



*St. John the Evangelist*

**Together in Christ  
Collaborative**

**May 16, 2021**

**The Ascension of  
the Lord**



*St. Ann*



**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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**Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th**

**For both Churches**

**Currently we are working from home.**

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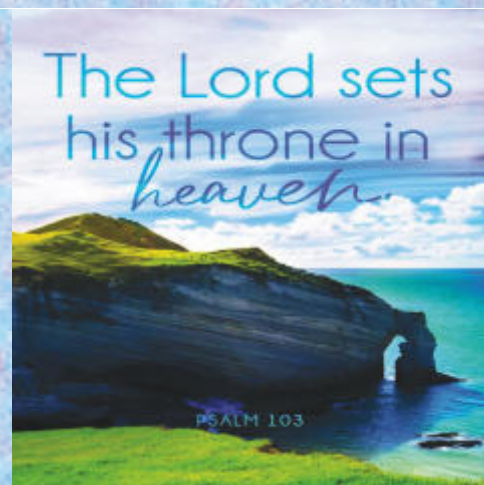
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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### Pastor:

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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

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday May 23, 2021

8:30 - Erminia Victoria — 16th Anniversary

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, May 15, 2021

5:30 - Leonard Shepard — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 16, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a poem, the origin of which is attributed to that great poet, “Anonymous” and it goes like this:

**"To dwell above with saints we love,  
That will be grace and glory.  
To live below with saints we know;  
Well, that's another story!"**

Today, Jesus speaks of the unity that Christians are called to have both with God and one another. It certainly “will be grace and glory” to share in oneness with God in the Kingdom at the end of our earthly days. In order to get there, however, there is the struggle to “live below with saints we know”. The struggle lies, I believe, in whether or not we acknowledge the folks among us as saints. We are not perfect, but then again neither were the saints (as they weren’t always saints!); often times, it was in their struggles that they found their sanctity. It was that “gold tested in fire”, so often spoken of in the scriptures, which made the saints what they were.

We are, I believe, “saints in training”. We are being called, constantly, to live out the call for unity not only by God but also by one another, in how we live our lives. In working with the interfaith groups with which I have had the privilege to work over my near-seventeen-year life as a priest, I have come to know some fine men and women who struggle, strive and (more often than not) succeed in living the Christian ethic. Jesus, in today’s gospel, reminds in His prayer that we do not belong to the world – we belong to God. If we are to see the Kingdom, it will be by the grace of God, the God who calls us to strive for unity, for oneness, for opportunities to forge bonds with those with similar “goals” as us – the salvation of souls and entrance into the Kingdom.

May we strive to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. May we, in this striving for unity, reach out in love and dialogue to our brothers and sister who seek fullness of life found in the Kingdom. May God continue to place on our hearts His call to “love one another as God has loved us”.

A Blessed Easter to you All,

Fr. Paul

### THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

Apr 28 - May 4, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 1,407

Mail \$ 1,678

Mass \$ 1,903

**TOTAL \$ 4,988**

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 1,745

Mass \$ 1,843

**TOTAL \$ 3,588**

### 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 DEPARTMET YOU THING APPROPRIATE.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

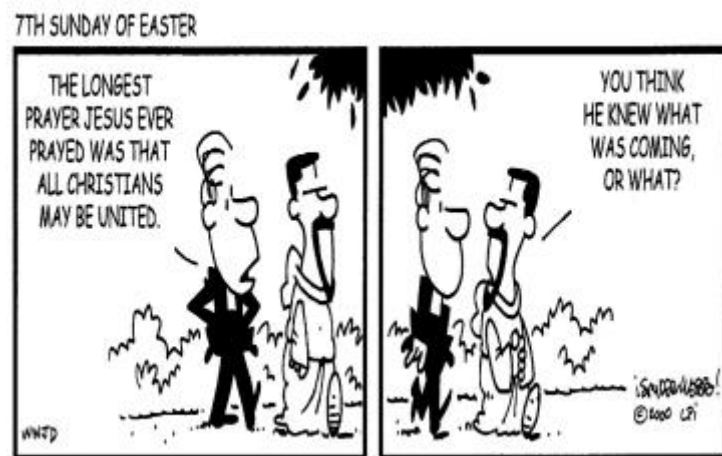
But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**SINGING WILL RESUME IN MASS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23RD. MASKS MUST BE WORN BUT YOU CAN SING BEHIND THE MASKS! THE END IS IN SIGHT!**



## What is Ascension Day?

For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth.

Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.

[Acts](#) provides the longest account of Christ's farewell to his disciples, bidding them to preach the word of God and assuring them of his eventual return for the Second Coming, the day of judgement in which the virtuous will be saved and the wrongdoers condemned.

"After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight," the book says.

"They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven'."

## When is Ascension Day?

Ascension Day is celebrated across all branches of Christianity on the sixth Thursday after Easter, exactly 40 days after Easter Sunday.

## How is it observed?

Ascension Day is not a major event in most Protestant parishes, but in the Catholic Church the Feast of the Ascension is one of the Holy Days of Obligation, meaning that believers are obliged to attend Mass.

For this reason, some Catholic dioceses now mark Ascension Day on the Sunday after its traditional Thursday date, to enable more parishioners to attend services.

"Like other Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are encouraged to spend the day in prayer and contemplation," says [Thought Co.](#)

Nine days after Ascension Day, Christians around the world celebrate Pentecost, which marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of early Christians, giving them the sudden ability to speak many languages and thus enabling them to preach to peoples of many nations.



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

# This Week in Ministry

5.17.21-5.23.21

## CALLING ALL 2021 GRADUATES!

If you are a 2021 high school or college graduate within the Together in Christ Collaborative, we want to hear from you! We are looking to celebrate your milestone...your accomplishments...in short, YOU! We would like to use the St. Ann's and St. John's Facebook pages to highlight you for the gift you are to us all.

So, if you can send us...

- A picture of yourself
- A list of your accomplishments—academic, athletic, theatrical, etc. from your high school/college years
- Plans for next year, if known

Please email them to us at [directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com), or send via Facebook Messenger to either St. Ann's or St. John's Facebook pages.



We will be accepting them/posting them over the next few weeks, and Father Paul will celebrate the Class of 2021 at a future upcoming Mass to be announced at a later date. Thanks for sharing your special moments with us—and please pass along to any other high school or college seniors you know!



## Outdoor Masses: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Are you a Lector or Eucharistic Minister who is not ready to return to indoor Mass yet? Or, are you not a Lector or Eucharistic Minister but would like to become one?

We would love to have you join us for our outdoor Masses!

Please email [directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com) to schedule a training if you're brand new, or to address any questions you may have if you're new to outdoor Masses or returning after an absence.

We would love to have you be part of this very special summer celebrating Mass in a whole new way!

Stephanie Gaboury  
Director of Ministries, T.I.C. Collaborative

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

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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 Jase Train," you can reach out over e-mail to [ChippingInFore-Jase@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Please join us in dedicating  
The  
**Garden of Grace**

**Saturday, May 29 at 10 AM**  
**Miramar Retreat Center**  
**121 Parks Street**  
**Duxbury MA 02332**

**Mark Schramm SVD Officiating**

The Garden of Grace is a gathering place, a public testament for loved ones of all faiths, living or deceased, a testament that will not fade or erode over time. The Garden will be a permanent fixture at Miramar, a place for finding Grace within ourselves and a worthy memorial that will stand the test of time. Your brick will be a meaningful and fitting tribute to those you choose to include.

The offering per brick is \$125, with one name inscribed per brick. The Garden of Grace is situated surrounding the Blessed Mother statue adjacent to the outdoor Chapel area

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