



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 June 30, 2024*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



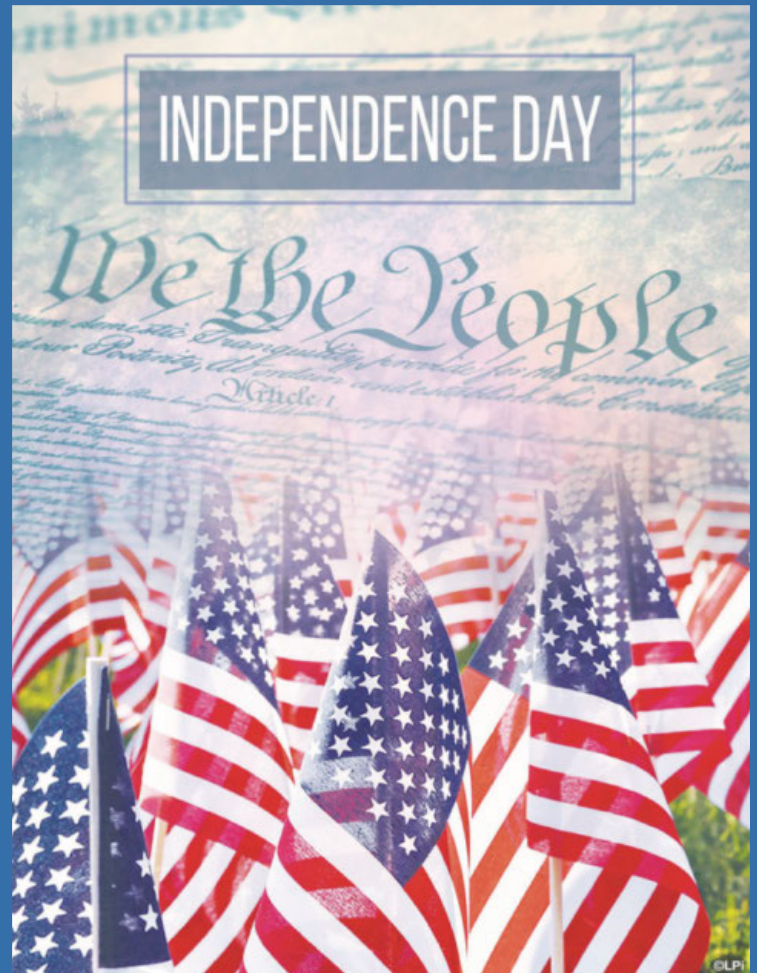
Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

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

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

St John's

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

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

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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 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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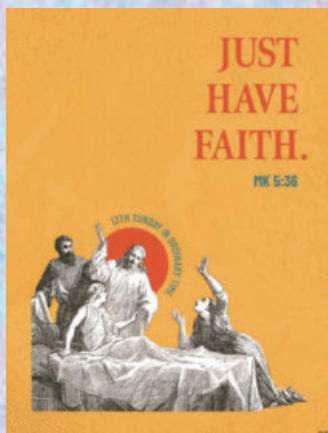
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

My Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the most common questions I'm asked is: "Why does God allow people to die?" (or some variation on that question). Death is, indeed, part of the human condition. As one trained in sociology, I can tell you that (statistically) the death rate for the general population as a whole runs at about 100% - eventually, we all gotta go! I say that "tongue in cheek", of course, but the truth is that for all of us our earthly life will end. Thank God for God however, because for us as Christians, death is not the end. As one preface for the Mass of Resurrection (Funeral Mass) states that for one who follows Christ, "life is changed, not ended" and that "when our earthly life ends, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven". What a comfort that is for us! The gift of everlasting life, won for us in the sacrifice of Jesus, is something on which we can rely.

So where does that place the question of death? Why does it happen? Is it just so that we can (God willing) get into heaven? We read in the Book of Wisdom that "God did not make death" (Wis 1:13); death came into the world through the "envy of the devil" (Wis 2:24). It was through the jealousy that Satan felt towards God that death came into the world; we can look at Adam and Eve, Cain and Able and many such biblical references to see how jealousy plays a part in this. We read further in this passage that "they who belong to his (read: Satan's) company experience it" (Wis 2:24). Since we (who follow Christ) do not belong to Satan's company, we do not experience the fullness of death. Our earthly life may end, but our lives do not end. The cessation of this earthly experience does not affect or hinder our entrance into the Kingdom.

Our God is the Living God, so how could someone who is living promote death? It is simply not possible! Therefore, we take comfort in the fact that Jesus, in calling us home to heaven, is calling us to life – Eternal Life! When Jesus, in today's gospel, commands the little girl "Talitha koum" ("Little girl, I say to you, arise!") (Mk 5:41), this is a command for us as well. It is a charge to believe in, to trust in, the Resurrection. We are to believe not only in the Resurrection of Christ, but in the fact that we will share in a like resurrection. May this, indeed, come to pass for all of us. May we never know death, but share in the fullness of life won for us by Christ Jesus!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:00 - Katherine G. & Frank J. Toland & Family — Memorial

11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

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

11:30 - Brian Landolfi - 6th Anniversary

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 29, 2024

4:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, June 30, 2024

9:30 - Manuel Luz Tavares & Family — 29th Anniv

Saturday, July 6, 2024

9:00 - Margaret Conniff — Memorial

4:00 - George Thomas — 2nd Anniversary

Prayer for Our Government

Dear Lord,

Guide and direct those who serve this country in positions of leadership and power. Give them Your wisdom and clarity as they make decisions for our nation. Amen.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Name the two Sacraments of Service.

Answer: Holy Orders and Marriage.

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MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

Registration for Faith Formation

Registration for faith formation for 2024-2025 is now open! Full details and the registration form can be found on the websites under the Faith Formation tab.

July Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

July 15th at 6:30 pm at St. John

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

Outdoor Mass and Barbecue

Sunday, August 18th
St. John's Back Lawn
4 pm Mass* 5 pm Barbecue

Meal Cost: \$6/person, \$25 max per family
Includes Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, Water, Dessert, Sides

There will be lawn games and more fun!

*Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

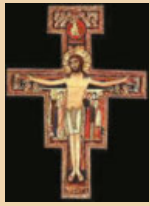
We have a special guest arriving in July who needs a room to rent for two weeks.

Fr. Peter Francis's niece who is a Neurologist is coming to the states to
Work in Cincinnati.

She will be arriving two weeks early to spend time with her uncle.

Does anyone have a spare room to rent to her?

Father Francis would be very grateful.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Last weekend, I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith and Pam and Mark Zamanian (all fellow Franciscans) had the opportunity to travel to Garrison, NY, to attend/take part in the 60th Jubilee of Fr. Ken Cienik, SA (Franciscan Friars of the Atonement). The Friars are the men who staff the Chapel of Our Savior in Brockton. Fr. Ken was the Spiritual Advisor of the Fraternity through which we (myself, Nancy, and Kevin) offered our Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order a little over two years ago.

Fr. Ken was ordained in 1977, and has been Associate Pastor at several US and Canadian parishes and is currently part of the pastoral ministry of the Friars at Chapel of Our Savior in Brockton, Massachusetts. He has directed the vocation ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, led the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center at Graymoor and has been Guardian of St. Paul's Friary at Graymoor. He was associate director of several campus ministries and, Director of the Pre-Theologate program at University of Steubenville in Ohio. He was a military chaplain in 1986 until he retired in 2010 as a Commander in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy Reserve, and he served US troops in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He was awarded a meritorious service medal in 2006 from the President. Father Ken received his bachelor's degree in 1972 from Siena College in Loudonville, NY, and he completed graduate studies at Duquesne University and Washington Theological Union.

Along with being a fellow Franciscan, Fr. Ken has become a wonderful example of priesthood for me and a good friend. Please join me in wishing Fr. Ken a joyful 60th Anniversary. Ad Multos Annos, Fr. Ken!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Perhaps you have noticed the improved appearance of the gardens surrounding St. John's Church. This has been accomplished by a few dedicated parishioners whose mission is to beautify our church. Every plant donated at Easter has been planted in the church yard with the hope of their return next spring. With the help of a few more people, we can accomplish so much more.

This is your church. Let us work together to make improvements that will beautify our place of worship.

If you are willing to help, please contact the collaborative office 508-378-4207 or Janet DiFalco at 508-596-7471.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR Utility Expenses

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR MISC. EXPENSES

Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,
you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,
even if they have not yet found you.
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom,
and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.

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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:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick Rob Levesque & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



Please remember in your prayers:



*Yancy Morin
Eileen Bennett
Louise Ferrari*

*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
Jesus Christ.*



*Please welcome the
following children into our
Collaborative.*

*Hallie Jo Lynch
Jude Gregory Stebenne
Nolan John Sullivan
Orla Alice Perry*

*Pray that this is the first step in a
wonderful journey with God.*

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**

**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
peanut butter, Progresso soups, pasta sauce & brownie
mix are needed.**

Cash donations also accepted

**St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379**

**To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481**

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

**Next meeting: All meetings are suspended for the
Summer. See you in the Fall. Enjoy!!!!**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760**

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

*Monday, July 1, 2024
Monday, July 15, 2024*

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

**The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially
tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal.**

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100



COLLECTING WATER FROM THE SWAMPS



CARRYING THE WATER BACK TO THE PARISH

THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE SANITIZED WATER AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH AND VILLAGE.

SANDCRETE MASTER CONSTRUCTION

No	ITEM	T/AMOUNT IN UGX	AMOUNT IN USD
1.	DRILLING PROCESS	32,000,000	6,388 USD
2.	EXCAVATION/TRENCH WORK	3,431,000	953 USD
3.	SOLAR PANELS	5,450,000	1,513 USD
4.	GRUNDFOS SUBMERSIBLE SOLAR PUMP AND FITTINGS	19,500,000	5,277 USD
5.	PIPE WORKS AND ASSOCIATED FITTINGS 19000M	14,330,000	3,980 USD
6.	WATER TANKS	9,000,000	2,500 USD
7.	CASTING REINFORCED TANK STAND	18,000,000	5,000 USD
8.	TRANSPORT COSTS FOR MATERIALS	2,000,000	555 USD
9.	LABOUR	6,000,000	1,666 USD
TOTAL		100,711,000	27,975 USD

THE ULTIMATE COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$27,975 BASED ON THE FIGURES PROVIDED. THE SURVEYING PROCESS HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW THE NEXT STEP IS TO DRILL FOR WATER. Step #1 in the above chart.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!! THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE WATER PROJECT!

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