



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

JUNE 13 2021

**THE ELEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



11th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

*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 12, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, June 13, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, June 19, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday June 20, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 12, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 13, 2021

10:30 - Peter Nee — Month’s Mind

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, June 19, 2021

5:30 - Robin Pearson — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Weekly Offertory

May 25 - May 31, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 932

Mail \$ 990

Mass \$ 1,379

TOTAL \$ 3,301

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 80

Mass \$ 1,526

TOTAL \$ 1,606



JUNE 14
FLAG DAY

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, my family never began a meal without “saying grace”. When the food was ready and on the table, and everyone was seated, we would offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God “for the bounty we are about to receive” (using the “old school” grace!). It is a small gesture, but one which can bear great fruit. Evidence came of this when I was out to dinner recently and engaged in this practice. A fellow diner at a nearby table commented that it “did his heart good” to see that some people aren’t afraid to express their faith publicly. As I say, it’s a small gesture, but sometimes the smallest acts can bear the greatest benefits.

Isn’t that the way it is with God? Jesus uses two parables today, the “parable of the sower” and the “parable of the mustard seed”. While the latter image is the one we tend to remember, we shouldn’t lose sight of the first story. In the parable of the sower, the one who scatters the seed doesn’t see immediate results. This can cause frustration, confusion and anger. One can lose heart, and think that God isn’t working in our lives. Patience is the key; if we persevere, we will see results. In the story of the mustard seed, the adage that “good things come in small packages” might come to mind. It is often from small, humble beginnings that great growth can occur. One only need look at the Savior to see that thought come to bear; it was from the small town of Nazareth (a town so small, it probably didn’t warrant a mention on the map) that the great King comes forth into the world. One cannot underestimate potential growth, no matter how humble the beginning.

In “cultivating” our faith, we must exhibit both patience and perseverance. If we allow God to work in our lives and if we “stay the course”, then amazing things can happen and God’s glory can come shining forth into the world. If we look to God to place in our hearts a spirit of patient endurance, then we can hold out until the end and receive the reward of the just, the Kingdom of God. May we pray for these gifts so that God may work in our lives. May we come to know that God is at work in our lives so that our lives may “bear great fruit”.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

One of the first questions people ask when I tell them about my Franciscan “walk” is “So, are you becoming a Franciscan?”. My answer to this question is “Yes...and No”.

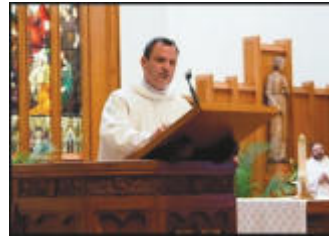
As a Diocesan Priest, my calling is to the people in the parish(es) that I serve. I have been privileged to serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston for 26 years, having been ordained in 1995 and ministering to communities in North Reading, Weymouth, Dorchester, Pepperell/Groton (where I was first called to be a Pastor), and (currently) in East and West Bridgewater. Throughout this time, I have served under two Archbishops (to whom I pledged fidelity at my ordination) and will continue to do so during this journey of formation and discernment, which is not unlike the formation/discernment which I undertook in seminary, and beyond into “Profession”.

The difference with this formation is that I do so with an eye towards broadening, not replacing, my ministerial call. Along with my diocesan responsibilities, through formation and upon “Profession” to the Secular Franciscan Order I will add on to those responsibilities with the duties, responsibilities, and opportunities to serve, as a Secular Franciscan. These duties include attending monthly formation meetings with fellow Franciscans, participating in Franciscan-based endeavors such as retreats and seminars, and applying what I learn in formation and on retreat to my everyday life and ministry. In this way it is a “both/and” rather than an “either/or” proposition. Within the ranks of the Secular Franciscan Order, we have both lay men and women and (diocesan) clergy; I am certainly not the first priest, nor will I be the last one, to give Profession to the SFO. Historically, several priests, bishops, and even popes have been Secular Franciscans; among them were St. John Vianney, Fr. Edward Flanagan (founder of Boys’ Town), St. Francis de Sales, St. Charles Borromeo, Pope St. John XXIII, and Pope St. Pius X. Along with them, lay men and women have also been called throughout the centuries (and continue to be called) to serve God in this way, applying the teachings of the Secular Franciscan Order to their everyday lives and vocations. Again, for them, it is a case of “both/and” rather than “either/or”, espousing and witnessing to their co-workers, neighbors, and family the teachings of Ss. Francis and Clare.

The time which I have been in formation has been amazing! I truly feel that I have been called by God to “walk with Francis and Clare” in this way, and I believe that my Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order will only enhance my calling to (Diocesan) Priesthood. Since those days in Assisi, the Lord has sent signs to me that He is calling me to journey in faith in this way, and I pray that He will continue, through the intercession of Ss. Francis and Clare, to show to me the ways of living in and sharing His love for His people in this latest chapter of my faith journey. Until next time...

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Good
(a traditional Franciscan closing)),

Fr. Paul



The Deacon’s Corner

Deacon Chris Connelly

St. Joseph Dares Us to Dream

Many of us have vivid dreams while others can barely

remember that they even had them. Some of us try to find meaning to our dreams. What does it mean if you dream about falling? What does it mean to dream that your teeth are falling out? What does it mean if you dream about . . . (you fill in the dream)?” Are there meanings behind our dreams and or nightmares?

The ancient Hebrews believed that God could speak to us and inspire us through our dreams. In the book of Genesis, Jacob’s son Joseph was known as an interpreter of dreams. In a well-known story in the Bible, the pharaoh was losing sleep over the nightmares he was having. When the pharaoh learned that a prisoner of Egypt was known for correctly interpreting dreams, he summoned Joseph and told him the content of his dreams. Joseph was able to interpret the dreams and through them help the pharaoh prepare Egypt for a famine that was about to hit the land. Joseph was rewarded by the pharaoh by being released from the jail and given care over the entire kingdom as chief steward.

In Matthew’s gospel we meet a distant but direct relative of the Joseph in Genesis. This Joseph was also a son of Jacob and this Joseph also had dreams. Joseph had dreams of a future with his beloved Mary. He had hopes and dreams of forging a future with Mary. He dreamed of having a family and a home. These dreams were turned into nightmares when he learned that his beloved Mary was pregnant—and he was not the father. Yet, we are told that Joseph was a righteous man and when an angel appeared to him in a dream to inform him that Mary was faithful and that the child born through her was to be the savior of the world, Joseph dared to dream again and took Mary into his home. When the angel appeared to Joseph a second time to move to Egypt to avoid Herod, Joseph dared to dream and trusting in God and moved. And finally, when the angel appeared a third time to inform him that it was safe to return home, Joseph dared to dream a new dream and moved back to Nazareth where he raised Jesus as his own beloved Son.

Joseph was a righteous man. He loved the Lord and was open to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. Though Joseph did not have a special grace like Mary to receive God’s word, he was a righteous man and he dared to dream about a new future filled with faith, hope, and love. Because Joseph dared to dream, Jesus was given a home where he was able to grow in wisdom and understanding. My dear friends, as we continue to celebrate this special year dedicated to St. Joseph, dare to dream about a future that is filled with grace, light, and hope. When you find your self lost or if you think the dreams of your future have been scattered, turn to St. Joseph and with his help, dare to dream!

This Week in Ministry

6.14.21-6.20.21

Together in Christ Collaborative Volunteer Clean Up!



First Clean Up Day Saturday June 19th!

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

These initial clean up days will be:
Saturday, June 19th 10-2pm at St. John's

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-ticclean>

Saturday, June 26th 10-2pm at St. Ann's

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-ticclean1>

Sunday, June 27th 1-5pm at St. Ann's

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ABA92FA4F58-ticclean3>

Busy those days or unable to physically participate? Any donations are appreciated! We're looking for:

- 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!

Happy Father's Day!

Starting with Joseph, we have all been given some wonderful father-figure role models in our lives. Whether they're our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sons, friends, or neighbors, let us take the time this weekend to thank and pray for all those loving, patient, strong, and kind men who have shaped who we are.

"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

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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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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:

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

Gift cards are also a great help.

\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.



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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/>.

MONIES ARE NEEDED FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT SAINT ANN'S THREE BUILDINGS.

WE HAVE LEAKS IN THE PARISH CENTER, SHINGLES MISSING ON THE RECTORY ROOF, AND WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BY THE STEEPLE ON THE CHURCH.

THESE REPAIRS WILL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$5500

ANY EXTRA MONEY YOU CAN SPARE FOR THE REPAIRS OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATE.

PLEASE MARK YOUR DONATION

“ROOF REPAIRS”.

WE WILL KEEP A RUNNING TOTAL OF DONATIONS until we meet our goal.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL SEAN

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

The following tools can be used within your networks, to raise their awareness and urge Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs

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