



*St. John*

**Together in Christ  
Collaborative**

**Sixth Sunday of  
Easter**

*May 22, 2022*



*St. Ann*

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

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” - Jn 14:27

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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.**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

### St Ann's

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. &**  
**6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass**  
**w/ Drive up option**

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

**Holiday Schedules will vary**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. These 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

**3:00—3:30 at Saint Ann's Church or**  
**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 21, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

### Saturday, May 28, 2022

4:00 — Parishioners of St. John and St. Ann

### Sunday May 29, 2022

8:30 - Sibor & Domingos Families — Mem.

6:15 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & St. John

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## St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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### Saturday, May 21, 2022

5:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz

### Sunday, May 22, 2022

10:30 - Mark Hutchins — Memorial

### Saturday, May 28, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

### Sunday, May 29, 2022

10:30—For the Poor, Hungry & Homeless

## THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

ST ANN —Not Available	ST JOHN—Not Available
Online N/A	Online \$
Mail \$	Mail \$
Mass \$	Mass \$
TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$



Mary you are the most faithful. You accepted all that God asked of you. So great was your willingness to follow Him and place everything in His hands.

I worry faithful Mother, about many things: my life, my family, my job, my future, the future of the country. Teach me to have faith in God. Teach me to place my trust in Him as you did, surrendering all things to His holy will.

Amen



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In entering into a deeper relationship with God through this sacrament, these young men and women had bestowed upon them a fresh outpouring of grace which will, please God, give them the strength to take on roles of service in the Church as well as live their lives rooted more deeply in the power of God. The beauty of this Sacrament comes when the bishop, in the laying on of hands and the imposition of Sacred Chrism, asks the Holy Spirit to be with them and give gifts which will help these young people to grow in faith, hope and love.

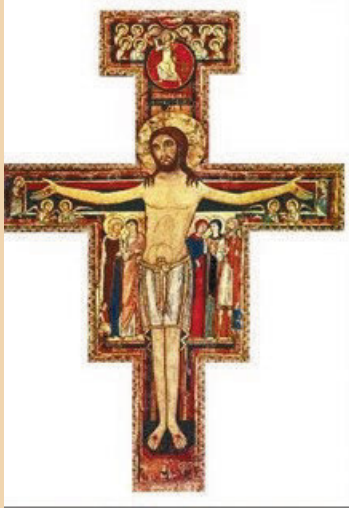
The Holy Spirit, promised to the apostles in this gospel passage, is coupled with another gift: peace. This gift of God’s peace, a peace which only God can give, is meant to calm the fears of the disciples as they are given charge of the new entity which will be seen by many as a manifestation of God’s love. They are fearful because they feel that they are being abandoned. I know this fear of abandonment and what it looks/feels like each time I leave my dog, Nellie, behind (even for a brief period of time). Her following me to the door is a sign to me that she has a sense of my leaving without the security of knowing that I will return. When I do return, her joy is measurable, palpable! Just as I reassure Nellie that I will return, so does Jesus assure that He will return. Better still, Jesus reassures His disciples that He will not leave them abandoned. This is where the Holy Spirit comes into play.

The advocacy of the Holy Spirit is something upon which we can rely as well. In receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (seven, traditionally, in number but truly as infinite as God Himself), is the power of God at work in our lives which gives us the courage to love as God loves. This love, again like that gift of peace, is a type of love which the world does not/cannot give. The love which the world gives is conditional and finite; the love which God gives is unconditional and infinite. The difference is rooted in God Himself. As the infinite Creator of all that was, is and is to come, God knows what we need before we do. God anticipates those needs and gives us remedies (such as the gifts of the Holy Spirit) to meet those needs.

May God, the giver of all good gifts, allow us to feel the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. May the love of God, which surpasses all known love, take root in our hearts and bear great fruit. May the Holy Spirit given at Baptism, Pentecost, and Confirmation, enflame our hearts with a love of God and God’s people. May we have no fear of what the world can do to us, secure in the knowledge that God will not leave us abandoned.

Have a Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul



## My Franciscan Journey

My Dear Friends In Christ,

Three years ago, I along with Nancy and Kevin Smith, entered into formation in the Secular Franciscan Order. It has been an amazing journey deepening our relationship with Christ, and as our formation is complete, plans are underway for a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Profession to the Franciscan Secular Order.

We would love for you to join us, either in person or in prayer. For more information, or to join us, feel free to reach out to me. We are asking for an RSVP for the Brunch for planning purposes. Attending Mass does not require an RSVP.

Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. Paul

Family and friends  
are cordially invited to join with the  
Blessed Lucius Secular Franciscan Fraternity for  
The Holy Celebration of the Eucharist and  
Rite of Profession to the  
Franciscan Secular Order.

Reverend Paul Lawrence Ring by the grace of the  
Holy Spirit will make his Profession on

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
Chapel of our Savior  
475 Westgate Drive, Brockton Ma

Brunch Immediately Following Mass  
Please RSVP to: [fr\\_plrstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net)

Having you join me in this celebration has special joy  
because we were not able to celebrate the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination.





## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### The Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

The Church teaches that the bread and wine are more than symbolic representations of Jesus' body and blood. In some mysterious way, Jesus' real presence replaces the substance or nature of bread and wine. To help us understand this sublime teaching I have presented the teachings from the Catechism on the Real Presence of Christ. The numbers before each paragraph are the paragraph numbers in the Catechism.

**1374** The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

**1376** The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."

**1377** The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ.

**1380** It is highly fitting that Christ should have wanted to remain present to his Church in this unique way. Since Christ was about to take his departure from his own in his visible form, he wanted to give us his sacramental presence; since he was about to offer himself on the cross to save us, he wanted us to have the memorial of the love with which he loved us "to the end," even to the giving of his life. In his Eucharistic presence he remains mysteriously in our midst as the one who loved us and gave himself up for us, and he remains under signs that express and communicate this love:



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As we move through the Easter Season, with Pentecost fast approaching, Jesus speaks to his Apostles (and to us) about the gift of the Holy Spirit that they are about to receive – whether they realize it or not! St.

Francis spoke of the Holy Spirit in very practical terms on how to receive and use the Spirit. So-called spiritual gurus of every age promote techniques by which a person becomes "spiritual." Contrast this to the perennial wisdom of Saint Francis. One acquires the Holy Spirit, says holy Francis, not by techniques but by simple consistency in penance, prayer, alms, purity, and charity. Such persons will gain the Holy Spirit "permanently." Is this not that for which we long? Here are Saint Francis' words on the subject:

**"Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ." ("Letter to the Faithful of St. Francis of Assisi")**

St Margaret Mary Alacoque once asked which saint besides the Immaculate Mary in Heaven was the closest and most devoted to the Sacred Heart of Christ our Lord. God revealed that it was Saint Francis. St Maximilian Kolbe concluded from this that Francis is the closest to the Sacred Heart because he is the saint most like the Blessed Virgin Mary. My suspicion is that this is so because Mary is the humblest creature ever created and Saint Francis also sought this special gift of humility.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be ours in abundance, and may we use them by incorporating them into our daily lives. May we be devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, shown in St. Francis' love for all creation, and may we (as is said in the Franciscan tradition) "live simply so that others may simply live". Let us live in simplicity, humility, peace, and love.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

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

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Karen McSweeney & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**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 Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
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East Bridgewater MA 02333**  
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
Hotline—508-378-3760

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL  
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
@ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com  
P O Box 474  
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

**Summer HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.**

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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JONATHAN RADA  
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORK HE DID CREATING  
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE PRAYER  
GARDEN AT SAINT ANN'S.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP BY  
AND SAY A PRAYER.**

**THE FOOD PANTRY**

*Monday, June 6 — 3:00—5:30  
Monday, June 20 — 3:00—4:30*

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

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 that large sums., ie \$100

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Together in Christ Volunteers Needed**

The following tasks need parishioners who can volunteer their time and talents:

**Thank you to Mary Frances Foscaldi for her generous offer to plant the Easter Flowers at Saint Ann's.**

Someone to empty the trash in St. John's Hall once a week.

**Thank you Jim Kenney and Chuck Thompson for emptying the trash last week but we still need someone on a regular basis**

Someone to empty the trash bin outside the St Ann's Rectory Door to the dumpster in back of Saint Ann's Parish Center until we get the trash collection back on a regular basis.

**People who would like to join a Collaborative Planning Session to brainstorm ideas for the future growth of our Collaborative.**

If interested in any of these position, please call the Rectory.

St. Ann's 508-586-4880 or St. John's 508-378-4207

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



**ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY—JUNE 25—ST JOHN — 9:00 am—2:00 PM**  
 We are hoping to have another Day at St. Ann's also — no date yet

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Small electronics items:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.

Appliances:

Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove. \$20 Microwave, ...\$10 (small) Large \$20  
 Lawn mowers, Ex. Equipment . \$20 Snow blowers.. \$40  
 TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ...\$20.00 ea  
 27" - 35" ...\$25.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$40.00 ea  
 Ac, Dehumidifier...\$20, Refrigerators..\$20 (dorm) \$40 Large  
 Gril, 20, Empty propane tank \$10. \$10 weight sets...\$10

**No charge on these items :Keyboards, Car Batteries , Cables, wire and cell phones.**

Also included:

Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.  
 Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX, Cruiser, ( Old to current)/New, Kids, etc.

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