



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
June 18, 2023*



The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“
IN THE
TWILIGHT
OF OUR LIFE,
WE SHALL
BE JUDGED
ACCORDING
TO LOVE.”

YOUNG SAINT

- ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

FATHER'S DAY
WE ARE
GUIDED
IN LOVE

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

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

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano
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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

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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ON FRIDAYS**

**DURING THE
MONTHS OF
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AUGUST**

**DUE TO FISCAL
CONSTRAINTS**

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 17, 2023 -

4:00 — David LaCouture — Memorial

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:30 - All Fathers

Saturday, June 24, 2023

4:00 — James Holland — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 25, 2023

9:30 — Manuel Davares & Family — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 - All Fathers

11:30 - All Fathers

6:15 - Joseph & Maria Deandrade — Memorial

Sunday June 25, 2023

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

11:30 - All parishioners who have lost loved ones

6:15 - Yvonne Blaus — Memorial

**PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE
BOTTOM HALF OF THE MINISTRY
PAGE— PAGE 4— Regarding the Mass
Schedule.**



Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.
You are our model of a loving father.
When we fail and fall short of your expectations,
you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day
and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world
as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with
their children.
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.
Provide them with the words needed for encouragement
and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Many of us have/had a complicated relationship with our fathers. My father was a bit of an enigma, being tough externally but a bit sentimental in those rare moments when he let his guard down and we saw his “true self”. Even with this dichotomy, I saw my father as a loving caring husband, father, and grandfather. I make this observation not only as we celebrate Father’s Day, but as we look at today’s readings.

In our first reading, Moses stands before us a “father figure” who is called to lead the Israelites from bondage to the freedom of the Promised Land. While he would not see that work come to fruition (as Aaron is the one who will lead the people ultimately to freedom), Moses serves the “chosen people”, the Israelites, through the initial difficulties of escape from Egypt and into the first experiences of freedom from Pharaoh. It is through the leadership, the “fatherhood” (if you will) of Moses that will cause the Israelites to see themselves as “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation” (Exodus 19:6).

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to assist the Apostles in their work of leading the People of God into a new chapter of their relationship with God. While a shepherd isn’t literally a father to his sheep, he acts in a “fatherly” way, in leading, guiding, correcting, keeping them from danger and bringing them to safe and verdant pastures where they will be brought into union with God, here and into the Kingdom.

Let us honor our fathers on this day by praying for them, praying with them, and asking God’s blessings upon them for all that they do for our families. May God bless them richly for all they do, and may they see fullness of days here and, ultimately, in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul



MINISTRY NEWS

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

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Registration for Faith Formation 2023-2024 is now open!

I am happy to announce that registration for faith formation for the fall is now open! Classes will begin on Sunday 9/24 and run through the first week of May. The schedule remains roughly the same, but there are some adjustments based on your feedback and the current Mass schedule. The 2023-2024 schedule is as follows:

Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9 and 10
Sundays 8:20-9:20 @ St. Ann	Sundays 5:00-6:00 @ St. Ann	Sundays 7:15-8:15 @ St. Ann
Mondays 4:30-5:30 @ St. Ann	Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John	(Grades 9 and 10 meet on alternate weeks)
Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 @ St. John		

The registration form can be found on the Faith Formation pages of both parishes' websites or emailed to you by contacting Matt Brady.

A Note about Future Changes to the Mass Schedule

As we journey together in the life of our collaborative, sometimes it takes a bit of trial and error to get things right so that we can best serve the people of both our parishes. That said, we have come to the conclusion that flipping the Mass Schedule every 6 months as we originally planned is impractical and an obstacle to the strengthening of our community as first outlined in our collaborative Pastoral Plan, prior to Covid and reaffirmed in the suggestions made at last year's brainstorming sessions. Therefore, we have made the decision that we will only flip the schedule once a year, which will take place on Memorial Day Weekend starting next year. This means that with the exception of the 6:15 Mass, the current schedule will remain in place until May 25/26, 2024. The 6:15 Mass will return to St. Ann on October 1st and remain there permanently so it can be used as our Teen Mass for our middle and high school students.

We realize some of you will be upset that this means that "your" Mass will not be returning to "your" church with the start of Advent as you expected; but as a collaborative community of two churches, we are called to join together to celebrate the Eucharist which is at the heart of our faith. Our rationale for making this decision is not about Mass locations, but about how we engage with you and all our parishioners outside of Mass and invite you to participate in the life of our community. We will be continuing the monthly Family Masses we started last year during the upcoming school year, and that is only possible if the 9:30 Mass and Sunday morning faith formation class are at the same location. We also plan on expanding the opportunities for us to gather after Mass for refreshments to cover each of the Masses and increasing adult formation activities beyond our current Wednesday night Bible Study. And the fall will also mark the return of altar servers (though we do appreciate the willingness of our lectors and eucharistic ministers for bearing this responsibility!).

Please feel welcome to reach out to either of us if you have any questions about why we have made this decision. We are happy to explain it and hear your comments or questions.

- Fr. Paul and Matt Brady



MY FRANSICAN JOURNEY

Today we celebrate Father's Day. Many of us had/have a complicated relationship with our fathers, which make it challenging for us to love them, or for them to love us, as Christ calls us to do. St. Francis was no exception, and to speak of Francis' relationship as "complicated" would be (I dare say) an understatement.

Not long after St. Francis was called upon by God to "repair my house, which is falling into ruin", Francis, dressed in rough clothing, took precious merchandise from his father's store and sold it to his customers, in order to pay for the rebuilding of the fallen-down chapel. He also sold his father's horse. Francis' father, Peter, would have preferred to see Francis go back to wearing fancy attire and throwing parties for his old chums. He was aghast and embarrassed, moreover, to learn that Francis was often caring for the lepers, who were living in the valley below Assisi.

In response, his father, boiling with rage, dragged Francis before the bishop of Assisi and demanded the return of his property and goods. Francis readily agreed to this. In the hearing of all present, Francis said, "From now on I will no longer say, My Father Peter Bernadone, but Our Father who art in heaven." Francis gave back to his father not only his property and goods, but the money and all his clothes as well. Francis carefully placed his clothing on the ground. The bishop, admiring Francis' fervor, drew him into his arms and covered him with his mantle. The bishop understood that Francis' actions were inspired by God—and were part of God's way of leading Francis into an amazingly new form of life. Francis' heart was overflowing with joy. His heavenly Father had set him free of all attachment to earthly things.

Francis was now ready to serve the Lord simply and without fear. For all who follow St. Francis of Assisi today, this kind of poverty and detachment can lead to the freedom to, in St. Matthew's words, become "children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. . . . So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:45, 48). While we most likely will not ever be called upon to make such a break from our (earthly) father(s), we are called to put Our (Heavenly) Father first. This is something which any good father would understand. It was something my own father understood when I said "yes" in response to God's calling to priesthood for me. Until his dying day, my (earthly) father was my strongest supporter in priesthood, something for which I will be eternally grateful.

Whatever our relationship with our (earthly) father, whether smooth or rocky, let us call upon Our (Heavenly) Father to bless our biological fathers, whether they be here with us on earth or if they have been called Home to the Kingdom.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

The Collaborative needs help for the summer. Can you help?

Mass Needs:

4:00 & 8:00 – Ushers, Greeters,

9:30 – Lectors

11:30 – Ushers, Greeters

6:15 – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers Ushers, Greeters

Mass

Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

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

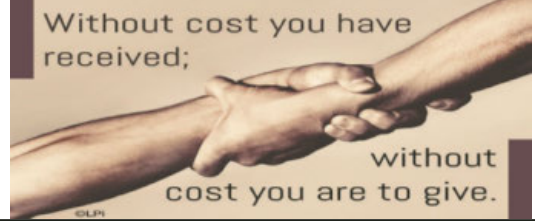


St Ann Prayer Line:

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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicoliar, 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, Irene Churchill, Tom Blanco & 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.***



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Is looking for new members
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**PLEASE CONTACT — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481**

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Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP

**Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's
Bingo**
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP



Please remember to fill out the Registration Form to update our databases.

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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 that large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.

You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers. In Christ's name.

Amen

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