



St. John the Evangelist

**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

JULY 18, 2021

**THE SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**



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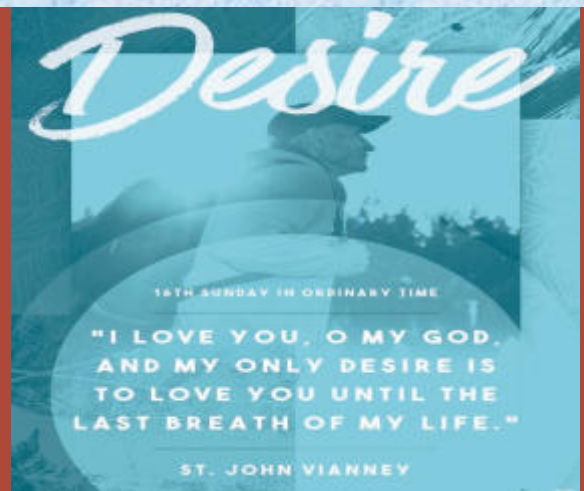
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34



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, July 17, 2021

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday July 18, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, July 24, 2021

4:00—William Looney — Month’s Mind

Sunday, July 25, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 17, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, July 18, 2021

10:30 - John J. McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Rem.

Saturday, July 24, 2021

5:30 - Manuel Amaral — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, July 25, 2021

10:30 - Linda Dorrer — 1st Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As a priest, I am “required” to take an annual retreat. I put that word in quotes because while it is a requirement, I always look forward to going on retreat and of renewing my relationship with God and I always come back refreshed and revitalized. One of my favorite places to go (on retreat) is on the Jersey Shore to a Redemptorist-run retreat house whose motto is “Where God and Sea Come Together”. It is a special place, one where I always reconnect with God.

The disciples are invited by Jesus to find themselves a “deserted place and rest a while” (Mk 6:31), so that they can “recharge” their “spiritual batteries”. As it turns out they can’t even do that, for the people who had been following them see them leave and get to the place where the disciples are headed to before them! Their need for spiritual nourishment was so great that they couldn’t let the disciples out of their sight. Jesus sees this and His heart is moved with pity; He begins to teach them, which leads Him to perform the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mk 6:35-44, which follows this gospel passage). Jesus sees (and meets) not only the spiritual but the physical need of the people, so great is His love for the people. The disciples help in this effort, so attuned were they to Jesus’ ministry and their own part in it.

There are times when we need to “retreat”, to remove ourselves from the everyday experiences of our lives. We can do this for a dedicated period (such as a “retreat week”), or a little each day or week (which might be the only time for some). I truly believe that as followers of Jesus, He calls us to do this. If we don’t avail ourselves to be “filled” with God’s love, Jesus’ presence and the Holy Spirit’s power, then we are shortchanging ourselves. We need time for ourselves so that we can make time for others; we need to “fill up” (with grace) so that we can be “emptied” (sharing those graces with others).

May we have the presence of mind to attune our hearts, our minds, our very lives to the voice of Jesus when He calls us to come away to that deserted place (wherever it may be). May we come to know Jesus as Savior and friend in these moments. May we live out our call to serve others by first being filled with God’s love and grace. Finally, may we look for opportunities to “retreat” (even if only for a little while), so that God may reveal His plan for us, for our brothers and sisters, for our Church and for the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

**Weekly Offertory
June 22 - June 28, 2021**

ST ANN
Online N/A
Mail \$1,711
Mass \$3,610

ST JOHN
Online \$1,277
Mail \$ 593
Mass \$1,711

TOTAL \$4.820

TOTAL \$3,581

	DONATIONS FOR ROOF REPAIRS:	
	NEEDED	\$5,395
	DONATED	\$1,400
	This week (\$730)	



The Pontifical Mission Societies of Boston is looking to grow our *One Family in Mission!* We are looking for a well-qualified, Administrative Assistant to work 18 hours a week at our office in the Pastoral Center. The position requires excellent customer service, administrative and organizational skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office necessary.

Writing skills a plus. Interested practicing Catholics should send a resume and cover letter to Maureen Heil at:

mheil@propfaithboston.org



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As we move into the summer months, we find ourselves experiencing what many would consider “unseasonably warm” temperatures. Here in the Northeast, we have already gone through a few “heat waves” (three-day periods of at least 90 degrees). I was speaking recently with someone from Oregon, who was relating to me the 100+ degree temperatures, which are unseasonable - if not unnatural – for that region of the country. These things occur, yet many consider climate change to be a “myth” or “hoax”.

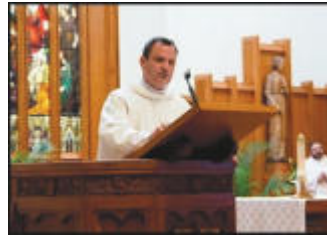
As a Franciscan, I am invited and led to see stewardship of God’s creation as an essential element of the Franciscan charism. Francis’ love of nature and creation, and his linking it with the Divine, is well known and well documented. The personification of natural elements such as sun, moon, wind, water, fire, and earth in the “Canticle of the Sun”, ascribing maternal, fraternal, and sororal names to these parts of creation show to us that we are linked to them in ways that go beyond the physical. They are part of God’s Creation, and thus are part of us and we of them.

In Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical, “Laudato Si” (translated “Praise Be To You”), subtitled “On Care For Our Common Home”, the subject of the environment, of creation, and of our responsibility to care for the world around us was broached. In this missive, Pope Francis addresses topics such as “Pollution and Climate Change”, “Loss of Biodiversity”, and “Environmental, Economic, and Social Ecology”, just to name a few. In this important work, which my local Fraternity “unpacked” earlier this year, His Holiness sought to bring into focus the responsibility which humanity has to care for the world around us, not only for our own sake, and the sake of future generations, but as a clarion call to the stewardship to which God holds us accountable. Since the creation of the world, scripturally rooted in Genesis with Adam and Eve (the “first” stewards), we have been mandated by God to “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth” (Gen. 1:28). Many have taken this call, I’m afraid, and seen “dominion” as “domination”, caring only “for what’s in it for them”. Personally, as a Franciscan, I don’t believe this is how God meant it to be, how God wants us to be. As a Franciscan, the “care of our common home” focuses on the “common” element – that we are all in this together. While it may be the case that we are seen by God as the “highest form” of creation, I believe that this also imparts upon us a duty to be faithful, responsible stewards, caring for all elements of creation and nurturing them as we would one of our own children or pets. The care that we exercise is a direct result of the mandate which God has placed on our hearts as stewards.

As we move through the summer months, let us strive to see creation as a gift from God. Let us act as responsible stewards, exercising “dominion” and not “domination”. Let us, from a Franciscan perspective, see the world around us as part of our “family”, caring for it with a generous love. Let this familial bond be strengthened by the love which God has placed on our hearts to exercise prudent and careful stewardship, caring for our “common home” with care and love.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



The Deacon’s Column

Deacon Chris Connelly

St. Joseph, Model of the Love that Binds Families

Recently I was asked to offer prayers for a 50-year-old man who died after a quick and sudden illness. For the sake of this reflection I will refer to the man as Steve. After talking with Steve’s wife, I learned that Steve met his wife 19 years ago. The wife was in a previous relationship with a man that gave her a beautiful daughter. The daughter was 15 years old when Steve started dating her mother and was 21 years old when they got married. As I was talking with Steve’s wife, I could hear their daughter in the background and asked to speak with her to express my condolences. During my conversation with the young woman, I was deeply moved by how she described the relationship she had with Steve. Frequently she referred to Steve as dad and even as daddy. She said that he didn’t have to accept her as his daughter, but he did. She shared how she always felt an unconditional love from Steve directed toward her and her mother.

As I heard their story, I was reminded of St. Joseph. Though invited by the Holy Spirit to take Mary into his home, Joseph was free to divorce Mary in secret because she was pregnant with a child that was not his own flesh and blood. But instead of dismissing Mary, he trusted in the Holy Spirit and in God’s plan for him. He took Mary into his home and became the foster father of Jesus. Though Jesus is the Father’s eternally begotten Son, Joseph is the one Jesus called, “Abba”, that is “daddy”.

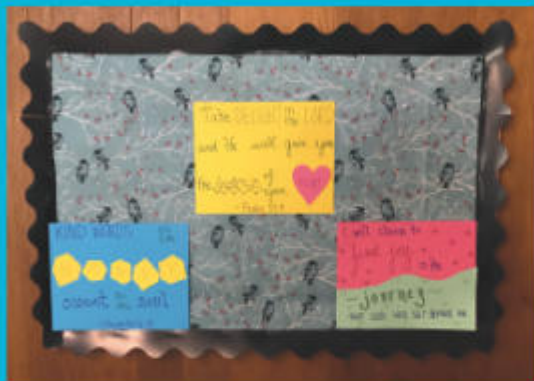
St. Joseph reveals to us the true nature of the love that binds us together as family. Flesh and blood are not enough to bind us together—love is what gathers us and keeps us together as family. St. Joseph gave himself to his wife Mary and to her son Jesus. Joseph is the one who worked to provide for the family. Joseph is the one who taught Jesus a trade. Joseph took Jesus to the synagogue and was alongside him as he grew in wisdom and understanding. By the way Joseph treated Mary, Jesus learned how to treat the women in his life. Look at how he welcomed and cared for the hemorrhaging woman, the woman caught in adultery, Mary of Magdala, Martha and Mary, Jairus’ daughter, Peter’s mother in law, and the Samaritan woman at the well—he treated them all with great love, dignity, and respect—a love that he learned by witnessing the love St. Joseph had for his mother, Mary. By creating a family rooted in faith, hope, and love, St. Joseph reveals to us the desire of our Heavenly Father to bind us together as a Holy Family called the Church. This family is not defined by blood or flesh but by the quality and depth of love we give to each other and share with the world.

With the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph made a home where everyone who entered under their roof was made to feel welcome and that they belonged. Through St. Joseph’s intercession may we create a family here in the Together in Christ Collaborative where all feel equally welcomed and where all know they belong. St. Joseph, Patron Saint of all Father’s, pray for us.

This Week in Ministry

7.19.21-7.25.21

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!



While our 2020-2021 Faith Formation year has officially concluded with our First Communion class, we are looking ahead to the fall for upcoming classes! We've had wonderful volunteers helping clean and decorate the Parish Center in anticipation of the fall, and we're also looking for people to assist as teachers/aides!

Can't commit to helping every week? That's okay! This year

is going to have numerous opportunities for once a month help in person at Masses or hands-on activities. Don't feel comfortable being in person yet or don't want to drive?

There will be options for volunteers to help answer student questions in drop-in sessions entirely online!



Whatever your skill set, time commitment, and level of interest, we need you! Please email directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



Stephanie Gaboury
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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)

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, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, 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, Casey L'Italien & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance

Hotline—508-378-3760

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the Spring.

Our pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the every month April through October, 2021. When days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will be the Tuesday of that week.

First Mondays = 3:00—5:30

Third Mondays = 3:00—4:30

The schedule is as follows:

*July *Tues the 6th and 19th*

August 2nd and 16th

*September *Tues the 7th and 20th*

October 4th and 18th

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

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

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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PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER

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or jchbaker@msn.com

P O Box 47

West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.



In an airplane news conference on his return from the Philippines in January 2015, Pope Francis mentioned Robert Hugh Benson's *Lord of the World* and said, "I advise you to read it .

In one of the first dystopian novels of the twentieth century, Robert Hugh Benson imagines a world where belief in God has been replaced by secular humanism. Catholics are falling away and priests and bishops are defecting. Only a small remnant of faithful remains. Julian Felsenburgh, a mysterious and compelling figure arises, promising peace in exchange for blind obedience. Those who resist are subjected to torture and execution. Soon the masses are in Felsenburgh's thrall and he becomes leader of the world. Into the melee steps the novel's protagonist, Fr. Percy Franklin. Dauntless and clear-sighted, Franklin is a bastion of stability as the Catholic Church in England disintegrates around him. Benson's harrowing plot soon brings these two charismatic men into a final apocalyptic conflict.

CYBER SECURITY

Recently the church has been getting quite a few “phishing” emails. These are emails that are trying to get your account/security information by telling you that your are receiving a renewal of some program that you know you do not have or asking you to upgrade your Xfinity Account, or informing you that you will be receiving a product from Amazon that you know you did not order, just to mention a few and there are many. BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL INTO THESE TRAPS.

DO NOT GIVE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UNLESS YOU ARE CERTAIN WHO YOU ARE GIVING IT TO!!!

Steps you can take to prevent being tricked.

1. Check you security settings
2. Know what security program you are using and when it needs to be updated.
3. ALWAYS CHECK THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE PERSON SENDING YOU THE EMAIL. IF IT IS FROM A PERSON, IT IS MOST LIKELY NOT LEGITIMATE. Ex. RobCarlson@hotmail.com pretending he works for Xfinity
4. Check your account activity to see if the specified item is actually in your recent orders. If it is not, they are phishing for your information. Do not provide it to them.
5. Report any fraudulent email to the company mentioned in the email. Every company has a fraud department. If it is an Xfinity/Comcast account, email ABUSE@COMCAST.NET or call 844-963-0185 Abuse/Fraud for Comcast. You get these emails or phone number on the internet.
6. Read as much information regarding these practices as you can on the Internet. There are volumes of information to protect you.

MOST IMPORTANT — KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE!!!! On emails as well as phone calls.

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