



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter*



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18b-19

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May 21, 2020



May 24, 2020

**7th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." - Jn 17:3

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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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

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

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

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/ 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/ Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/ Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Observances for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
 Monday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin; Memorial Day
 Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
 Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



My Dear Friends in Christ,

C.S. Lewis, the great author and philosopher, once said “We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, “Blessed are they that mourn.”” What Lewis understood is that one cannot avoid suffering in this life so one has to figure out a way to handle that suffering. Jesus, throughout his earthly ministry, understood that He must suffer and die for the sake of us all. One might think that, knowing this, Jesus would try and avoid that suffering. What Jesus understood, and what we are called to understand, is that there is a “redemptive” aspect to suffering, both His and ours.

We live in a world that avoids suffering. It promises relief of all kinds of pain. One of the misconceptions the world has about Christian suffering is that we “will” it, that we “ask” for it; this is not the case. Christians aren’t masochists; we don’t invite suffering – but neither do we avoid it at all costs. In is in the aforementioned “redemptive” aspects of suffering that we join our sufferings to those of Christ. My mother (and many of her generation) would invite me to “offer up” any suffering or pain I encountered. Again, this is to say that we are to invite, or prolong, suffering. If there is suffering in the world, be it physical, emotional or spiritual, we are to do our best as Christians to alleviate it. This is the reason we offer special “Prayers of the Faithful” at Mass, or take up special “second collections” for the victims of disasters. There is an understanding that suffering is not to be exacerbated, if at all possible. There can be some good, however, which comes out of these tragedies, this suffering. When one thinks of these natural disasters, for example, one can’t help but recall images of relief workers flying in from other parts of the country and the world offering assistance in helping folks rebuild their lives.

Jesus knew that the Christian life would include suffering. As Lewis reminds us in the quote at the beginning of my column that Jesus, Himself, often preached on suffering, reminding us that God would bless those who mourn, for to mourn is to remember, and to remember is to (on occasion) prevent future suffering. If we remember the human failings that are often at the heart of tragedy and disaster, then we can avoid them in the future. This does not mean that all suffering will end, but it does give us hope that we can move towards a better future, ultimately free from all suffering when we enter into the Kingdom.

When we look at suffering in light of the Kingdom, we realize that human suffering, as painful as it is, is temporary. We also realize that the sufferings of this present age are as nothing, compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom. May we bear, with patient endurance, the sufferings of this world so that we may, one day, share in the fullness of life that awaits us in God’s Eternal Kingdom of Peace, Hope and Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
<p>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS <i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i></p> <p>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.</p>				
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$20,000

It is always impressive to hear the stories of people who rush toward danger when others are fleeing. Remember Ventura County sheriff's Sgt. Ron Helus? He lost his life when, without hesitation, he rushed into the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, California, to stop a mass shooter.

Remember Lt. Jason Menard, a member of the Worcester Fire Department in Massachusetts? He died while trying to save residents in a burning building as well as members of his own crew.

This is what heroism looks like in normal times. But in this time of pandemic, we have come to recognize how widespread bravery is, and how it resides in places we don't always think to look.

Like my own family. My oldest sister, Mary Agnes, runs a Catholic Charities Center in Los Angeles. She serves the homeless, the undocumented and, in growing numbers, the unemployed. In one day, she and her team feed more people than they used to feed in a week.

It is difficult to do social distancing in such a setting, and she certainly isn't locked down. What drives her each day is the great need she sees and what she feels is her responsibility to meet that need. She rushes toward those who are suffering.

My sister is one of thousands of Catholics serving in parish food pantries and Catholic charity centers. They are joined by volunteers bringing food and medicine to shut-ins or helping neighbors who are isolated and lonely. These are people who rush to serve. I think of the many Catholics working in hospital emergency rooms and intensive care units, people like Sister Mary Catherine Redmond. A Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, she is also a physician assistant in a New York hospital that treats the underserved, a hospital swamped by COVID-19 patients.

Surrounded by the seriously ill and the dying, with too few means to help them, she kept working. "Our days are filled with stress, and our loved ones worry terribly about us," she wrote. "People we have worked with have died, and each death makes the threat real." Still, she rushes to serve.

Or hospital chaplains like Father Paul Marquis in Portland, Maine, who in the midst of the pandemic gives the anointing of the sick to the grievously ill people in his hospital. Dressed in safety gear, he has to take great care when anointing them that he neither becomes infected nor inadvertently infects others. Sometimes he can't even enter the room. Still, he rushes to serve.

Our heroes are all about us, staffing our emergency medical services and our grocery stores, maintaining supply chains, doing medical research, even burying the forgotten dead.

Many of these stories are being told by the Catholic press. Being a Catholic journalist sometimes means reporting the bad stuff, the stories of abuse or neglect of duty, the stories of persecution and suffering. But it also means reporting about the bravery in our midst.

And these are the stories of our Church. Our Church is more than just its institutions -- its hospitals and hospices, its pantries and shelters and schools. Our Church is first and foremost its people. And it is the great honor of the Catholic press to remind us that for every bad story, there are a thousand good ones.

We aren't promised an easy ride in this life. Our faith, in fact, challenges us to rush toward need, not away from it. But it is important to know that in our small acts of kindness or huge acts of bravery, we are not alone. These are the grace notes in a time of plague.

- Greg Erlandson is director and editor-in-chief of Catholic News Service.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



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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

EWTVN — 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 airs 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.catholic.tv/org/>

A PRAYER FOR WORLD HEALTH

Almighty and Ever Loving God, Creator of all things, in You we place our trust for guidance during this Coronavirus pandemic. Hear the prayers we offer for our elderly and those with chronic health conditions, who are most vulnerable. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken.

Allow Your heavenly knowledge to direct our medical professional and researchers to find a solution for this sickness. Bless, with Your divine protection, doctors, nurses and first responders and surround us all with Your love.

Guide those in authority, O Lord. By the wisdom of our leaders and public health officials, along with the integrity of our citizens, may harmony be restored.

Look also with favor on the families and friends who mourn those who have died from this illness and comfort them in their loss. Console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom.

Calm this terror that threatens us. Protect our families, neighbors and friends and restrain our fears and anxiety. Grant that health, the fruit of life, may reign throughout the world.

Amen



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.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This has been an extraordinarily difficult time for the Church and our state. With so much suffering and loss, the impact on individuals and families is breathtaking. However, we are seeing great works of mercy in our communities including in our hospitals, food pantries and parishes to name just a few. For all you do in ministry for the people of God, I join Cardinal Seán in expressing our sincere gratitude and prayers of support. You are beacons of light during this dark hour.

This week, Governor Baker announced a "four-phase approach" to re-opening. This plan will be announced early next week, and we will closely monitor the guidance and directives as we continue to develop our own plans for the Archdiocese to resume public Masses and public gatherings when it is safe to do so.

Working with the Pandemic Response Team, I want to take this opportunity to update you on several items, so you are aware of the work underway, which will help guide us towards the eventual re-opening our Churches.

When can re-open?

It is important to note that, while there is great anticipation about being able to re-open our Churches, we are not at that point yet and it will likely be several more weeks before we can begin to implement our own phased-in plans to resume public Masses. In other words, the announcement next week by the Governor does not mean an immediate resumption of operations and activities for our parishes, schools and ministries.

Recently, in response to media inquiries, we stated that the Archdiocese remains committed to working with public officials on the timing and conditions of re-opening churches for Masses. By respecting the state's guidance for the practices necessary to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, we believe we will do our part to keep members of the Community healthy and safe. This week the Archdiocese participated in the Governor's Office Re-Opening Advisory Board meeting and we look forward to further collaboration.

Your cooperation and collaboration are essential in this effort. We must be able to provide the greatest measure of safety for parishioners, priests and the laity. This situation is unlike anything we have experienced, and it requires our working together.

Peter J. Uglietto, Vicar General

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 Nicolai, 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

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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 only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.

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 June 1st

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.

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