



Saint John 's

**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

May 1, 2022



Saint Ann's



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b



TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m.

In the Church

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. &

6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass

w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.

9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. These 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

3:00—3:30 at Saint Ann's Church or 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 30, 2022
 4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
Sunday May 1, 2022
 8:30 - Raimundo Gomes — Memorial
 6:15 - Parishioners of Saint Anne & Saint John
Saturday, May 7, 2022
 4:00— Parishioners of Saint Ann
Sunday, May 8, 2022
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 30, 2022
 5:30 - Robert DeFazio —2nd Anniversary
Sunday, May 1, 2022
 10:30— Parishioners of Saint John
Saturday, May 7, 2022
 5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John
Sunday, May 8, 2022
 10:30 - For the people in the Ukraine



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we move through our Easter Season, we have yet another post-Resurrection encounter between Jesus and the disciples. The gospels are full of these moments when Jesus reveals Himself to His “inner circle”. These are the ones who will carry on His message. These are the ones who will continue the work which Jesus established in His time on earth. They come to know Jesus in a new way in these post-Resurrection encounters, for Jesus reveals Himself slowly (partly through the disciples’ lack of recognition).

In this gospel passage, Jesus comes to them as a half-dozen are out fishing. It is a seemingly innocuous event, something which the disciples would be doing anyway. What makes it unique is the presence of the risen Christ. It is Christ who calls them to trust in Him once again, by casting their nets even after working all night and catching nothing. It is then that the disciples (first John, the beloved disciple, then Peter) recognize Jesus. This revelation continues on the seashore, as Jesus feeds them (once again) with bread and fish (perhaps an allusion to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes?). The revelation is made complete with the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter.

Perhaps this encounter (between Peter and Jesus) is the most telling. One can only guess what is going through Peter’s mind, but it must have been an uneasy moment for him. When Jesus asks Peter three times “do you love me?”, the unease (bordering on upset) continues for Peter. What Peter perhaps doesn’t realize is that by asking this three- fold question, Jesus is forgiving Peter for his three-fold denial of Jesus (taking place sometime between the Last Supper and Jesus’ Crucifixion). Each time Jesus asks Peter to profess his love for Him, He is preparing him to take hold of the ministry which Jesus has established. It is only when Peter has this sin (of denying Jesus) “washed away” that he can continue the ministry which Jesus has set forth.

Where is it that we need forgiveness? Where do we need to hear from Jesus “do you love me”? We tend to think of forgiveness and reconciliation as “Lenten practices”. Forgiveness, however, isn’t limited to a “season” – or even a time or place. Forgiveness happens when we go to God, pour our heart out, and are freed from those things which are not of God. May we have the courage to approach the Lord, confident of His forgiving love. May we experience the healing which Peter (and the other disciples) encounters in this moment. May we know the healing, forgiving love of God, and share that gift with all whom we meet!

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

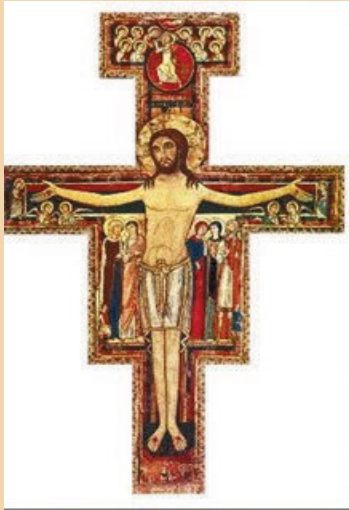
Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

**Thank you for the increase in offertory.
 It is very needed and much appreciated.**

ST ANN —Not Available	ST JOHN—Not Available
Online N/A	Online \$
Mail \$	Mail \$
Mass \$	Mass \$
TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$





My Franciscan Journey

My Dear Friends In Christ,

Three years ago, I along with Nancy and Kevin Smith, entered into formation in the Secular Franciscan Order. It has been an amazing journey deepening our relationship with Christ, and as our formation is complete, plans are underway for a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Profession to the Franciscan Secular Order.

We would love for you to join us, either in person or in prayer. For more information, or to join us, feel free to reach out to me. We are asking for an RSVP for the Brunch for planning purposes. Attending Mass does not require an RSVP.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul

Family and friends
are cordially invited to join with the
Blessed Lucius Secular Franciscan Fraternity for
The Holy Celebration of the Eucharist and
Rite of Profession to the
Franciscan Secular Order.

Reverend Paul Lawrence Ring by the grace of the
Holy Spirit will make his Profession on

Saturday, June 4th at 9:00 am
Chapel of our Savior
475 Westgate Drive, Brockton Ma

Brunch Immediately Following Mass
Please RSVP to: fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net



Having you join me in this celebration has special joy
because we were not able to celebrate the
25th Anniversary of my Ordination.

THE DEACON'S COLUMN



Giving Thanks: The Eucharistic Prayer

In an earlier post introducing the second part of the Sacred Liturgy, I wrote about the connection between the Eucharist and the ancient Passover meal. In that reflection, I focused our attention on the prayer of blessing said during the Passover Seder and the prayer the priest says over the gifts, saying, "Blessed are you." This prayer is a particular kind of prayer and is known as the "Berakah" prayer or simply, the prayer of blessings. In the Old Testament this form of prayer was common in remembering the covenant God established with his people. Through this prayer, God recounts what he does for his people and the people acknowledge him and praise him as Lord. There is power in remembering what the Lord God has done in the past as we are mindful of what he does in the present and what we want him to do in the future. In the Liturgy of Hours, this type of prayer is prayed every morning as the Church prays the Gospel Canticle from Zechariah when he says, "Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, for he has come to his people to set them free."

When Jesus prays at the last supper he recalls this type of prayer when he institutes the Eucharist. Receiving the gifts of bread and wine he takes the symbols of the peoples' offering and blesses them. In doing so he takes ordinary things and, through his prayer, makes them reflective of what the Father will do for all of us in Christ. The Hebrew prayer of blessing, "Barak" means thanksgiving. In Greek, the word is "eucharistein" which literally means "good gift". When we receive a "good gift" we give thanks to the giver of the gift. The best way to "give thanks for the good gifts we receive is to use them AS the giver intends.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of blessing and thanksgiving. Though the rubrics of the Church are clear that this prayer is a "priestly" prayer, there are aspects of the prayer that are reciprocal and rely on the priestly people of God (the laity) to affirm and move forward. The Eucharistic prayer is a dialogue between Christ the High Priest and the People of God who form the common priesthood of all believers.

The Eucharistic Prayer generally has this structure: prayer over the gifts, preface, Sanctus, epiclesis, account of the institution, prayer of offering, and intercessions. This prayer ends with a praise to the Holy Trinity and the Great Amen in which the people of God ratify what the priest prays!

Over the next few articles, we will be taking a closer look at the various Eucharistic Prayers the Church prays. May our reflections on these sacred and liturgical texts open our hearts and minds to what Jesus Christ is doing for us, in us, and through us for our sake and for the sake of all souls!



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's gospel passage centers around forgiveness, namely the forgiveness Peter is offered by Christ in the form of the question and answer dialogue in which Christ engages Peter. In Jesus' inquiry of whether or not Peter loves Him, what Jesus is really doing is forgiving Peter for his thrice denying knowing Jesus as He was being handed over to the authorities for crucifixion.

St. Francis of Assisi has always been considered a great man of forgiveness. Why? Because he recognized the power of forgiveness and the impact it could have in healing and transforming men and women. He also lived out this truth. Here is a story from his life that demonstrates this in a dramatic way:

One day Francis met an acquaintance of his who looked troubled, and he asked him: "Brother, how are things with you?" The man immediately began to rant against his master, saying, "Thanks to my master — May God curse him! — I have had nothing but misfortune. He has taken away all that I possess."

Francis was filled with pity for the man, and said, "Brother, pardon your master for the love of God, and free your own soul; it's possible that he will restore to you whatever he has taken away. Otherwise, you have lost your goods and will lose your soul as well."

But the man said, "I can't fully forgive him unless he returns what he has taken from me." Francis answered, "Look, I will give you this cloak; I beg you to forgive your master for the love of the Lord God." The man's heart was melted by this kindness, and he forgave his master. Immediately, he was filled with joy.

St. Francis was truly a man of forgiveness, a peacemaker who became a channel of God's grace to others. We can become like St. Francis. When we pray for those who have offended us, it frees us to love as God loves. God's grace has power not only to change us, but those who have done us injury as well.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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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.

**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

Summer HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month ,except for holidays, from 3 pm to 5:30 pm., and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm—4:30 pm.**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

THE FOOD PANTRY

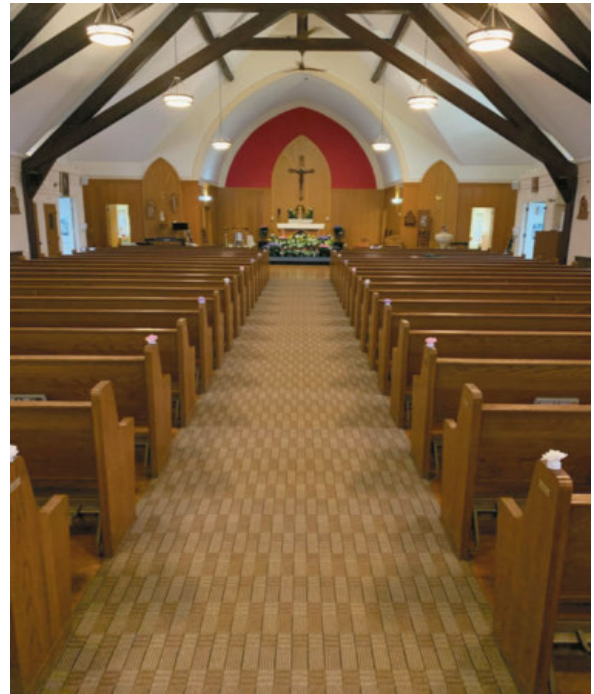
*Monday, May 2 — 3:00—5:30
Monday, May 16 — 3:00—4:30*

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

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 that large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (5/14, 6/4)

“My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.” – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee.

The *Project Rachel* ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Upcoming retreats will take place on May 14 and June 4.

Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat.

For more information, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

The West Bridgewater Food Pantry Has Moved!



West Bridgewater Food Pantry
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

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of a volunteer to assist us with our monthly food pick-up from the Greater Boston Food Bank. One day a month on the first Tuesday of every month from approximately 12:00 – 4:00PM. Must be able to lift items weighing 50 pounds without any difficulty. If interested, please call the food pantry at (508) 510-5274. Thank you!

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