



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
July 10, 2022*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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# 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.**

**Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

**St Ann's**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:30 a.m. &**  
**6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass**  
**w/ Drive up option**

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

**Holiday Schedules will vary**

## 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 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 Saint Ann's Church 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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 9, 2022

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday July 10, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

#### Saturday, July 16, 2022

4:00 –Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:30 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 9, 2022

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

#### Sunday July 10, 2022

10:30—For the safety and well-being of teachers, student and families

#### Saturday, July 16, 2022

5:30 - Gordon Ross — 11th Anniversary

#### Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Last Sunday, the Catholic Church in the United States launched [a three-year National Eucharistic Revival](#). No matter where in the world we live, we can receive this moment as a special invitation from Jesus, offered through his Church, for us to encounter him in the Holy Eucharist and open our hearts to his life and love.

In the Eucharist, Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all of you" (see Matthew 11:28). Whatever is fractured and wounded; whatever is doubting and insecure; whatever is striving for a happiness beyond our grasp—all belongs to him. In and through his Eucharistic presence, Jesus wants to make us whole and welcome us into the love he shares with his Father and the Holy Spirit.

And in this grace-filled time of Eucharistic Revival, he asks us: *Do you want this too?*

We are eager to journey with you through this time of revival and renewal in our Church. If you are new to Eucharistic prayer, consider [downloading this Adoration Guide](#) by Sr. Marie Paul and Sr. Kathryn James, or bringing a copy of [Soul of Christ](#) by Sr. Marie Paul with you to your local Catholic church or Adoration chapel. You can also listen to [Season 4, Episode 9 of The Daughters' Project Podcast](#) as three of our sisters reflect on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and what his presence means for us.

May Jesus be your Way, Truth, and Life in these years ahead as you discover (or rediscover) the love and peace he offers you in his Eucharistic presence!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Most of you, by now, know my love of bumper stickers. I read them when I am stuck in traffic (which happens far too often than I'd like!), and they help pass the time. Sometimes, the bumper stickers I read make it into a homily or bulletin column (as is the case today). Recently, I read a bumper sticker that read, "If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us 'The Ten 'Suggestions'". I think the point of the sticker is that the Ten Commandments (the item to which the bumper sticker was alluding) are not merely things we should do, but that we must do (i.e. we are commanded to do them). Jesus, in today's Gospel passage, is asked a question of the law. What is offered is a synthesis of the Commandments (of which there are 613 in the Jewish tradition), namely that you "shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Lk 10:27). This is a correct answer, but it wasn't enough for the scholar; he felt he needed to justify himself, so he took it further. The scholar asked Jesus who his neighbor was, and this is where it gets interesting.

Jesus, always looking for the hearer/reader of Scripture to grow in faith, takes the letter of the law and moves it beyond, to the spirit of the law. It is in the spirit of the law that one can live out the faith proscribed. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us what it means to be "neighbor", to go beyond what is expected, and to move into what is desired, by God. God desires us to extend ourselves beyond that which is comfortable. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man beaten is approached, first by a priest and then by a Levite. The priest avoids the man because he does not want to be rendered impure; the Levite avoids the man because he has no legal obligation to help and so he doesn't.

It is at this point that the Samaritan comes upon the scene. The Samaritan, being an "outsider" (that is, outside the Jewish Community) has no obligation to help this man... but he does so anyway. Beyond helping the man – by dressing his wounds, placing him on his own animal (thus forcing him to walk beside the injured man), and bringing him to an inn and caring for him – he takes it one step further, by letting the innkeeper know that if there is any further expense, he will take care of it on his way back. Why do all of this, if there is no obligation? Because faith isn't about obligation, it's about expectation – what God expects from us. God calls us to go beyond that which is comfortable, to reach out to those in need out of love, to see Christ in the "other" and to be Christ for them.

May we have the courage to act as the Good Samaritan did, by extending ourselves beyond that which is "comfortable" and do what God wishes us to do: to put our faith into action, to "put our money where our mouth is" by putting our faith into action. May we do this without "counting the cost", for we know that the "price is paid" already – by Jesus Christ, Himself.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

### CHANGES IN THE PARISH

The Parishes are returning to the Pre-Covid Format for Masses

That means that we need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, & Ushers  
For every Mass.

If you are interested in any of these position, please call the Rectory and we will sign you up.

**We especially need Greeters & Ushers for the 5:30 Mass as we currently have no one to fill that need.**

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are given the calendar for the month by email. You choose the dates that work with your personal schedules by emailing Debbie or by calling Arlene at 508-586-4880 and they will put your name on the schedule.

Due to our financial situation, a second collection will be taken at each mass to raise the funds for a specific need. The next two weeks will be for  
**Building and Maintenance.**

**Please give of your time and talents to help our parishes!**



**THANK YOU — THANK YOU —  
THANK YOU**

**THE BUILDING & MAINTENANCE  
COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS A BIG  
SUCCESS.**

	<b>6/19</b>	<b>6/26</b>
<b>SAINT JOHN —</b>	<b>\$3020</b>	<b>\$591</b>
<b>SAINT ANN —</b>	<b>\$550</b>	<b>\$932</b>

**If we continue to step up like this, our  
financial situation will be able to see the  
“light of day” sooner than we thought.**

**THE BRAINSTORMING MTG. WAS A HUGH SUCCESS.**

**ABOUT 40 PARISHIONERS FROM BOTH CHURCHES  
ATTENDED AND WERE VERY ENGAGED AND HAD  
BRILLIANT SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MOVE THE  
COLLABORATIVE FORWARD.**

**THE SECOND BRAINSTORMING SESSION WAS ALSO A  
BIG SUCCESS. NOW WE JUST HAVE TO PUT THESE  
IDEAS INTO ACTION!**

**IT TAKES A VILLIAGE TO SPREAD THE WORD  
OF GOD!**

## What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

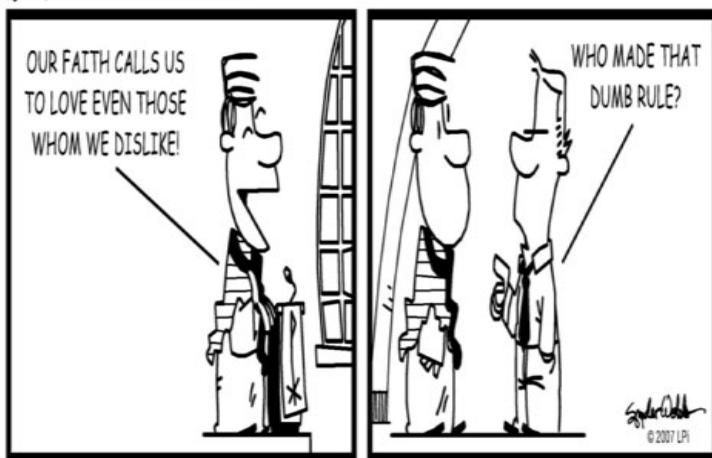
I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus alludes to the fact that as an "itinerant preacher", He has "nowhere to rest his head" (Luke 9:58).

This, Jesus reminds those who would follow Him, is often the cost of discipleship. Jesus and His followers, moving from town to town, would come to rely on the goodness and charity of strangers (many of whom would become disciples). In living this way, the disciples can focus on the mission that Jesus has placed on their hearts. If they don't worry about "worldly" things, they can then focus on "heavenly" things.

This was not always the case in Francis' life, as we know. As a young man, as a "man of the world", Francis was more concerned with status than with simplicity, and with power than with poverty. At the time of his conversion, Francis was single-hearted in his pursuit of knighthood and living in the world. This would all change when he met the leper. Something stirred within him and he was transfixed and ultimately transformed into the "saint" that we know and love. His focus became "other-focused" and it was here that he started to rely on the goodness of others for sustaining his new "lifestyle", which became his life's work and mission. It was here that Francis came to see the Christ in others and became the Christ for others. In doing so, St. Francis realized that he, like Christ Himself, would "have nowhere to rest his head" (ibid). In bringing the Franciscan message to "rebuild the Church", St. Francis would need to rely on others to accomplish this objective. He also utilized this mindset not only to undertake his mission but also to live and survive. He would beg for everything, from stones to bread, relying on the Holy Spirit to move hearts to assist him in this lifelong mission.

How are we called to "live like Francis"? I believe that in this area, we aren't necessarily called to take to the streets and go begging for alms (for ourselves or others). I believe that we are called to use our time, talent, and treasure to "rebuild the Church" (both the physical entity AND the Body of Christ/People of God) and further the Franciscan "ethos" to "live simply so that others may simply live". We can "scale back", we can "downsize", we can do those things that move us towards an attitude of living so that our own personal "footprint" may be lessened and our impact on the world may be heightened. In doing these things, we can "live like Francis".

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Karen McSweeney, Joe Pigeon, Callum Stetson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

### 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

### Summer HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

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.

### THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, July 18 — 3:00—4:30*

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

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

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION  
THIS WEEK AND NEXT  
IS FOR  
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE**

**YOUR GENEROSITY HAS BEEN  
WONDEFUL. THANK YOU.**

### 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](mailto: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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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.

**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  
(508) 510-5274.**

JUST A REMINDER

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR

CONTRIBUTIONS

DOCUMENTED IN THE PARISH RECORDS

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OR THE ON-LINE GIVING PROGRAM**

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PSALM 69

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