



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 17, 2022*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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For both Churches

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**THE LORD IS
NEAR TO THE
BROKENHEARTED**

PSALM 34:18

United in prayer with the
community in Highland Park, IL



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is need of only one thing."
- Lk 10:42

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 16, 2022

4:00 –Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:30 - For the safety and well-being of all people from random violence

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

Saturday, July 23, 2022

4:00 — Christine Cole

Sunday July 24, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 16, 2022

5:30 - Gordon Ross — 11th Anniversary

Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:30 - For the safety and well-being of all people from random violence

Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday July 24, 2022

10:30—Jean M. Lyons — 25th Anniversary



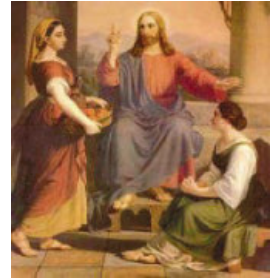
Saint Ann and Saint John will be implementing the ability to give the gift of The Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Light for the week's liturgies donated in the memory of a loved one.

Please call the Rectory to book the week you would like at the church of your choice.— Saint Ann's or Saint John's.
Suggested offering \$30



ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS for 2022 Sunday Masses

Each weekend you have the opportunity to donate the weekend arrangement on the altar in memory of loved ones. The flower arrangement will be the one piece placed in front of the main altar. The name of your loved one will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The parish makes arrangements for the flowers. The donation is \$75



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The gift of hospitality is a multi-layered one. On one level, there is the act of opening up one's home to family, friends, or strangers (who are usually acquainted with those aforementioned family or friends). On another level, hospitality usually means offering food and/or drink to anyone who comes in. In any event, there is a "burden" put upon the host/hostess when one opens up one's home.

In today's first reading, Abraham has come upon him three strangers. Immediately, Abraham offers them all the comforts of home: water, rest, and food. In offering hospitality, Abraham (along with his wife, Sarah) is rewarded with the promise that by that time next year, Abraham and Sarah will be gifted with a son (and they are, their son Isiah). Hospitality, in this case, has the reward of new life for Abraham and Sarah.

In our gospel passage, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home. In this short, but powerful passage, there is a distinct difference in how Martha and Mary act during Jesus' time with them. Martha is the more "active" of the two, but Mary isn't exactly sitting around doing nothing (despite Martha's protestations to the contrary). Mary has, in fact, "chosen the better part" (Lk 10:42) according to Jesus. This admonition by Jesus isn't meant as a rebuke (although some may take it as such) inasmuch as it is a recognition of the importance of the "ministry of presence" in which Mary finds herself engaged. One of my favorite (and one of the most important) things that I do when I'm in front of the Blessed Sacrament (either in church or in my "home chapel") is to just "be"...to be in the presence of the Lord, not saying or doing anything, but just "being" in God's presence. Mary's gift of being "present" to the Lord isn't unnoticed and is recognized as that "better part" (ibid); what Martha is doing is important, but Mary's attentiveness to Jesus is more important at this moment.

How do we show hospitality to one another? Are we so busy *doing* that we forget that sometimes just *being* is enough of a gift, often times the best gift of all. May we have the courage to listen to that voice of God that says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). May we respond to that voice by just being present to one another. May God bless our faithfulness in this "ministry of presence", and may He reward us with those things that help us to grow in faith, hope, and love.

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul

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. Thank you to those who have contacted the office to volunteer.

We are still in need of more people so 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!

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THANK YOU — THANK YOU —
THANK YOU

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

7-3-22
SAINT JOHN — \$1,126
SAINT ANN — \$ 782

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

GOT ANY IDEAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
IMPELMENTED IN OUR PARISHES?

COULDN'T MAKE THE BRAINSTORMING MEETING?

No worries, please contact Nancy Goggin to share your ideas!!

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THE DEACON'S COLUMN

“This is my body broken for you.”

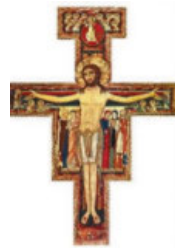
Why does Jesus offer his life for the salvation of the world? Why does he allow his body, mind, and soul, to be battered, beaten, and broken? These are deep and powerful questions that many people ask. For others, the fact that the Father in heaven allows his Son to be abused in horrific ways is a challenge to their faith. Yet, one of the most recognizable images of the Catholic Church and the communion we share as members of Christ's body is the crucifix. Why is this? The spiritual reality is that Christ's body was broken and fractured upon the cross so that he could gather the broken and fractured human family. Human beings abused their freedom and sinned. As we know from our own experience, sin breaks communion, breaks relationships, and fractures social harmony. In contrast, the sacrificial gift of Christ on the cross, restores communion, reconnects broken relationships, and restores social harmony and peace. The Christian community is unified into one body because Jesus chose to allow his own body to be broken for us. This is the Christian paradox—by being broken for us, Christ unites us and brings us into communion with him and with each other. This unity is reflected in the fraction rite.

After the sign of peace, the priest takes the host, breaks it, and places a small piece of the host into the chalice containing the blood of Christ. As the priest breaks the bread and places a piece of the host in the chalice he says the following words quietly under his breath, “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.” As the priest is breaking the host and saying these words, the choir leads the community in the Lamb of God, singing, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the earth, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.”

In John's Gospel, the very first time John the Baptist sees Jesus, he points to Jesus and says, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. (1:29)” This is an allusion to the Passover lamb who is sacrificed to save the people from the Angel of Death. And, later in John's Gospel, Jesus is crucified on the day of preparation for Passover when all the sacrificial lambs are being sacrificed for the upcoming Passover meal. John the Evangelist is clearly identifying Jesus as the Lamb that was broken so that those who eat the flesh of the lamb and marked by its blood would be saved from eternal and spiritual death.

This small ritual during the communion rite suggests a profound truth about the Christian life. The life of Christ and the pledge of eternal life can only be shared if we allow ourselves to be broken alongside of others. Recently, at the Eucharistic Congress, Bishop Mark O'Connell reflected on this image during the homily at the Mass ending the Year of the Eucharist. One day while caring for his father, he noted how his once strong and muscular father was frail and bony. While he was tending to his father and noticing his frail and broken body, the words of the Mass were heard on Catholic TV, “This is my body, which is given for you.” I was brought to tears as the bishop connected the sacrifice of Christ to the sacrifices reflected in the body and person of his father who gave his life in loving sacrifice to his wife, son, and family.

Numerous times in the gospel, Jesus says, “if you wish to be my disciple, you must take up your cross and follow me.” How do we enter the sufferings of others? How do we make gifts of ourselves for the sake of our loved ones and friends?



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today's readings speak of “service”... service to the stranger, service to our brothers and sisters, service to Christ. St. Francis lived a radical life of service after his conversion. Francis, was ordained as a Deacon. Never a priest. And he LIVED his Diaconate in every sense of the work *Diakonos*... **service**. Francis lived a life of radical hospitality. He welcomed all, strangers, Muslim, Christian, woman, child, etc as Christ. Ever since his encounter with the poor beggar man, wherein Francis gave him his cloak, Francis lived a life for others. He lived his life as an *alter Christus* (another Christ).

Francis had a great love for the Church, he had a great love for the people of God, a great love for the Liturgy in all its splendor, and he had a great love for beauty. Francis lived the radical hospitality, which the Gospel demands with such fervor that he saw God's presence in the beauty of each part of Creation. Whether it be Sister Moon, Brother Wolf, Sister Breeze, Brother Leo, Sister Clare, or even Sister Death... *from whom no mortal can escape*. Francis saw the presence of God, the *incarnation* of Christ in every living being. He lived the mystery of the Incarnation, because he honored Christ's presence, wherever and whenever he found it.

Francis was joyful. There's no doubting that. Read any commentary you ever could on him, watch Bishop Robert Barron's *The Pivotal Players* episode on him (I HIGHLY RECOMMEND DOING SO) and you will see a man, faced with trials, with sin, with struggles, yet as he walked he sang. As he received he gave. As he lived, so he loved.

Francis abandoned the pleasures of the flesh, the pleasures of the world, because he had seen that only Christ, could provide what he needed. He had fallen deeply and madly in love with the Bridegroom of the Church, and sought to offer his own life with Christ to the glory of God the Father. Francis embraced his trials. He received the Stigmata. He founded religious communities. He created the first “living” Nativity Scene. He rebuilt physical church buildings. He prayed often. He went away to quiet places for retreats. He stirred up the ardor of faith in men of no faith. He loved without being loved in return. Why? Because he embraced the Radical Hospitality of the Gospel. He embraced a life of joy. He embraced Christ, present in all of humanity and creation, with all of its boils, warts, pimples, scars, etc. because he saw the beauty of the Creator within.

St. Francis of Assisi, lived a life of radical surrender to the workings of the Spirit. He lived a life of radical hospitality and love. He lived a life of joy as he embraced the cross. May we have the strength and courage to do the same.

Pax et Bonum,
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, Kay 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. 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.



St VINCENT DE PAUL
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com
P O Box 474
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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.

**We are in the process of cleaning up the lists
Of parishioners enrolled in the
Waltz Company Envelope System**

**If you have not used your envelopes for a while
You will be removed from the list
To save money.**

This will become effective the next cycle.

WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER
SAINT ANN — 508-586-4880
SAINT JOHN — 508-378-4207

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY—JULY 30TH — ST. ANN —9:00 am—2:00 PM —
AUGUST 20TH—ST JOHN**

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Small electronics items:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.

Appliances:

Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove.\$20 Microwave,...\$10(small) Large \$20
Lawn mowers, Ex. Equipment .\$20 Snow blowers..\$40
TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ...\$20.00 ea
27"- 35" ...\$25.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$40.00 ea
Ac,Dehumidifier...\$20, Refrigerators..\$20(dorm) \$40 Large
Gril,20,Empty propane tank \$10. \$10 weight sets...\$10

No charge on these items :Keyboards, Car Batteries , Cables, wire and cell phones.

Also included:

Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.

Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain,Road,BMX, Cruiser, (Old to current)/New, Kids, etc.

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