



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

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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St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED
ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR
GROUP GATHERINGS.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Poet and novelist Vanna Bonta was once quoted as saying that she considers herself “more exporant than important”. Forgiving her the act of making up a word, her point is well taken, especially in light of today’s readings. The readings for this weekend are all about service, discipleship and the act of putting oneself second to the needs of others.

In the first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, we recall the institution of the diaconate. As our own Deacons Chris, Joe, and Brendan can tell you, the diaconate is a ministry of service. It was “created” because there were members of the community (widows) whose basic human needs were not being met. This did not sit well with the Hellenists who were, to say the least, skeptical of this “New Way” (as Christianity was first called). In calling together the seven mentioned in today’s reading, the basic needs of service were met while the prayer of the others could be undertaken. This is not to say that prayer was more important than service; in fact, quite the opposite. The ministry of the diaconate was established because service to the community was vitally important to its well-being. In this way, Jesus’ command to care for the “least” among us would be met.

In our second reading, we see how our lives of discipleship rest on the “cornerstone” (1 Pt 2:6) who is Christ. This “living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God” (1 Pt 2:4), is the “template” by which we are to model our lives. We all belong to the “priesthood of the baptized”, and as such are called to model our lives after the “great High Priest” who is Christ. His priesthood was one of service, and ours must be as well. If we are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we must put our needs, wants and desires second to those of the community.

In our gospel passage, we hear of how the works that we do mirror our faith in God, It is not that we can ever “earn” our way into heaven, but the works we do show our faith in the One who instills in us the will to respond to God’s call to serve our brothers and sisters. Today we celebrate Mother’s Day, a day when we honor those women who selflessly give to their families, without cost, thought of themselves, or (even) thanks. Let us take care today to thank them, pray for them, and ask God to watch over them as they tend to their families with such great love and care. Whether here with us or (like my own Mother) in the Kingdom, let us never take for granted their self-sacrificial love they have shown to their families.

No matter our state of life, let us ALL hear and respond to God’s call to serve His people. May we know that this call is the fulfillment of our baptismal call to put our needs second to that of our brothers and sisters. May we know the way to the Father by following Christ in all that we say, do and are by seeing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and always striving for the greater glory of God!

A Blessed Easter Season to All,

Fr. Paul

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

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 10, 2020

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Monday:
Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday: St. Isidore
Saturday: Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

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Thank you to our own special Deacons who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and especially to our Parishes. God Bless you. We truly appreciate your commitment to God and to his people.

Role of deacon in Catholic Church

The most visible role of deacons in the Catholic Church is their liturgical role at Mass, most notably proclaiming the gospel and sometimes preaching homilies. A deacon can also perform baptisms and officiate at weddings and funerals. But this is only a small part of a deacon’s ministry.

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

TEACHING MASS

STORY TIME W/ FR. PAUL & NELLIE

My Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the things which I'm most looking forward to when we move into this "new normal" of which everyone is speaking is holding First Communions! While we will have to "think outside the box", with regards to these (and other) events to be sure, I can assure you that they will be held! In anticipation of, and preparation for, this event I, along with Deacons Chris Connelly and Joe Hopgood, filmed a series of videos, highlighting the different parts of the Mass.

I invite our 2nd grade families, along with all other interested parties, to view these videos (available on Facebook and by way of email) and then offer any questions and/or comments you might have. Along with a second showing of the video(s), I will tackle these comments/questions each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in a Facebook Live Event. So, after "online school" is dismissed, and supper is served, I invite you to join me "virtually" each Wednesday evening in my chapel by way of Facebook Live as we "Explore The Mass".

Peace,

Fr. Paul

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Phil. 4:13



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
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New mailing address:
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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

Visit <http://www.catholicstv.org/>

Every Mother's Prayer

I pray you'll be my eyes
And watch her where she goes
And help her to be wise
Help me to let go

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe

I pray she finds your light
And holds it in her heart
As darkness falls each night
Remind her where you are

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Need to find a place
Guide her with your grace
Give her faith so she'll be safe

Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe



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 suggestion 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.

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

This one involves getting out of your chair, unfortunately. It's good for ages 6 to adult, and it's very easy to drop in and out of, and is very entertaining to watch other people play.

The set-up: one person is the boss, one person is the employee who is late for work, and one person is the co-worker. The boss faces the employee, and the co-worker stands behind the boss, so the employee can see him, but the boss cannot.

The boss barks at the employee, "Why were you late?" The employee starts to make his excuses — but he has to describe what the co-worker is miming. Remember, the boss can't see him.

So the co-worker is marching, dancing, swatting imaginary flies, being strangled, fighting invisible gorillas, etc., and the employee is narrating it.

Then the boss, at any point he wants to, whips his head around to and yells at the co-worker, "What are you doing?" And the co-worker has to instantly come up with a plausible, office-appropriate explanation for whatever he was caught doing. If he was acting out "killing a bear with my teeth," for instance, he might say, "Oh, I was just eating one of these crullers. Thanks for the crullers, boss!"

If the boss likes the excuse, he says, "Okay," and the game resumes. But if he doesn't, he says, "You're fired!" and the next person gets to be the co-worker.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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.

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

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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd 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. **Gift cards are also a great help.**

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

Anyone sitting at home bored who would like to help; call the hotline. The Food Pantry could use all the help it can get. Please make sure you have a mask and gloves. They will put you to work and keep you as safe as they can.

The next Food Pantry will be May 4th.

Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, etc. are always great.

Thank you for your generosity, as always.

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

- Go to 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.