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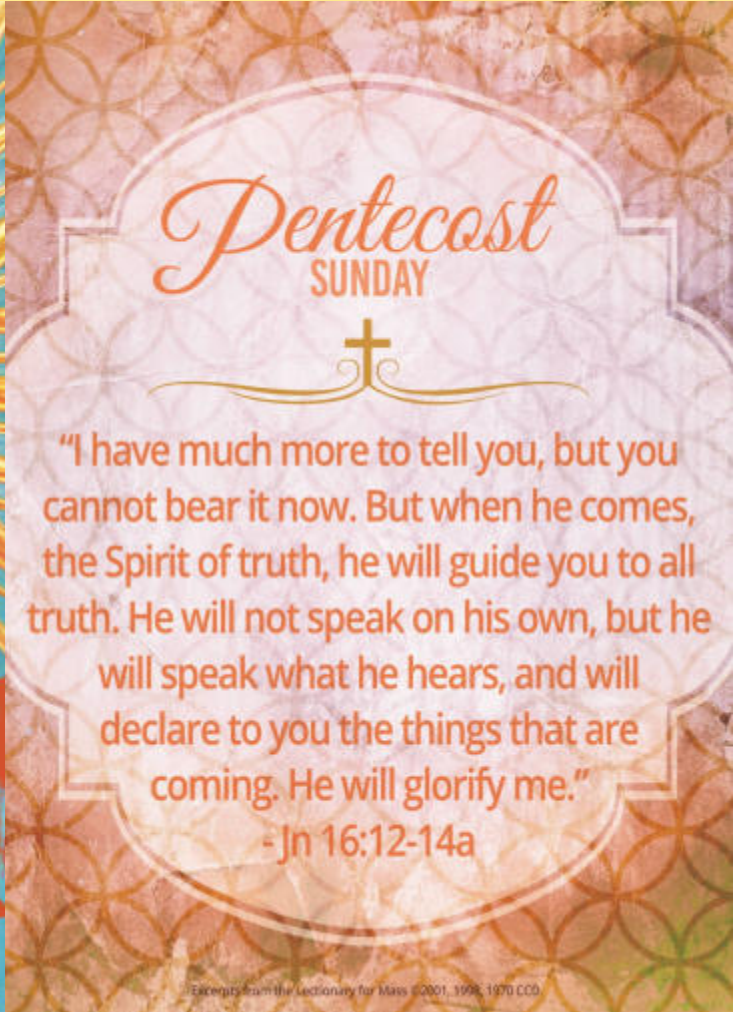
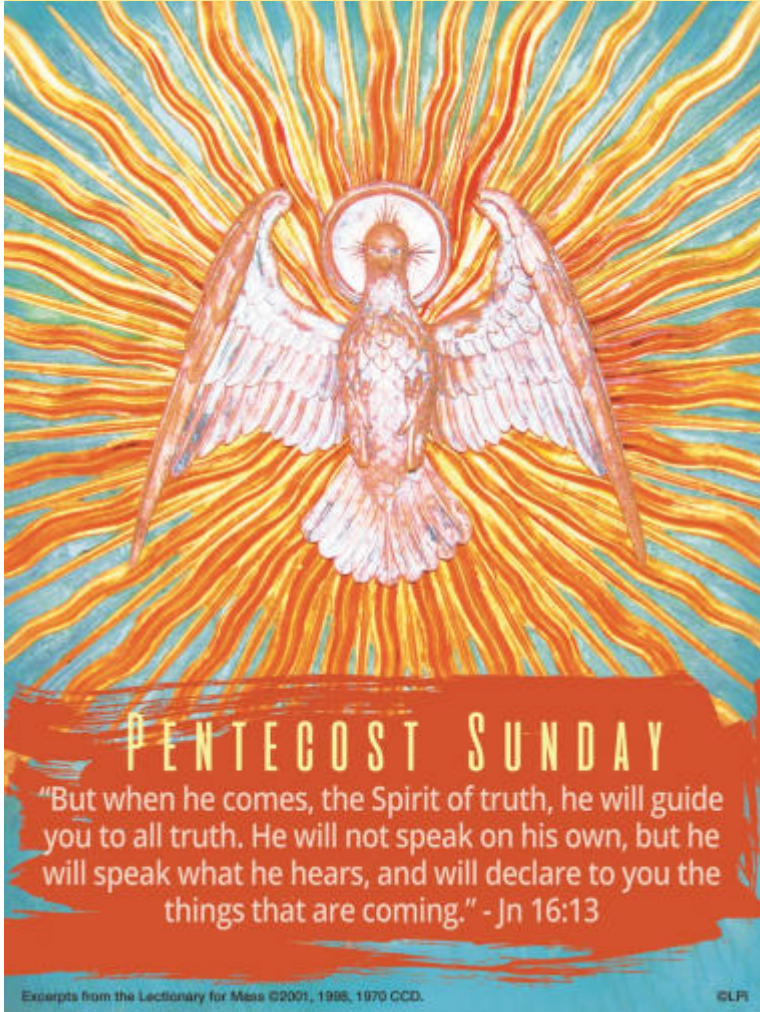
May 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY



St. John the Evangelist

St. Ann



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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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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: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.*

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice
In the Chapel

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.*

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

*Alternating between the two worship sites, refer to website for details.

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 p.m. These baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Alternately you may opt for celebrating the Baptism at the 6 PM Outdoor Mass.

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 22, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday May 23, 2021

8:30 - Erminia Victoria — 16th Anniversary

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, May 29, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, May 30, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Weekly Offertory

May 5 - May 11, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 689
Mail \$ 1,943
Mass \$ 1,538
TOTAL \$ 4,170

ST ANN

Online N/A
Mail \$ 1,215
Mass \$ 2,816
TOTAL \$ 4,031

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING BABIES WHO
HAVE BEEN BAPTISED INTO THE COLLABORATIVE IN
RECENT MONTHS: (March and April)

**Daniel Patrick Shoehn
Magnolia Leigh Bacon
Gavin Lucas Ballou
Rocco Julian D'Angelo
Cassidy Elizabeth Fairburn**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING
CLASS OF SEMINARIANS AND TO FR. RING ON HIS
26th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION.

MAY GOD GUIDE YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNY AS A
DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday...the outpouring of the Holy Spirit... the “birthday” of the Church. It is a feast which has multi-denominational roots. It is, in Christian circles, often called “Whitsunday” (especially in Great Britain); it is historically and symbolically connected to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Ten Commandments on Sinai fifty days after the Exodus event. It is marked for us, as Catholic-Christians, by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The symbols of Pentecost are multiple, as well. Fire, wind and a dove are all used to connote the fact that the Holy Spirit moves with a sense of peace, purpose, and power as It wills. These symbols pale, as symbols do, in comparison to the *actual presence of the Holy Spirit*. We need these symbols, however, to “wrap our minds around” a concept that is bigger than ourselves. This is why the biblical writers use such symbols – to convey a greater truth than one we could scarcely imagine on our own. This is why we, in the Church, use these symbols of fire, wind and doves – to help us to grow closer in the truth, the truth that God is still at work in our lives. Earlier this month, approximately 60 of our young people received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was at that moment that they were “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. A power came into their lives greater than themselves, greater than any of us. This moment was a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our Church to this day.

The Apostles gathered in the upper room, perhaps the same room in which they gathered for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The doors were locked, for they feared the authorities who had the power to end their earthly lives. Jesus, in standing in their midst, gave them His peace, a peace which the world cannot give. It is in the midst of this peace that they now stood, able to go forth from that place and do great things in the name of God. It is in the midst of that peace that we now stand, able to go forth from our places of worship to do great things in the name of God. And let us not kid ourselves – it was no easier for the disciples gathered at that first Pentecost than it is for us. They had challenges to their faith, and we have challenges. They had persecution in the early Church, as do we today. They had the Holy Spirit in their midst...and so do we!

May we have the courage of the early Church to go out to all nations, proclaiming God’s truth in love, His victory over sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day and on every day that we have the opportunity to proclaim the truths of our faith. May we feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Pentecost,

Fr. Paul

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LET THE SINGING RESUME!
TODAY WE ARE ABLE TO SING IN MASS.
OF COURSE, WE STILL NEED TO WEAR
MASKS BUT LET THE HYMNS RING OUT.

Heaven never forgets its promises. On that first Pentecost, the Spirit came and filled the whole house where the apostles were and rested on each one of them. The gift of the Spirit manifested itself publicly in the ability to speak different languages, and the apostles opened the door and emerged from where they had been hiding.

I can't help but reflect on Pentecost this year in relation to the historical moment we are living as we slowly begin to emerge from a pandemic we've been experiencing for over a year.

The pandemic has left its marks, to a greater or lesser degree, on all of us. Like it or not, this year has changed us as people. Despite all the advice on how to live this extraordinarily difficult time in the best way, we realize now as we start to open the doors and emerge from our places of isolation that we have been affected physically, psychologically, and spiritually. And not only we ourselves, but our world and our churches.

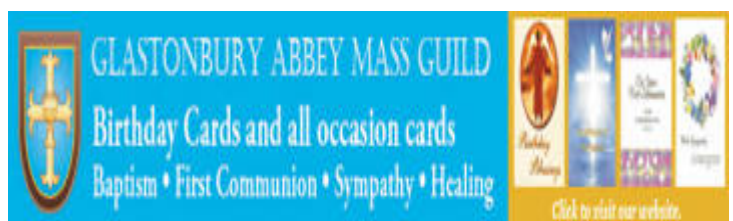
The question arises: **how are we called to respond to this situation?**

In a similar way, after Jesus ascended into heaven, we could say the apostles were huddled all together behind closed doors. Under one roof were the memories of three years of intense discipleship in the company of Jesus, tainted by the memory of betrayal. Sadness and mourning illuminated by a resurrection they have not yet fully understood. The fear of what they might find on the other side of the door that for a while protected them from the outside undermined the hope of the promise of the Spirit's coming.

But heaven never forgets its promises. On that first Pentecost, the Spirit came and filled the whole house where the apostles were and rested on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit manifested itself publicly in the ability to speak different languages, and the apostles opened the door and emerged from where they had been Hiding.

In fact, Scripture does not mention that the apostles opened the door and went out into the street; the Word just tells us the people of Jerusalem could hear them speaking in their own language. But as extraordinary as the gift of tongues may be, perhaps opening the door and leaving was the first act of courage, the first of many, on the part of the apostles. This is important because the gift always comes from God, but the gift becomes sterile if we don't open something in ourselves so it can come out....

Sr Julia Mary Darrenkamp, FSP



PLEASE USE YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

This Week in Ministry

5.24.21-5.30.21

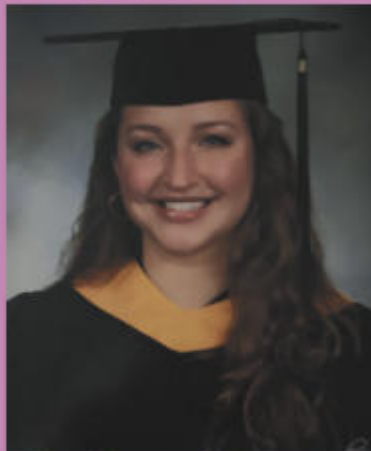
Senior Shoutout!

Melissa Anne Easter

Melissa graduated Suffolk University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Some of her achievements include:

- *Cum Laude
- *National Honor Society
- *2021 STEM Presenter
- *Programming Director at The Village at Willow Crossing Mansfield, MA



Next year she plans to continue her work in Alzheimer's/Dementia studies. Congratulations, Melissa!

Memorial Day Prayer

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we remember those loved ones who have died in the service of protecting the weak and voiceless. We remember them and all the fallen on this day and pray:

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Congratulations to our Confirmands!



Mikaela Ambrosia Barry
Brody Steven Bilbo
Bryn Gemma Bouvier
Nora Elizabeth Brodil
Mia Christina Brunaccini
Vincent Matthew Centrella
Elizabeth Cecilia Chelmo
Timothy Genesis Churchill
Stephen Joseph Cleary
Ashleigh Inez Costa
Shannon Mary Cyr
Patrick Patrick Donahue
Christina Illuminata Donoso
Evelyn Mary Donovan
Alexa Rose Gately
Brayden Jude Hackett
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Sarah Teresa Kearton
Emma Elizabeth Lavoie

Patrick Michael Lindsay
Rory Joseph Lonergan
Brooke Anne Lydon
Kasey Theresa Mackin
Ryan Lawrence McGrath
Dylan Michael Murphy
Michael Thomas Oman
Lily Catherine Parcels
Tina Christina Profferty
Aidan Joseph Puliafico
Emma Sebastian Puliafico
Ryan Edward Puliafico
Nathan John Riley
Grace Rita Schrader
Mathew Sebastian Sebastyn
Meghan Kathleen Sheehan
Ryan Thomas Shepard
Rylee Anne Smith
Morgan Cecilia Spriggs
Stephanie Cecilia Stanton
Jordan Cecilia Weljkovic
Gage Thomas Williams

We are so proud of our newly Confirmed students! For them and all, we pray:

"All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

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) 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 Nicolar, 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.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544**

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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

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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.

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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There are two systems in place to tithe your offertory—The Envelope System and the ON-Line Giving Program. In order for your contributions to be recorded, you must use one of these two systems. Please use your envelopes if you have them so you may be credited with your donation. Also if you could record the amount on the front of the envelope, that is very helpful.

If you would like to change to the On-Line Giving Method of giving, the directions are on our website or you can call the Rectory and we can walk you through the process.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Miramar Retreat Center <rosemary@miramarretreat.org> or call for information 781.585.2460

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