



St. John the Evangelist

**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

May 09, 2021

**The Sixth Sunday
of Easter**



St. Ann



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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For both Churches

Currently we are working from home.

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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.

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, May 8, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:30 - All mothers of the Parish

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, May 9, 2021

10:30 - All Mothers of the Parish

Saturday, May 15, 2021

5:30 - Leonard Shepard — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 16, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

**Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Weekly Offertory**

Apr 21 - Apr 27, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 629

Mail \$ 1,100

Mass \$ 1,477

TOTAL \$ 3,206

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 810

Mass \$ 1,443

TOTAL \$ 2,253

ALERT!!!!!!

BE AWARE THAT SCAMMERS ARE ASKING FOR GIFT CARDS IN THE NAMES OF SOME PARISHIONERS. DO NOT RESPOND FAVORABLY AND DO NOT GIVE THEM WHAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR.

ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE PERSON FOR WHOM THE REQUEST WAS MADE. THEY MAY TELL YOU THAT THE PERSON IS SICK, IN TROUBLE, NEEDS CASH, IS STRANDED OR NEEDS HELP, ETC. DON'T FALL FOR THEIR TRICKS. ALWAYS CALL THE PERSON DIRECTLY.

YOU CAN REPORT THEM TO THE FRAUD DEPARTMENT OF COMCAST, AMAZON OR WHICH EVER DEPARTMENT YOU THINK APPROPRIATE.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In the movie “Hacksaw Ridge”, US Army Medic Desmond Doss saved 75 men in World War II...all without use of a weapon, as he was a pacifist and conscientious objector. He did so by physically carrying these men to safety, risking his own life. His heroic actions led him to be the first (and only) conscientious objector to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, America’s highest award for bravery.

In today’s gospel, Jesus tells us that “no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). I think that Cpl. Doss certainly fulfilled this mandate with his actions in wartime Japan. This mandate, however, goes beyond the battlefield, beyond combat situations. I believe that Jesus is calling us, in our everyday lives, to put others first and ourselves second. A person can “lay down one’s life” (ibid.) by reaching out to one in need and helping them in a situation that they cannot accomplish themselves. In doing this, we love one another as Christ has loved us. It is the love of Christ, placed on one’s heart, which compels someone like Cpl. Doss to act in the manner that he did. It is that same love that compels us to reach out to a brother or sister in need.

In 1 John (our second reading), we are called to love one another because “love is of God” (1 Jn 4:7). The essence and existence of God is love. The pure love of God is what we are called to share with one another. Often times, this love is subverted and distorted by the world, for the world has a way of taking that which is pure and using for its own purposes, whether pure or not. When it is pure, God’s love is extended into the world; when it is impure or corrupted God’s love is suppressed and blocked.

We are called to love our brothers and sisters with the love with which God has loved us first. May we have the courage to love with the purity that God has placed on our hearts. May we know this love, share this love, and see that this love is brought to fruition in word and in deed.

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter,

Fr. Paul

MAGNIFICAT[®]



Dear Friends,

As we begin this month of May—Mary’s month—we remain within the Year of Saint Joseph. Just as Joseph and Mary loved each other with a pure and holy love as husband and wife, they also love us with a pure and holy love.

And as they were entrusted with raising and providing a home for the child Jesus, they also exercise a spiritual parentage, a spiritual protectiveness, over us all. By grace we have become children of God in Christ Jesus.

This month we open our hearts to the graces that come to us through the intercession of the Holy Family, especially in this Year of Saint Joseph.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Sebastian

Rev. Sebastian White, O.P.

Editor-in-Chief

This mother's day we honour the women who...

Raised Us.

Supported Us.

Guided Us.

Shaped Us.

Mother's Day Blessing

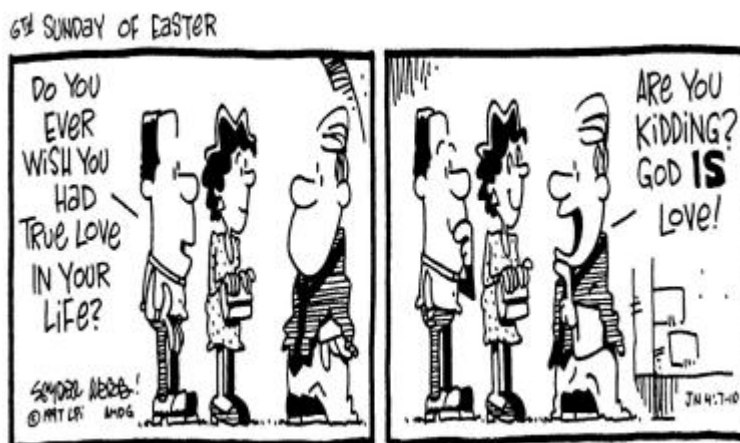


Good and gracious God, creator of all good things in the universe, your Son, Jesus Christ, loved his Mother and modeled for us how we should love our mothers.

Bless all the women in our lives who model for us the love of a mother. Protect them and encourage them to love as you have loved us.

Bless and protect those men in families who have no female partners and give them courage and strength to love their children in the absence of a mother.

We ask all this in your name.
Amen.



This Week in Ministry

5.10.21-5.16.21

First Communion Clothing!

Prospect Hill is offering an exclusive sale for the TIC Collaborative from May 10th-17th! Check out the details of the sale at [First Communion Sale Prospect Hill](#) or call them at (800) 586-1951.

We also have some stunning First Communion clothes donated to the Collaborative!



Heather Farrell has done a beautiful job arranging and photographing the boutique; some of those pictures are included here: [First Communion Clothing Boutique](#), and more are included in albums on the St. Ann's and St. John's Facebook pages. If something fits your child, you are more than welcome to take what you'd like! The full collection can be found downstairs at St. John's.

Contact Stephanie Gaboury at directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Faith Formation Survey

While this year's Faith Formation season is coming to a close, we are already in the midst of planning for next year! To that end, we would like to take the opportunity to get your feedback through this brief survey. It is our hope that we will be able to safely reopen fully in-person in the fall; however, your children's safety is our top priority, and whether or not that is an option will depend on Covid restrictions set by the state and the Archdiocese.

This survey is merely a data collection tool; we will do the best we possibly can to accommodate everyone and fit the needs of the majority, but we cannot make any promises about schedules at this time. We will provide further information as soon as plans are more formalized.

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Volunteer Survey

While we are all still dealing with Covid and the pandemic, we are optimistically looking ahead to a 'new normal'. As the Commonwealth is beginning their reopening process, so are we!

To that end, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Covid has hit us hard—as it has hit many—and we have had to make many budgetary cuts. In particular, our landscaping and property/building maintenance is in great need of volunteers. Please take this brief survey to indicate your willingness and ability to help in any way regarding the upkeep of our parishes.

<https://forms.gle/9TPzHkSdraEpMdXZ9>

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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 & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, Linda Joy, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Bob Knowlton & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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.

Four-year-old Jase Russell AKA "Jasie Jumping bean" is a brave, happy, strong lover of trucks & trains, and is a fighter of neuroblastoma. The West Bridgewater community has teamed up and hopped aboard "The JaseTrain" again! This time, a sold-out golf tournament will be held on May 21, 2021 at West Bridgewater Country Club. All net proceeds will be donated to Jase Russell and his family. If you would like to chug along the tracks with the rest of "The JaseTrain," you can reach out over e-mail to ChippingInFore-Jase@gmail.com to learn how you can support this amazing boy.

Looking for additional information? [Here you'll find a recent Brockton Enterprise Write-up](#) about Jase, his journey, and how you can help.



Saint Vs. Blessed

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning or.

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