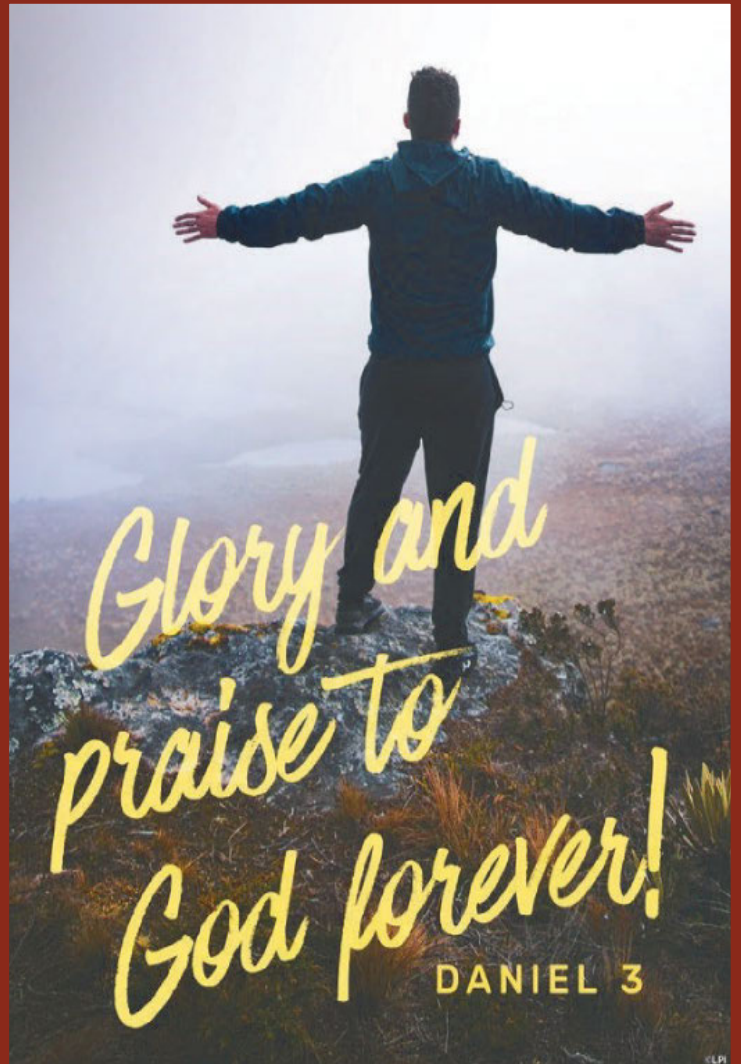




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
June 4, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity*



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
&
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

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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**DURING THE
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 3, 2023 -

4:00 — Brian Landolfi — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9:30 - Our Country

Saturday, June 10, 2023

**4:00 — Francisco Figueiredo & Family
28th Anniversary**

Sunday, June 11, 2023

9:30 — All parishioners who have lost loved ones

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:00 - Our Country

11:30 - Martin & Mary Hanley — Memorial

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

Friday, June 9, 2023

9:00—Clementine Lincoln — Memorial

Sunday June 11, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

11:30 - All parishioners who have lost loved ones

6:15 - All families of the collaborative struggling



The Collaborative is hoping to update our records.

This will help us complete various reports required by the Archdiocese, give us up-to-date information on all our families and will give us easier access when we need to contact you. It really helps the office staff and you.

All this information will be placed in our computer databases for easy access.

Please fill in the form enclosed in this bulletin and place it in one of the baskets at the doors of the church or mail it to the Rectory Office at:

**103 No. Main Street
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Thank you for your cooperation.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, more commonly known as Trinity Sunday. It is a feast which has its roots in the early church and was very much a response to the Arian heresy which spread around the mid-fourth century. Arius, a Christian presbyter in Alexandria, held that the Son was subordinate to the Father and Spirit in the Trinity, that He held a lower place. This heresy, along with Arius himself, was condemned in both the Council of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). It was at these Councils that the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, as we say it today, was created and promulgated throughout the Church.

One might understand Arius' confusion, for the concept of the Trinity is a difficult one to fathom. I believe that the key to Trinity isn't so much "understanding" as it is "faithfulness". While one might seek to "figure out" what the Trinity is all about, one might be better served trying to "enter into" the Trinity. If one can strive to "live" the Trinity, one might come to "knowledge" of it. If one can look at the creative aspects of the Father, the redemptive aspects of the Son and the sanctifying aspects of the Spirit, then one can be better served by, and better serve, the Trinity.

The key to understanding the Trinity comes in how we live our lives of faith. There are times when we rely upon, when we call upon, the different "persons" of the Trinity. These aspects of God are made all the more powerful when we realize that when we ask for the revelation of the Father, the friendship of the Son or the gifts of the Spirit, we are not abandoning the other "persons". There is only One God, no matter upon whom we call for aid and assistance. This is a key element of the Trinity, one which was missed by Arius. In "demoting" the Son to second-class status below the Father and Spirit, Arius was (perhaps inadvertently) limiting God. God is always at work – in our lives, in the lives of the Church and in the world. God is always creating, redeeming and sanctifying.

May we, as we move from the Easter Season into Ordinary Time, come to see the movement of God as ONE, just as God is ONE. May we know that whomever it is we call upon for intercession, assistance, guidance or aid, that God is always with us, at all times and in all seasons. May we help others to know this truth and may we share it with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Sunday and Week,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study Continues

Our new Adult Bible Study continues to meet every **Wednesday at 7 pm at St. John.**

We gather in the conference room in the lower church. Our focus is the Sunday Gospel and what it means for us as disciples. All are welcome!



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
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13th Annual Family Walk



Saturday, June 10th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

A short walk around the Stonehill College campus will be followed by family fun activities including inflatable bounce houses and slides, obstacle course, climbing wall, live entertainment, and food vendors.

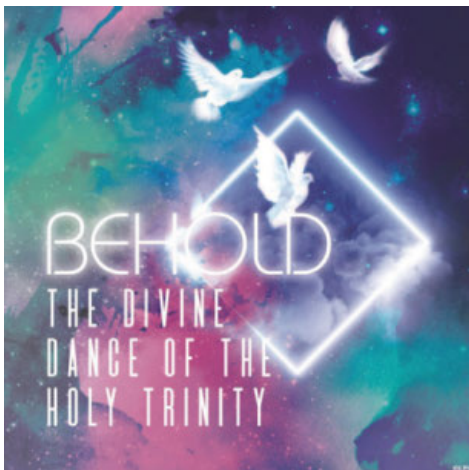
NO registration fee. FREE t-shirts for all who register on-line by May 31st.

Registration and event details:
www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

As we do every month, we will be making sandwiches for Fr. Paul to take with him on his volunteer day with Capuchin Mobile Ministries. The June date is 6/19 at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center. All are welcome to join us. Sign up is not required, but we do like to have a count of how many people are coming. You can find the sign up form here:

<https://forms.gle/5TCCCSwFdVd7PuUp9>



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



These days we have had the great grace of celebrating the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. St Francis of Assisi had a powerful devotion to the Most Holy Trinity, extant in his writings. From the phrases we find from his writings we can notice how orthodox was the Poverello's belief in the Trinity. In his First *Admonition* Francis gives us a clear picture of God as One and Triune.

When he speaks of the possibility of seeing God with his spiritual eyes he does so through each and every Person of the Trinity. *Sacred Scripture says that the Father lives in inaccessible light (cf. 1 Tim. 6:16), and God is Spirit (Jn. 4:24) and, No one has ever seen God (Jn. 1:18). 6. Therefore he cannot be seen except in the Spirit since it is the Spirit that gives life; the flesh does not offer anything (Jn. 6:64). 7. But neither, inasmuch as he is equal to the Father, is the Son seen by anyone other than the Father [or] other than the Holy Spirit.*

The properties of the one divine essence are common to the three Persons of the Trinity. Therefore, as Francis says in his *Regula Non Bullata* in chapter 23: *Wherever we are, in every place, at every hour, at every time of the day, every day and continually, let all of us truly and humbly believe, hold in our heart, adore, serve, praise and bless, glorify and exalt, magnify and give thanks to the Most High and Supreme Eternal God Trinity and Unity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator of all, Savior of all Who believe and hope in Him, and love Him, Who without beginning and end, is unchangeable, invisible, indescribable, ineffable, incomprehensible, unfathomable, blessed, praiseworthy, glorious, exalted, sublime, most high, gentle, lovable, delightful, and totally desirable above all else for ever. Amen* From this richly scriptural as well as patristic text we can notice that Francis attributes to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit every divine action that produces something external of God such as creation. Among the properties that St Francis exalts in God there is certainly goodness. Francis associates the latter to the paternity of God. It is for this reason that the Poverello uses the word "Father," to specifically address the one triune God. This can be easily seen in his *Praises of God*. *"You, Holy Father, the King of heaven and earth. You are Three and One, Lord God of gods; You are good, all good, the highest good, Lord, God, living and true. You are love, charity. You are wisdom; You are humility; You are patience; You are beauty; You are meekness; You are security; You are inner peace; You are joy; You are our hope and joy; You are justice; You are moderation, You are all our riches. You are beauty, You are meekness; You are the protector, You are the guardian and defender; You are strength; You are refreshment. You are our hope, You are our faith, You are our charity, You are all our sweetness, You are our eternal life: Great and wonderful Lord, God almighty, Merciful Savior."*

In St Francis' understanding we see the economic Trinity (that is the divine activity of the Trinity in favor of creation) through the mediation of the Son in creation, his redemptive incarnation as well as the final glorification of the just. In chapter 23 of the "*Regula Non Bullata*", Francis writes: *We thank you as through Your Son You created us, ... You brought about His birth as true God and true man by the glorious ever-virgin, most blessed, holy Mary and You willed to redeem us captives through His cross and blood and death. We thank You for Your Son Himself will come again in the glory of His majesty ..."*

Francis' love for the Most Holy Trinity can be detected from a Trinitarian prayer in which he, in many times of the day, perfectly expressed his faith in this foundational mystery of our Christian faith, in the three divine Persons who are One God. In his "*Praises To Be Said at All the Hours*", St Francis thus praises the triune God: *Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit: and let us praise and glorify Him forever... Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, And let us praise and glorify Him forever.*" In his "*Letter to the Entire Order*", Francis starts "*in the name of the most high Trinity and holy Unity: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*" Then he reminds that Jesus Christ "*...remains undivided and knows no loss; but One everywhere, He acts and He pleases, with the Lord God the Father and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete for ever and ever. Amen.*" In this letter Francis humbly confesses his sins "*...to the Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit...*" and concludes this beautiful writing by the invocation of the Blessed Trinity so that "*...inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and, by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever. Amen.*" In this letter Francis humbly confesses his sins "*...to the Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit...*" and concludes this beautiful writing by the invocation of the Blessed Trinity so that "*...inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may be able to follow in the footprints of Your beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and, by Your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, Who live and rule in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God almighty, forever and ever. Amen.*"

Perhaps the most powerful testimony of Francis' loving devotion for the Blessed Trinity is found in the Trinitarian blessing we come across at the end of his "Testament": *"And whoever shall have observed these things, may he be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father and on earth with the blessing of His beloved Son with the most Holy Spirit the Paraclete."* Francis' love for the Trinity was deeply embedded in the faith of the Gospel he openly embraced, the faith of the Church he wholeheartedly followed, and his personal experience of the triune God which changed him to such a degree that he became a living Trinitarian prayer for others.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicolar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Joan Fusco, Irene Churchill & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military. ***If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the list.***

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.



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457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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**PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME
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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.

*Monday, June 5, 2023
Monday, June 19, 2023*

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., ie \$100



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BINGO IS IN FULL SWING



**Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
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**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
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Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP**

TRINITY SUNDAY



A Prayer for the United States of America

Almighty God, Lord of life, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our laws and liberties will continue to be protected.

Heal the conflicts which damage our unity and ease our political differences from one another. May our citizens respect religious freedom, the importance of family and the values of human life.

In these times of uncertainty, give us the ability to remain compassionate, patient and resistant. Give us the wisdom to see things from a rational and enlightened perspective, to know right from wrong, to recognize evil from good and to realize truth from lies.

Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct our political leaders to the preservation of truth, promoting national security, the increase of jobs and industry and to ensure justice and equality for all.

Give us the fortitude to see that our faith in You is the greatest decision we can undertake.

Amen



Philippians 2:3

I pray for all leaders of Your people. I pray that they will not lead selfishly, for personal ambition or vain conceit. That leading is really a task that requires them to serve. So, Father, raise up servant leaders, in Jesus' name.

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