

Saint John
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Together in Christ Collaborative

July 12, 2020

The 15th Sunday n Ordinary Time

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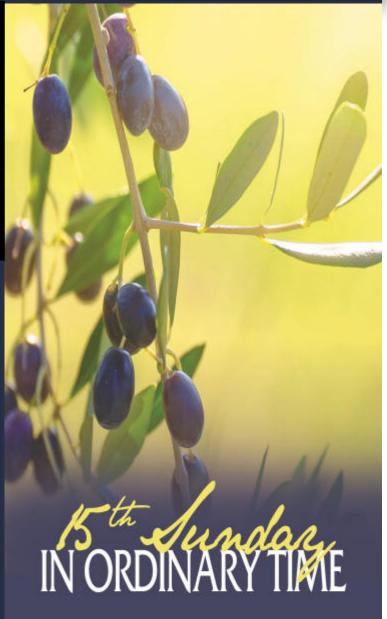
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Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th
For both Churches



"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule
Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Chapel
Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

St Ann's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule
Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m. in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED

ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR GROUP GATHERINGS.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/ Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/ Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Observances for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Henry

Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday:

Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Ann's)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann's)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. John's)



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old expression that states that one is to "grow where you are planted". If one were to "Google" this phrase, they would come up with over sixteen *million* entries (16.3, to be exact!)! A quick scan of the topic shows that most of them have to do with gardening, giving the best "tips" on how to get the most out of your plants, fruits, and vegetables; some, however, speak on what Jesus is getting at, that for one to grow and flourish in one's faith, good "soil" is needed.

Jesus explains the parable effectively enough to His disciples (and to those whose ears are open to hearing what He has to say) that it would be foolish for me to "re-invent the wheel", as it were and try and "top" Jesus. So, where does one go from here? I think if this parable (or any parable, for that matter) is to have any meaning for us, we have to apply it to the "here and now". In our modern age, we can think that we know all there is to know about "the Evil One", as Satan is referred to in this passage. That would be a mistake, and a deadly one at that! The challenge with Satan is that he is always "reinventing" himself to suit the present age. The tricks, ruses and guises that he used back in the time of Jesus are not, of course, the same ones he uses today, for he knows that they wouldn't work on us. The temptations which Satan uses are, in theory, the same: it is the mode and methods he uses which change. Take the internet, for example. The world-wide web can be an effective tool for communication, teaching and learning. The fact that my bulletin column is available online is proof of that! That same form of transmitting knowledge, however, can be used for less-than-noble purposes – thus the dilemma. Do we *not* use the web? Of course not; for most that would be highly impractical. We would do well to be careful, however, in how we use this tool to its most effective manner. It can be that "good ground" (which bears good fruit), but it can also be that "rocky" or "thorny" soil (which "chokes off" any good which is found in the good seed of faith).

Jesus invites "whoever has ears ought to hear" (Mt 13:9), meaning you and I. May we have open ears, and hearts, to take in the gospel message. May we be that "rich soil" (Mt 13:8), receptive to the Word of God, taking in the "good seed" that is the Word. May we have the courage to share the Good News with all whom we meet!

Have a "Fruitful" Week,

Fr. Paul

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

A Message of Farewell from Paul Hoffman



The Together in Christ Collaborative wishes Paul a very happy and successful tenure at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

We will miss Paul's musical talents and his ability to build musical confidence in the adults and children who join his choirs and his musical choices. He will be sorely missed as a parishioner, choir director, music director and colleague.

God Bless and take care. Please don't forget to stop by and say "Hello".

Dear Saint John's Community and the Together in Christ Collaborative,

A new step in my career path is before me and I have chosen to take that step. I have accepted the position of Music Director at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Bridgewater. I only regret that this next step takes me away from this beautiful community that has been my spiritual home for the past fourteen years. It has truly been a blessing to worship with you and lead your music ministry program. The talent and dedication of the cantors, choir members, and musicians here are a blessing. They serve this collaborative well and should make you all proud. I know how exceedingly proud I am of them. It has been a privilege to know and work with them!

As your music director I have been witness to great moments of joy from the weddings, First Communions and Confirmations we've celebrated together. I have also witnessed profound moments of heartache and grief at the loss of our friends who have gone before us. I have watched the children from our choir program grow and mature into amazing and inspiring young adults. I have seen my own children receive sacraments here and participate in the life of this parish. Please know that I will be carrying so many beautiful and meaningful memories with me in my heart.

Thank you for accepting me, befriending me, supporting me and believing in me throughout these years. It has been your faith in me that has allowed me to thrive in this work. Please keep me in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

Faithfully Yours,

Paul Hoffman

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, 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, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, , Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

WHILE OUR SUNDAY MASS HAS GONE 'LIVE', THE DISPENSATION FROM COMMUNION IS STILL IN EFFECT. SUNDAY/DAIY MASS IS STILL ON LINE AND CAN BE VIEWED ON:

CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS EWTN — CHANNEL 238 is also broadcasting masses.

Fr. Paul is conducting Daily Masses and a Holy Hour/Rosary on Facebook Live.

FR. PAUL'S FACEBOOK PAGE — Paul Ring ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PG —St. John the Evangelist—EB

ST ANN'S FACEBOOK PAGE - St. Ann - WB

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)

Daily mass aires live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at www.WatchtheMass.com

Visit http://www,catholictv.org/

1515 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544 East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help. The only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above. **Gift cards are also a great help.**

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

Anyone sitting at home bored who would like to help; call the hotline. The Food Pantry could use all the help it can get. Please make sure you have a mask and gloves. They will put you to work and keep you as safe as they can.

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, July 20TH

For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to www.stjohneb.org
- Click on tab across the top "Giving"
- Go to "Click Here to Give Online"

We recommend setting up an account by selecting "Sign In" at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select "Give Now."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." The Lord's goodness dwells in our marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA and Oct 16-18, 2020 in TBD, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address: P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379



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

JOURNEY TO PEACE: TRUE BLESSEDNESS

The Way to Peace

We know that God is with us in all things. We know the Kingdom of God is where our hearts and souls are most at home. Yet we still manage to *think* in very earthly ways, to reduce everything to our narrow understanding of life

Like the woman who called out to Jesus, our minds are still tethered to earth, to what we can see with our eyes. But true peace comes from hearing the Word of God, true happiness comes from understanding what God is tell-

ing us in Scripture, and true love comes from *living* what we hear and understand.

If we want to quell anxiety, fear, tiredness, or distraction; if we want to heal pain, anger, grief, or distress, then the way to peace is through reading the Word and hearing it with our hearts. God will always give us what we most need when we most need it.

Take a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths, remembering that in this very moment you are under the gaze of God, who knows and loves you totally.

Bring to mind some obstacle between you and union with God. It could be something that you're worried or unsure about. It could be a problem, a task, or responsibility. It could be anything.

A reading from the Word of God:

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" (Luke 11:27-30, NRSV).

Ask yourself: How is Jesus responding to this woman? How does he show there is more than what's on the surface?

Notice what arises within you. It could be a feeling, an image, a word, a memory, anything.

Slow down and wait for this feeling, image, or word to become clearer for you. Become fully aware of it and sit with it for a few moments.

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Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) **speak to that Divine Spirit**, saying: O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that you desire of me and to accept all that you permit to happen to me. Let me only know your will. (Cardinal Mercier's Prayer to the Holy Spirit)

After a few moments of stillness, return to the obstacle that was bothering you and see how it may have shifted, even subtly.

Again, slow down and wait for an image, word, or feeling to come into awareness that perfectly expresses what is at the core of your present experience.

Place your feelings and thoughts in a package... and hand it to Jesus.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, grant me the gift of understanding your word and applying it to my life. Widen my vision beyond my own small world to embrace with knowledge and love the worlds of others. Help me, Lord, to always see you at work in my own life and in the lives of others. Bless me with insight, acceptance, and love that is tempered by you who are all things to all people. Help me to understand, blessed Lord. Amen.

End your time of prayer with an Our Father, entrusting all your needs and feelings to God.

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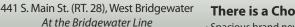
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