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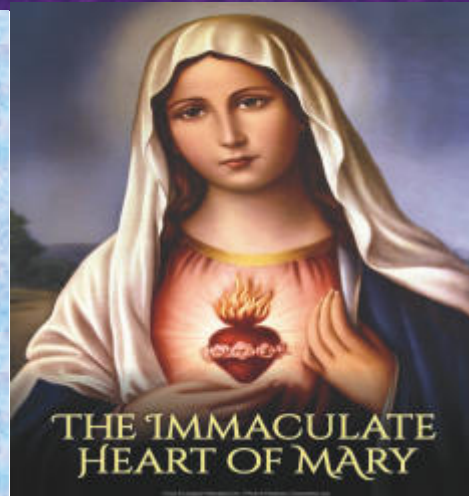
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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

*Aleternating 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, June 5, 2021

4:00 - Brian Landolphi — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, June 6, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, June 12, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, June 13, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 5, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 6, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, June 12, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 13, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Weekly Offertory

May 19 - May 24, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 649

Mail \$ 1,541

Mass \$ 1,592

TOTAL \$ 3,782

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 125

Mass \$ 1,185

TOTAL \$ 1,310

It is something which the world cannot give (or even offer), this lasting and abiding Presence. May we always have the reverence and awe worthy of reception of Christ. May we never lose sight of WHO it is we are receiving. May others, as we have, come to see Jesus in Eucharist – that it is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in which we are partaking. May this sharing give us the courage to “be Christ and to see Christ” – to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others. May this movement of the heart cause us to put into action the cry of the psalmist: to “take up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord” (Ps 116).

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration, more commonly referred to as Corpus Christi (the Latin name for the aforementioned solemnity), speaks to one of our most central truths, namely the Eucharist. It is Jesus, whose Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity we receive on this day and who brings us together as a Eucharistic community, who we focus on today.

In today’s readings, blood is of central focus. As a people of faith, we see the progression from ritual (read: blood) sacrifices to the ultimate and unique sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. While there may be a connection between the two, they are unique in who is at the heart of that sacrifice. We move from animal sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross; we move from a sacrifice which had to be offered over and over to one which was offered once, and for all. This movement is not to be missed, to be trivialized. The ritual sacrifices of Moses and the people were rooted in the people’s need to be “cleansed” from impurity, whereas the sacrifice of Jesus cleanses us from sin and brings healing (which is why we pray, in preparation for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed”). The sacrifice is brought to another level, from the human to the divine (found in Christ).

This solemnity, which has its roots in late 13th century tradition, is meant as a parallel to Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist. It was marked by processions, adoration and like celebrations. I often wonder on days such as this if we still hold the same reverence as in past generations, past traditions. Have we, with our modern “sensibilities” lost a sense of reverence, of solemnity which we are called to hold. Now, please don’t take this as a “rant” against that which is good about new ways of living (which, certainly, can have its benefits), for it is not meant to be that. I have come to and do, however, witness how some approach to receive Jesus’ Real Presence. There is a “casualness”, which is sometimes evident in said reception, which we would do well to avoid. There is also a recognition of WHO (not “what”) it is we are receiving that we would do well to keep in the forefront of our minds. These avoidances and acceptances are all part of what it means to receive Eucharist. They bring about a sense of true reverence and awe in God’s presence.

Corpus Christi is a wonderful opportunity to “connect” in a real way with Jesus. It gives us a distinct chance to reflect on the Real Presence, as well as what it means to be one Body in Christ. The “oneness” we are meant to share is rooted in Christ, has its origins in Christ and finds its fulfillment in Christ.





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In July of 2017, I took a trip that would truly change my life! On a “service pilgrimage” created by Nancy Smith and P.J. Anderson, I found myself in Rome and Assisi. While I had been in Rome before, I had never been to Assisi. I had heard of St. Francis of Assisi, of course, and have known many Franciscans, but never really knew St. Francis. This all changed on that trip, and the change is still going on, going strong! As I walked with our fellow pilgrims through the cobblestone streets and steep hills of Assisi, I could feel the “spirit of Francis” take hold. As I celebrated Mass at San Damiano, I could sense Ss. Francis’ and Clare’s saintly presence in that chapel. As I literally “walked in the footsteps” of Ss. Francis and Clare, I knew that this would not be the last time I would encounter “Il Poverello di Christo” – “The Little Poor One of Christ”.

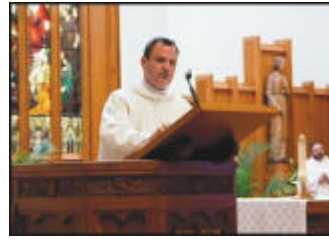
“Flash forward” to December of 2018, when Nancy and Kevin Smith and I met with Theresa Pratt, OFS, the Regional Minister of the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Region, and Member of the Blessed Lucius Fraternity, of the Secular Franciscan Order. We knew that Ss. Francis and Clare were calling us to a deeper relationship with God through the two of their intercession. In joining the Blessed Lucius Fraternity, which meets at the Chapel of Our Savior at the Westgate Mall complex in Brockton, a new journey of faith-filled learning has begun. One might think that one gets to a point in life where the learning stops, but this is just not the case. We are all called to be “life-long learners”, and while the process of “Profession” to the Secular Franciscan Order includes “Orientation”, “Inquiry”, and Candidacy” (the step we are on now) it does not stop there! After one makes one’s Profession, there is the “Ongoing Formation” which takes place monthly.

What I have spoken of is just the “tip of the iceberg”. There is much more to discuss, which I will do in follow-up articles in the bulletin. For now, let me leave you with these thoughts: If you think that God is “done” with you... THINK AGAIN! If you think that God might be calling you to answer a call to a “vocation within a vocation”... ANSWER THE CALL! If you’d like to learn more... I’m available to answer your questions! For more information on the Secular Franciscan Order, you can go to <https://secularfranciscansusa.org>

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Peace,

Fr. Paul



The Deacon’s Corner

Deacon Chris Connelly

When I was a little boy, I loved visiting my Nana at her small but humble home in West Roxbury. My younger brother and I knew where my Nana “hid” her Andes Candies and would wait until she wasn’t looking to grab one of those thin mints. When you walked into my Nana’s house you had a choice to take a left into the dining room (where the candies were stashed), a right into the living room, or go straight up the stairs to the second floor. Standing in the threshold of the home one couldn’t help but noticing a statue of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus in his arms. The statue was perched at the top of the stairs as if he was watching, guarding, and protecting, all who resided or visited the home. The truth is that our God entrusted Mary and Jesus to the loving protection of St. Joseph. Joseph faithfully guarded and protected the Holy Family with an obedient, tender, and paternal love that created the space for Jesus to discover his deepest identity, not only as Joseph’s son, but as God’s only begotten Son. In 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX formalized the Church’s devotion to St. Joseph by declaring him, the Patron of the Universal Church. In celebrating the 150th anniversary, Pope Francis has declared a special year of St. Joseph to increase our love and devotion to the Holy Family the Lord entrusted to his humble care. In the Archdiocese of Boston, this special “Year of St. Joseph” coincides with the “Year of the Eucharist.”

As we enter into the late phases of the COVID pandemic and, by God’s grace, back to the public expression of our faith through the Eucharist we are invited to look toward Jesus in the Eucharist with the same love, obedience, and devotion, St. Joseph was privileged to see every day as Mary’s Husband and Jesus’ earthly father. To mark these two special “Years”, Fr. Paul asked me to write weekly reflections on St. Joseph and on the Eucharist to help us grow in our own discipleship as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven, brothers and sisters of the Lord present in the Eucharist, and temples of the Holy Spirit. Please join me in asking for St. Joseph’s intercession as he helps us grow in our love, desire, and hunger for the Holy Eucharist.



This Week in Ministry

6.7.21-6.13.21

"Not by bread alone" Summer Recipe Contest!

Now that it's getting warmer, it's time to break out those summer recipes! Whether it's for a fruity punch, a refreshing salad, or a frozen treat, we want to hear from you! No need to be an expert chef; any recipe you've created (or just found and love to make or eat!) all entries are welcome and eligible for prizes! Our last contest was wonderfully successful: let's see if we can top it this time!



Send your recipe by Wednesday, June 30th to directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com

Together in Christ Collaborative Volunteer Clean Up!



As we begin to reopen our parishes, we need your help! We will be doing cleanup days for both parishes so that we can make the outside and inside look even more beautiful than they were before the pandemic. It's important to remember that *we are the Church*, and to bring life back into the buildings requires YOU!

Projects will include both indoor and outdoor work—yard work, painting, scrubbing, etc. Many hands make light work, and all levels of involvement are appreciated!

Dates for the cleanup days will be announced soon; in the meantime, if you are interested in making a donation, we are accepting the following:

- Trash bags
- Buckets
- Paint rollers/brushes
- Trowels
- Sponges
- Gloves (outdoor or disposable)
- Rakes
- Tarps
- Any monetary donations to buy paint and supplies

Please email directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com with any questions!

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 I 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 Nicoliar, 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.

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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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Emergency COVID special collection for the Church in India and Brazil to be taken the weekends of **May 29-30 or June 5-6** in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Although the Together in Christ Collaborative will be collecting funds on June 5/6 at all Masses, an online donation form is also available to use:

[www.BostonCatholic.org/
SupportBrazilandIndia](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/SupportBrazilandIndia)

Please help the people of these countries who are desperately suffering the effects of COVID.

BOY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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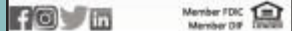
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