



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 14, 2023
The 6th Sunday of Easter*



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
- Jn 14:20-21

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
&
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

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 13, 2023

4:00 — Kevin Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, May 14, 2023

9:30 — Edward Rapoza — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00 - First Communicants

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:30 - Fr. Edward C. McDonagh — Month's Mind

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday May 14, 2023

8:00 - All Mothers

11:30 - All Mothers

6:15 - All Mothers

Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

11:30 - First Communicants

6:15 - All our Parishioners in the Armed Forces



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust
the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them
in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted
love and gratitude.
Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you know, I am a big fan of bumper stickers. I read them often times when I am stuck in traffic (which, unfortunately, is all too often!). A while back I read one that intrigued me so much that I sought it out and bought it; unfortunately I lost it in one of my recent moves. It read, simply but powerfully. “If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us ‘The Ten **Suggestions**’” (emphasis added). The implication, of course, is that the Ten Commandments (the item in question) are just that...Commandments that we are obliged to follow.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, calls on His disciples to follow the Commandments as a way of showing their love for Him. This is a challenging order, for them and for us. Luckily, Jesus does not leave them (or us) without help. He goes on further to tell them (and us) that He will ask the Father to send “another Advocate...the Spirit of truth...” (Jn 14:16-17)...the Holy Spirit. When we hear of the Holy Spirit, we tend to think of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This thought is not entirely wrong, but it is only part of the story. While we are “sealed with the Holy Spirit” at Confirmation, we have the Holy Spirit with us at all times...even before we are baptized. The relationship we have with the Holy Spirit is “sanctified” (that is, made holy) at Baptism, and with which we are “sealed” at Confirmation, but we have the Spirit with us even before we are brought to life in our mother’s womb. This is the great gift of God, this gift of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a gift of the Father that is always with us, always at our disposal. We are called to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are often listed as seven in number but which are truly infinite. We are called to rely on the Spirit when we find ourselves in need of God’s guidance, strength, and love. We are called to see the Holy Spirit at work in others, so that we may emulate that behavior in ourselves; this is often done with Confirmation Sponsors and their Confirmandi. The works of the Spirit are infinite, as are the opportunities to see and employ those gifts.

May we have the courage to rely not on our own “devices”, but on these aforementioned gifts. May we know that God is always ready to lavish these gifts upon us, filling us to overflowing. May we share these gifts with all, especially those in need of God’s grace, mercy, and love. May we pray those words we so often hear at Confirmation, and pray them often...
COME, HOLY SPIRIT AND FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH. AMEN.

Have a Blessed (Continued) Easter,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study Continues

Our new Adult Bible Study continues to meet every **Wednesday at 7 pm at St. John.**

We gather in the conference room in the lower church. Our focus is the Sunday Gospel and what it means for us as disciples. All are welcome!

Fellowship Hour 5/21

Our next Fellowship Hour (formerly known Coffee Hour) will be **May 21st following the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann.** Please join us for refreshments and conversation.

Parishioners from both parishes and all visitors are welcome. Sponsored by the Disciples of Hospitality.

Happy Mother's Day!

On this Mother's Day weekend, we want to say a special thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all those who love us like moms in our collaborative!

To celebrate you, we have a special gift for you to take home, which can be found at the doors of the church.

First Communion



Congratulations to the 24 young people who made their First Communion last weekend and the 14 who will make it the weekend of the 20th and 21st.

We are very proud of you!



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

St. Francis had a fervent devotion to the Holy Virgin Mary because she was the mother of his

beloved, Jesus the Christ. He expressed his love for Our Blessed Lady in beautiful prayers of praise he wrote to her. The following are just a few excerpts from these prayers.

From the “Salutation of the Blessed Virgin”:

“Hail, Lady and Queen, holy Mary, Mother of God, Virgin who became the Church, chosen by the Father in heaven, consecrated by his beloved Son and his Spirit, the Comforter: in you was and remains, the whole fullness of grace and everything that is good.

Hail, his palace, hail, his tabernacle, hail, his dwelling, hail, his robe, hail, his handmaid, hail, his mother!

...Holy Virgin Mary, among all the women of the world, there is none like you.

You are the daughter and handmaid of the most high King, Father of heaven.

You are the mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ.”

From the “Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary”:

“Hail, Virginal wisdom; hail, mansion of God...

In His Holy Spirit He created Her

And exalted Her above all His works.”

From “The Office of the Passion”:

“Holy Virgin Mary, among women, there is no one like you born into the world:

you are the daughter

and the servant of the most high and supreme King and Father of heaven,

you are the mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, you are the spouse of the Holy Spirit...”

May Mary, Our Blessed Mother, patron of all mothers, watch over us and ever lead us to her Son, our Lord Jesus.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

The Protecting God’s Children Department of the Archdiocese has asked that all volunteers receive a copy of the Code of Conduct Guidelines for all Volunteers.

If you have not received this in your email or have not been able to obtain a copy in the Sacristy, please call the office and arrangements will be made to get one to you.

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"Thank You, Mom"

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness,
From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight,
From the first steps to the temper tantrums,
Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day disappointment,
From the big game to the big show to the big "uh-oh,"
With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals,
Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter,
Through sorrow and joy,
For all the ups and downs,
and for the journey yet to come,

Thank you, Mom!



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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicolar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
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**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

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 to 4:30 pm**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

*Monday, May 1, 2023
Monday, May 15, 2023*

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

A special thank you to Farley Flowers of West Bridgewater for the beautiful arrangements in memory of our loved ones requested by Parishioners.



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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BINGO IS IN FULL SWING



**Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP**

**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP**



**LEAN
ON
GOD!!!**



Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, no. 7).

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