



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
August 14, 2022*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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JESUS

Didn't come to this earth
to start denominations
and cause division.
**HE CAME SO THAT
WE COULD BECOME
A UNIFIED BODY**
as brothers and
sisters in Christ.

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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. Live streamed 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, August 13, 2022

4:00 –Reinald Ledoux, Sr. — Month’s Mind

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:30 - Raimundo Gomes — Memorial

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

Saturday, August 20, 2022

4:00 — Francisco & Maria Figueiredo —
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday August 21, 2022

8:30 - Edmund J. Twomey — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - For safety from random acts of violence

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 13, 2022

5:30 — Pam Adornato — 6th Anniversary

Sunday August 14, 2022

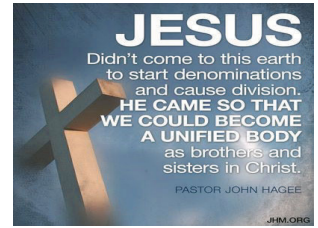
10:30—Jessica Thurston — 9th Anniversary

Saturday, August 20, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:30 - Christiano Dottavio — Birthday Remem



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The words we find spoken by Jesus in today’s gospel seem somewhat incongruous with the “Prince of Peace” we know Him to be; as my seminary professor who taught us the “ins and outs” of the New Testament used to say, this is not the “warm and fuzzy Jesus” to which many are accustomed. Yet they are in line with Jesus’ sense that the mission He has brought into the world will bring division. Not all will be able to listen to His words and follow His pronouncements. The life of a Christian is not an easy one, and Jesus makes that abundantly clear in this gospel passage from Luke. Even family relationships, which are supposed to be sources of comfort and security, are called into question by Jesus in this text.

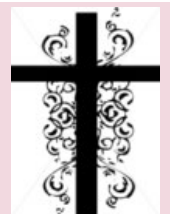
So, where does this leave us? Quite simply, if even (biological) family relationships are a source of contention, then there is only one place to turn: Jesus. It is Jesus to whom we are to look for surety and safety. It is the Lord to whom we are to look when we are in trouble. It was that way with Jeremiah, with the Psalmist (in today’s Psalm 40), it was that way with St. Paul and the other disciples, and it is that way with us. We do not, however, face these challenges alone. We have our brothers and sisters in faith, we have the Church, and we have God Himself. The “baptism” with which Jesus must be baptized is one of suffering, death and, ultimately, redemption. It is not, of course, His redemption which is at stake: it is ours. Jesus does, however, know what it is to suffer; He knows what it is to die. But through His suffering and death, we have not only won for us newness of life, but the security to go through this life courageously. We do secure in the knowledge that we have “not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood” (Heb. 12:4). We do, however, have to “die to self” so that Christ may live in us.

May we have the courage to follow Jesus with our whole heart. May we know that any suffering we endure is nothing as compared to the glory that awaits us in the Kingdom. May we know and trust that Jesus walks with us on our journey of faith supporting, lifting up and strengthening us. May this life bear fruit not only here on earth, but in the Kingdom of His Eternal Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

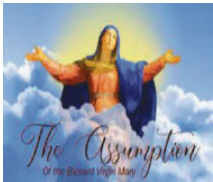
Fr. Paul

Please remember
Saint Ann’s and Saint John’s
When doing your
Estate Planning!

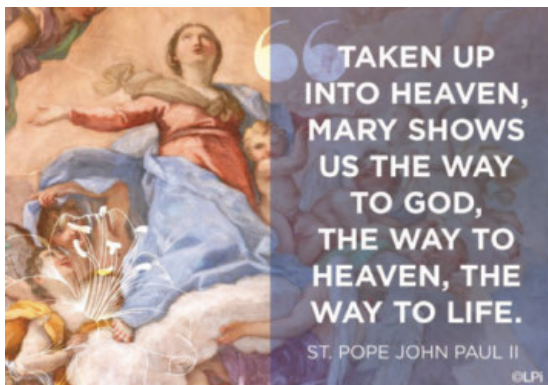


Altar Flower Memorial

*Flowers for this weekend
have been donated in
In honor of our Blessed
Mother and the Feast of
the Assumption*



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15th. It is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Monday.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector
Or
Eucharistic Minister
Or
Those currently serving who want to refresh their skills, training will be available:

August 28th at St. John's
Lectors — Noon -- 1 PM
Eucharistic Minister — 1:15 -- 2:15
Or
September 11th at St. Ann's
Same times

ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

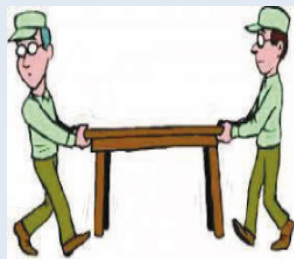
**The large room
In the
Parish Center**

**Needs helpers
To get it ready
To be
Opened**

**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IF FURTHER
HELP IS NEEDED**

**We need as many able-bodied
Volunteers as possible
To clean and organize**

**Please call the Rectory
If you can help!!!
Or just show up!!!!**



LET'S FINISH THE JOB.

WE NEED 12—2" 3-RING BINDERS

Is anyone willing to donate?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR PARISH?

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO
VOLUNTEER FOR :**

HELP

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Please call 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880

**CAN YOU SEW?
DO YOU EMBROIDER?**

**CAN YOU MAKE BAPTISMAL BIBS
USING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS?
WHAT A GIFT FOR THE PARISHES
THAT WOULD BE.**



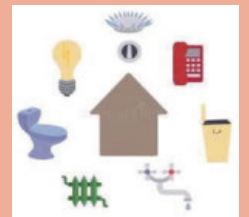
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WE ARE CONTINUING ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

**WE NOW OWE \$2,547.55 IN UTILITY BILLS.
Remember that is a huge drop from
\$14,000.**

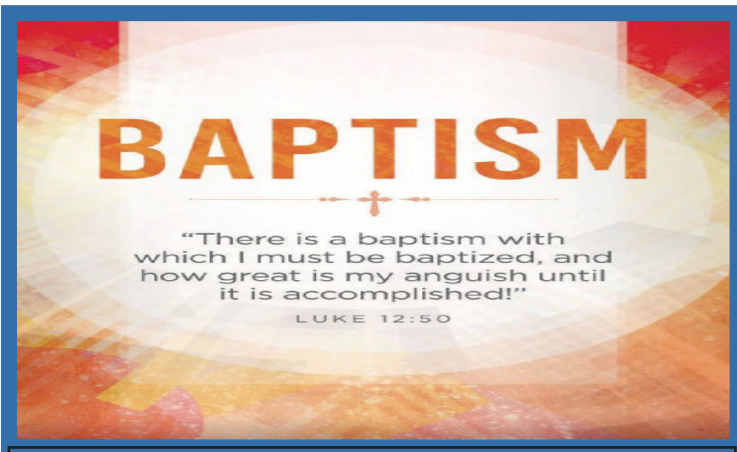
**Your commitment to the
Collaborative and your generosity
are making a real impact!!!!**



One-Liners to make you smile.

An elderly woman was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. When she put the heavy package on the counter, the postal clerk asked, "Is there anything breakable in here?" "Just the Ten Commandments," the lady replied.

St. Teresa of Avila, upon slipping and falling into a mud puddle, reportedly stood up and cried to the heavens, "If this is how you treat your friends, then it's no wonder you have so few of them!"



Please say a prayer for and welcome as new parishioners the following children who have been Baptized into the Collaborative so far this year:

*Brianna Amelia Craig ~ Dylan Laine McKinney
 Natalie Catherine Engstrom ~ Aria Patricia Charron
 Freyda Elizabeth Campbell ~ Amelia Hope Mitchell
 Elliana Lee Wormald ~ Ryan Mitchell Thibeault,
 Feigan William Driscoll ~ Callum David Stetson
 Lincoln Christopher Suchorski ~ Ferrin James Perry
 Lily Mae Mendes ~ Lily Ann Desmond
 Cecilia Arden Lucini ~ Harry James Kirby,
 Hailey Rose Dmitruk*

A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

A few weeks ago, on the 1st of October, I was privileged to hear confessions and concelebrate Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula (2 October). In hearing confessions (one my favorite things to do as a priest), and concelebrating Mass (the main reason why I was ordained!), I had the pleasure of joining many of my fellow Franciscans (clergy and lay) in celebrating one of the major Feasts on the Franciscan calendar. August 2nd – Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (aka the Feast of the Portiuncula). The small chapel of St. Mary of the Angels (Our Lady of the Angels) was very dear to St. Francis of Assisi. He referred to it as the Portiuncula (or the Little Portion) and it is considered the cradle of the Franciscan Order. In 1209, as the quarters of Rivo Torto became too small for the newly forming religious order, St. Francis obtained from the Benedictines the use of the Portiuncula, for which he paid a basket of fish. The church and the surrounding small parcel of land were in disrepair. Just as he did at San Damiano, St. Francis rebuilt it, adding small huts (cells) and enclosing it all in a protective hedge. It was there that St. Francis gained a more vivid understanding of his own vocation. He held the annual meetings of the friars (Chapters) there and it is where he desired to spend his final earthly moments; dying in his nearby cell October 3, 1226.

St. Francis felt that the Portiuncula was a place filled with God's grace. In 1216, at the request of St. Francis, the Pope granted special privilege (*plenary indulgence – a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins*) to all those who would visit the little chapel. Although limited to noon on August 1st to midnight on August 2nd, the privilege continues to be granted to this day; not only to those who visit the Portiuncula, but to anyone who visits any church where the friars live and minister. To receive this privilege (for yourself or for someone else – living or deceased), in addition to the visit, one must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within several weeks of the feast, go to Mass and receive the Eucharist, recite the Our Father and Apostles Creed, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. May those of us who love St. Francis, follow St. Francis, and strive to walk in the way of St. Francis be blessed on this special Feast Day!

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, 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, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh & 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

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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, August 1, — 3:00 — 5:30

Monday, August 15, — 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.

SAINT ANN'S PARISH MADE \$200 ON THE RECYCLE DAY

**Remember there will be another one at
St John's Parish**

**August 20th
From 9:00—2:00**

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
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P O Box 474
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.

**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.**



Father Edward McDonagh will be in the West Bridgewater area and is going to be celebrating **Mass at Saint Ann's Church on Sunday, August 14th at 12:00 noon.**

This is an open invitation to all who wish to attend.

Following Mass, there will be refreshments, coffee, and water at **Matfield Woods Community Center. (Note — change of venue.)** At this time, Father McDonagh will be available to meet and greet everyone.

If you are not able to attend Mass, please drop by to say hello to Father McDonagh from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If anyone wishes to bring a baked good, please bring them to the Matfield Woods Community Center.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY——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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