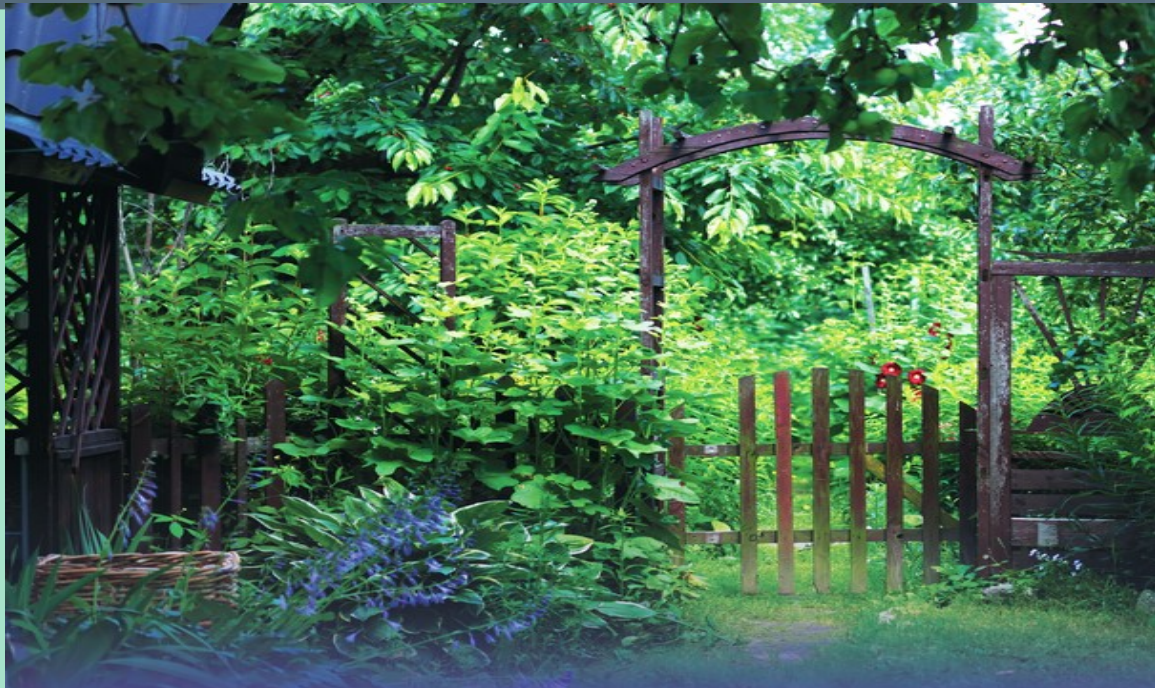




*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
May 3, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Easter*



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
**OF EASTER**

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." - Jn 10:9

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### **St John's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday  
9:00 a.m.**

**In the Chapel**

**Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass.**

### **St Ann's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule**

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.  
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

**Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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**St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes**  
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**MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED**  
**ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR**  
**GROUP GATHERINGS.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In the classic Christian song “His Banner Over Me Is Love”, we sing the verse that “He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep”. I have to be honest and tell you that it took me the longest time to get over being called a “sheep”. Being from the city, the only time I saw sheep was either at the 4H exhibit at the Brockton Fair or at a petting zoo. I thought of sheep as dumb and smelly, and I took some offense at being compared to these “creatures”.

The point (in this song) of being called sheep is in regards to a trait in sheep of which I hadn’t thought – trust. In fact, it was my friend Fr. Rayappa (an Indian priest whose family are shepherds) who pointed this out to me. The reason why sheep follow a shepherd is because they *trust* him; the sheep *know the shepherds voice* and they follow *only that voice* – other voices, other shepherds are ones which they will not follow. This is an admirable quality, one which we would do to emulate.

Jesus uses this analogy for two reasons. Firstly, Jesus used “earthy” images because they were ones to which the people could relate; they were people of the land, many of whom worked with sheep. The fact that the Pharisees couldn’t “relate” to this analogy shouldn’t surprise us; most things which Jesus taught went “over the heads” of the Pharisees. Secondly, the aforementioned quality of trust is one of which Jesus speaks with great love and conviction. Jesus knows that He is the “Good Shepherd”, sent by God to lead the people to the “sheepfold” of God. While we might have a hard time relating to Jesus as shepherd (most having never met a shepherd!), we shouldn’t have any trouble relating to the fact that Jesus has come to lead us to God. It was for this reason that Jesus came into the world, it was for this reason why He died for us and it is for this reason why we have newness of life!

May we have an open heart, willing to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. May we know that Jesus calls us to life in God for our good. May we trust that Jesus will lead us on right paths, guiding us in His Everlasting Way. May we, one day, come to the verdant pasture of the Kingdom, sharing in new and everlasting life!

Blessings of Easter Peace,

Fr. Paul

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

### Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

### Observances for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Monday:  
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
Friday:  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

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**MASSES ARE MOVED ON LINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASSES CAN BE VIEWED ON:**

**CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS**

**EWTN — CHANNEL 238 is also broadcasting masses.**

**Fr. Paul is conducting Daily Masses and a Holy Hour/Rosary on Facebook Live.**

**FR. PAUL’S FACEBOOK PAGE — Paul Ring**  
**ST JOHN’S FACEBOOK PG — St. John the Evangelist—EB**  
**ST ANN’S FACEBOOK PAGE - St. Ann - WB**

**Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)**

**Daily mass aires live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.**

**Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.**

**Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at [www.WatchtheMass.com](http://www.WatchtheMass.com)**

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

## The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i>			
Thank you to all who contribute to our offertory through your weekly offering and other gifts! It is very much appreciated! For more information on Online Giving, please contact us.				
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$20,000

### NOVENA



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Are you feeling these days like your life is “tied up in knots” (honestly, whose doesn’t to some degree)? Let us take the opportunity to ask Mary, “Our Lady Undoer of Knots”, to intercede for us.

This powerful Novena will present the chance for us to ask our Blessed Mother to present our petitions to her Son. Join me for the next eight Mondays (we began on 4/20, but no worries...you can join right in!) for the Novena, along with Evening Prayer, at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live. “Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.”. For more information on the Novena, you can go to

<https://churchpop.com/2018/09/28/nothing-is-impossible-gods-mercy-remarkable-story-behind-mary-undoer-of-knots/>

for more information and prayers. Asking God's blessing upon you I am, and remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul

### STORY TIME W/ FR. PAUL & NELLIE



My Dear Friends in Christ,

These are an uncertain times and, if you’re like me, we look for reassurance during such moments. One of the ways my mother used to reassure my siblings and me was to read to us. They were always entertaining, and had a message for us that gave comfort to us. In that same vein, I will be offering "Story Time with Fr. Paul and Nellie". From the warm confines of my chapel, Nellie and I will be reading (well, I'll be reading...she'll be there for emotional support for us all!) from various books that I hope will be of comfort and reassurance. I will be doing this by way of Facebook Live, and I invite you to join me.

So, after "online school" has let out and supper has been served, please join me (by way of Facebook Live) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for "Storytime With Fr. Paul and Nellie". I pray that this will give comfort and support to all, young and young-at-heart!

Peace,

Fr. Paul

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
@ 774-240-8095  
or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:  
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

### 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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.

**Here is a suggestions for an unusual game to keep the kids entertained. Great for adults as well. Make the best of this time together or apart. This can be played over the phone too.**

### STINKY PINKIES

A rhyming riddle game that you can play at all different levels, with kids who just barely know how to rhyme, to people with complex and mysterious brains. My seven-year-old loves to play this in the car. One person thinks of two words that rhyme and have the same number of syllables, and supplies hints, and everyone else has to guess. Whoever guesses correctly first gets to think of the next riddle. If the words have two syllables each, you say you have a stinky pinky. If they have three syllables each, it's a stinkity pinkity. Four syllables, a stink-inkity pink-inkity; and so on. One syllable word pairs are a stink pink, of course.

A simple example: A stink pink that's a container for an orange animal with a big tail. The answer is: Fox box.

A more complicated one: What's a wild, irresponsible string of pearls? Answer: a reckless necklace. I asked my son this one, and he guessed "unruly jewelry," which doesn't scan right, but is pretty good! I also gave him the hint of something that fastens pants and goes upside down, with "zipper flipper" in

### FIRST RESPONDERS - THANK YOU PRAYER

I thank God for giving you a strength  
That exceeds any measure  
I thank God for giving you a courage  
That allows you to run towards danger  
So others can be safe  
I thank God for showing us all, through you  
What it means to put others first  
I thank God for showing us your bright light in the darkest of times  
I pray that today and everyday  
You feel the love and support  
Of those whose lives you have saved and changed  
Of the community you protect  
And of God who gives us all strength

### Pope Francis' Prayer To Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Pray for Us.*

# IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**

**Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.**

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544  
East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above.

**The next Food Pantry will be May 4th.**  
Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups are always great.

## Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, 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, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to [www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.org)
- Click on tab across the top "Giving"
- Go to "Click Here to Give Online"

We recommend setting up an account by selecting "Sign In" at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select "Give Now."

**“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”**

**Peace,**

**Fr. Paul**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.