



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

JUNE 20, 2021

**THE TWELFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



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Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th

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Currently we are working from home.

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Father's DAY

Defend, O most watchful guardian
of the Holy Family, the chosen children
of Jesus Christ. —Pope Leo XIII



TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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 19, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday June 20, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, June 26, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, June 27, 2021

8:30 - Bob & Geri Slowey — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 19, 2021

5:30 - Arthur & Phyllis Conrad — Memorial

Sunday, June 20, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, June 26, 2021

5:30 - Robin Pearson — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 27, 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

June 1 - June 7, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 1,004

Mail \$ 1,573

Mass \$ 2,148

TOTAL \$ 4,725

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 890

Mass \$ 3,149

TOTAL \$ 4,039

MONEY IS 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.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,



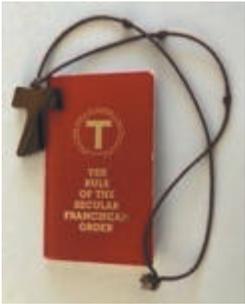
After a trio of “special” holy days (Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi) which transition us out of the Easter Season, we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time. As I’ve said on occasion, Ordinary Time isn’t so named because there’s nothing “special” about it. It is given this designation because these are the weeks that are marked by number (from the Latin, “ordinalis” (numbered)). Truth be told, there is nothing ordinary about what we do here; it is an extraordinary thing to gather as a people of faith each Sunday to worship the Lord. It is a remarkable act of faith to come to believe, profess and live the truth that Jesus has come into the world to give us salvation and that by this act we are redeemed. This past Easter Season was an opportunity to renew our faith and trust in the plan God has for humanity. Hopefully the upcoming summer months will provide an opportunity to further reflect on this goodness of God. We may take a break from studies, from work or from other such day to day activities, but we must never take a vacation from our faith life! Each and every day we have a chance to reflect on and act upon the plan God has for us.

We can, in this reflection, get lost in our own “issues”; we can, as the saying goes, “lose the forest for the trees”. This is the problem of the disciples in today’s gospel passage. They get so caught up in the storm that they forget that Jesus is in their midst. As He rebukes the sea to be quiet (much in the way that He would silence a demon), Jesus shows His mastery and power over even the elements. There is nothing outside the power and purview of Jesus, nothing that He can’t handle. The disciples don’t get it though; they see, believing to some degree, but don’t fully comprehend what is happening. This is, for the disciples in the boat (as well as the hearer/reader of the gospel passage) a test of faith. If they cannot see how Jesus has control over the elements, then how can they (we) see His power over all things? This gospel passage gives an opportunity for all involved (in the passage as well as you and I) to “cement” their belief in the power of God in Christ Jesus.

There comes a point in all of our lives when our faith is tested. At those times, we look within ourselves to see where God is in those moments. It could be like the “Footprints” story that, at our weakest, God was carrying us. It could be that we, like Job (in our first reading), are “tested” by God in spite of our doubt, to help us to realize how truly faithful we are to God’s plan. God does have a plan, despite the shape of our world - which, truth be told, is as much our own doing as anything else (i.e. wars, famine, “man’s inhumanity to man”)! We must be careful not to “lose the forest for the trees”, forgetting that God’s plan is for eternity, not just the here and now. As challenging as this is (to live in eternity), it can be done. We must attune our hearts and minds to live in the surety of God’s love, for it is with this love that all can be accomplished. May we have faith in God’s plan, hope in the coming of the Kingdom and love for all that God has in store for us. May we trust that, despite the challenges inherent in Christian living, we have a future in God’s Kingdom (both here on Earth, as well as the one to come). In this way, we can share this plan of Eternal Life with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

At this point in my Franciscan journey towards Profession and a life-long walk with Ss. Francis and Clare, I am in the midst of studying about the Franciscan way of life and how to incorporate it into my everyday life. While I am not “becoming a Franciscan”, per se, as a Secular Franciscan I will be called upon to use what I read, hear, and learn about Franciscan values. Much like Gospel values, the Franciscan path is one which is as much “lived” as it is “learned”. This is very much in line with the life of a professed Secular Franciscan, as we are called to “Go From Gospel to Life and Life to the Gospel”. So, what does that mean?

Let’s take the first part of the statement: “Go From Gospel to Life...”, and “unpack” that one. The word “Gospel” means “Good News”. The “good news” of the Gospel is that Jesus is Risen and He has won for us “newness of life”, Eternal Life...in a nutshell, Heaven! The Gates of the Eternal Kingdom have been opened up for us. As a Catholic-Christian, this means that we live our lives rooted in the promise made and fulfilled by Jesus that if we walk in His Way, espouse His Truth, and model our lives after His Life, then we have Eternal Life awaiting us, won by God’s Grace. For the Secular Franciscan, it means (as St. Francis, himself, would say) that we would “hear these fragrant words of our Lord Jesus Christ with humility and love, putting them into practice with all gentleness and observing them perfectly” (written by St. Francis in his “Letter to All the Faithful”). This “humility and love” (ibid) is a hallmark of the Franciscan life!

In the second half of the statement, “Life to the Gospel”, we are called to bring our whole selves to living Gospel values, letting the Gospel permeate every part of our life, every fiber of our being. We recognize that we are frail, broken vessels, but that we are “healed” when we approach the Gospel and allow it to take root in us. We do not ignore our brokenness; on the contrary, it is only by bringing our wounded human nature (which is wounded by sin – our own sin, and the sin inflicted upon us) and lay it at the foot of the Gospel, allowing us to receive the healing that only God can give. For the Secular Franciscan, it is that aforementioned “humility and love” (ibid) that allows us to receive the grace, mercy, and power of Christ that is evidenced in the Gospel. When Jesus heals the blind man, He heals US of our blindness. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, He is raising US from death to new life. When we accept this healing with “a humble and contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17), we receive the grace to accept the Gospel as it is – “Good News”. Until next time...

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul



The Deacon’s Corner

Deacon Chris Connelly

St Joseph, Obedient Father

I became a father twenty-five years ago last weekend; I don’t feel twenty-five years older but my knees and back remind that I am. The memory is still fresh in my mind. Just after dinner Jen felt the first real labor pain. Ten hours later, the doctor placed our son into our arms. In an instant my world changed. I was no longer responsible for myself. Nor was I solely vowed to love, honor, respect, and care for my wife. Together, Jen and I were responsible for the physical, emotional, and spiritual care of this little human being. My wife was teaching me to love with a husband’s heart and my son was going to teach me to love with a Father’s heart.

Pope Francis in his letter inaugurating the Year of St. Joseph, begins with the words, “With a Father’s Heart: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four gospels refer to as the ‘*son of Joseph*’” (*Patris Corde*, #1). In the same letter, the Pope, highlights the virtues of St. Joseph as a Father. The first virtue he uses to describe Joseph is obedience. Joseph was an obedient Father who not only heard the word of God, but faithfully acted on what he heard. Joseph’s will was in tune with the divine will and he taught this obedience to his son. Recall Jesus’ words in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Father, not my will, but your will be done.” Jesus learned to be obedient from what he observed from Joseph.

Obedience can be a hard virtue to live and embody. I think part of the reason is that we do not like to give up our independence and our own personal autonomy. We want to be in control over our lives and no one can tell us what to do. I think it is helpful to remember that the root of the word obedience, obey, is derived from the Latin verb, *audire*, which means to listen. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans that, “none of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” (14:7-8). The Christian vocation is about loving the other as Christ loves us. To love in this way, we need to grow in the virtue of listening. Understanding obedience as a form of listening, obedience helps us become attentive to the needs of others. Obedience helps us to anticipate the needs of others and act in kind. Obedience helps us to trust in another human person and to hope in God. Obedience helps us form the bonds of self-less and sacrificial love. Obedience helps us to act in ways that are truly Christian.

Listening and responding to our children cry at night can teach us to be attentive to the non-verbal signs others give when they need help. Listening to our children’s sorrow can teach us how to forgive each other of our sins. Listening to our children’s laugh can teach us how to share each other’s joy. Listening to each other gives us the opportunity to love Christ as He is manifested in all of God’s children.

On this Father’s Day, may the example of St. Joseph inspire us to grow in the virtue of Christian obedience so that we can hear each other’s needs and love one another “with a Father’s heart.” St. Joseph, model of obedience and patron saint of fathers, pray for us.

This Week in Ministry

6.21.21-6.27.21

Together in Christ Collaborative Volunteer Clean Up!



Next Clean Up Days June 26th and 27th!

Last Saturday's cleanup went wonderfully; thank you to all who donated their time, effort, and supplies!

Our next clean up days will be:

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!

Outdoor Mass Reminder!

Don't forget, we are offering outdoor Masses every Sunday at 6pm!

They alternate parish parking lots every week, so June 27th is at St. John's, July 4th is at St. Ann's, etc. Hope to see you there!

"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

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)

Just announced by Cardinal O'Malley:

June 8, 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “Sine dominico non possumus!” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Cardinal Seán

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, Karen Parenteau & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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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*June 7th and 21st
July *Tues the 6th and 19th*

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