



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday*



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**Come, Holy Spirit, 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 will renew the face of the
earth.**

**Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your
faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consola-
tion.**

**We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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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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 31, 2020

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
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6 -7/Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Observances for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
 Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
 Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
 Thursday:
 Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

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On **Memorial Day**, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

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 has power and moves as God wills it. 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. Last month, a number of our young people here in the Collaborative received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation (and we pray that the rest will receive it SOON!). 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, most likely 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...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

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm sure that you've seen that news outlets are reporting this morning that Houses of Worship in Massachusetts will be allowed to open as part of "Phase 1" of the "reopening" of the Commonwealth. To that end, I have listened to Governor Baker's press conference and I am sitting in on a webinar from the Archdiocese tomorrow afternoon, as well as receiving information regarding this phased reopening, both of the Commonwealth in general and the churches of the Archdiocese in particular

Please know that my primary concerns are BOTH the spiritual AND physical health and safety of our parishioners. Although our churches are open for private and personal prayer, we are refraining from public worship of any kind. This will continue until such time as we can safely engage in public worship, and I can only make that determination after hearing from multiple sources. Until such time, I will continue to offer live-streamed (and taped) Masses, as well as other liturgical and spiritual offerings through various media platforms.

As this opportunity unfolds, I will need the help of many people as this is a new venture for all and is something that won't materialize overnight. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes, and it will take all of us doing our part to ensure the success of moving forward. I want to make sure that it is done correctly so that we can be part of the solution without adding to the problem. You can find information about this opening here:

<https://rcabrisk.org/re-opening-guidance/>

Please know that I miss you terribly, and cannot wait to worship with you face-to-face, live and in living color! I continue to pray for you and ask the indulgence of your prayers for me during this time. Finally, let us all continue to pray for essential workers in our community - medical professionals, public safety personnel, delivery people, service workers, store workers. May God continue to bless them, and us all, in this challenging time.

Peace,

Fr. Paul

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
East Bridgewater MA 02333**

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.”

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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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

EWTN — 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.catholicTV.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.

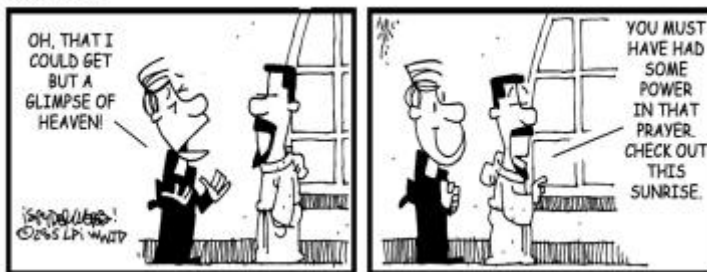
Amen



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

ASCENSION



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“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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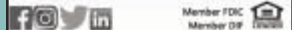
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