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I have a seminary classmate of mine (originally from Greece, and who just became a Bishop!) whose uncle is a shepherd. Yes, an honest-to-goodness, out-in-the-field shepherd! I asked him one time if the images of the “good shepherd” spoken of by Jesus in the gospels are accurate. He said that they were, especially when Jesus speaking of the shepherd who “lays down his life for the sheep” (Jn 10:11) in his care. A shepherd cares for his flock because they are his livelihood; without them, he does not eat. Yes, he can do other things, but there are some who are called to this profession (just as others are “called” (by a sense of “vocation”). It is more than what they do – it is who they are.

In this same way, Jesus (our “Good Shepherd”) lays down his life for His flock (you and me). He does this because this is why He came into the world – to lay down His life. Jesus has the power to “lay it down” and “take it up” (Jn 10:18), a power He uses for our benefit. It is the power of the Resurrection at work, once again. We tend to think of the Resurrection as a “one-time event”, and while it is true that it did happen once in time, it is an event that has repercussions which are still being felt today. Each time we celebrate Easter, we remember the gift won for us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Each time we celebrate Mass, we participate in the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Another important aspect of Jesus presenting Himself as the “good shepherd” is the fact that He came into the world for ALL. There are others that “do not belong to this fold” (Jn 10:16), for whom Jesus came into the world as well. These are not only the Gentile communities to whom the Apostles have been/will be sent by Jesus, but also other communities of faith that are still being formed to this day. God is constantly revealing Himself to the world, and Jesus is the “shepherd” who will gather those “flocks”. Jesus will ultimately gather all of those who have chosen to listen to His voice and be part of His “flock”. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus will separate the world into those who have chosen to follow Him and those who have chosen to ignore Him. Those who have made the decision to follow Him faithfully will be brought into the Kingdom.

So, it seems that we have a choice: We have heard His voice, and it is up to us to follow Him. May we have the courage to “block out” other voices, those contrary to Jesus. May we always know that as the Lord calls us, His voice is sure and clear. May we, for our part, attune our minds and hearts to that voice. It is a voice that will lead us to Everlasting Life.

A Blessed (continued) Easter Season to you all,

Fr. Paul

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before

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, “have you prayed about it as much as you’ve talked about it?”

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it’s a good sign that we’re losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God

“It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes,” the Psalms tell us. Well, I’ve never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — “I’ve got this.”

It’s tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I’ll let you in on a secret: it doesn’t matter what the question is, we don’t have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

OUT-DOOR MASSES COMING

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 below**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

MAY

2nd **St. John’s parking lot**
9th *Mother’s Day* **St. Ann’s parking lot**
16th **St. John’s parking lot**
23rd **St. Ann’s parking lot**
30th *Memorial Day* **St. John’s parking lot**

JUNE

6th **St. Ann’s parking lot**
13th **St. John’s parking lot**
20th *Father’s Day* **St. Ann’s parking lot**
27th **St. John’s parking lot**

JULY

4th *Independence Day* **St. Ann’s parking lot**
11th **St. John’s parking lot**
18th **St. Ann’s parking lot**
25th **St. John’s parking lot**

AUGUST

1st **St. Ann’s parking lot**
8th **St. John’s parking lot**
15th **St. Ann’s parking lot**
22nd **St. John’s parking lot**
29th **St. Ann’s parking lot**

Please cut out and post on the “fridge”!

This Week in Ministry

4.26.21-5.2.21

Questions About First Communion?

Check out [First Communion FAQs](#). Still have questions? Father Paul and I will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Friday, April 30th at 7pm to answer any other questions you may have!



The meeting link can be found here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83468967867?pwd=MUVsODdjVkZ4NopyaEFkUDNEdTnhQT09>
We will record the meeting, so you can receive a copy if you are not available to attend.

Weekly Outdoor Masses! Spring and Summer Schedule

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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 Nicoliar, 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, Helen Conrad & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
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PO Box 544**

East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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

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

Gift cards are also a great help.

\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL



PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER

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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.

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10:00 to 11:30 AM**

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PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in
life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The St. Thomas Aquinas/St. Basil Bereavement Ministers are pleased to announce that our series of **Bereavement meetings (VIA ZOOM) will begin Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. and will run for 9 weeks.** All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to join this Bereavement Support Group. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meetings will be held via Zoom so you need to be familiar with Zoom or be willing to learn if you have a smart phone, iPad or webcam. **PLEASE NOTE: ADVANCE REGISTRATION is required.** Contact Roberta at 508-697-4184 or Ginniy at 508-697-7649 to register.

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice

Bless the Churches of Saint Ann & Saint John
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call

We ask this through our Lord.

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