



St. John

***Together in Christ
Collaborative***
September 13, 2020
***24th Sunday
In Ordinary Time***



St Ann



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IN ORDINARY TIME

*"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives
your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:35*

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice
In the Chapel
Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. 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. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 12, 2020

5:30 - Leonard & Lena Shepherd — 28th & 18th
Anniversary

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30 - Kenny Fontaine — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, September 19, 2020

5:30 - Kimberly Russo — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:30 - Frederick H. Mitchell — 4th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 12, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:30 - Robert & Rita Farrell, & Stephen Mason
Memorial

Saturday, September 19, 2020

4:00 - Thomas Cosgrove — 45th Anniversary

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6,
15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22
[12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-
50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk
8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk
8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-
24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Observances for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Mar-
tyrs

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I've often felt that resentment and forgiveness are "two sides of the same coin". Often times, our inability to forgive is linked with our unwillingness to let go. If we do not let go the hurts of the past, we cannot move forward towards the future. One of my favorite quotes (from Carrie Fisher, in her semi-autobiography "Postcards From The Edge") states that "resentment is like drinking poison, and waiting for the other person to die". So often, the person who has harmed us has moved on from an incident in which we have been hurt and we have not – we are still holding on. Forgiveness can only occur if we are willing to move on into the future. Note that this "moving on" does not mean "forgetting"; if we forget, the possibility of reoccurrence increases and (often) intensifies. Think of the classic example of the child and the hot stove; the child cannot forget the pain of touching the hot stove, lest they get burned again, but they can learn (and even grow) from it. In the same way, we cannot (and should not) forget about getting "burned" by a hurtful incident, but we can (and should) move forward with the knowledge of that incident in our minds so that it doesn't happen again. I think the old maxim of "forgive and forget" could, more aptly be phrased "forgive and move forward".

In today's gospel, Peter asks Jesus "Lord...how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" (Mt 18:21). Jesus surprises Peter by telling him, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Mt 18:22). In saying this, one is not to be counting "seventy-five...seventy-six...seventy-seven...okay, I'm done!" Jesus is reminding Peter (and us, in our listening) that forgiveness is an ongoing thing that it is to happen as often as we are hurt. This is a hard truth, one that is not easy to wrap one's head around. The parable of the master and servant is an illustration of letting go. The servant is forgiven his debt, but does not extend the same courtesy to a fellow servant. He fails to "pay it forward", if you will. In doing so, he incurs the wrath of his master. The master, in turn, requires full repayment from the first servant because he failed to do for another that which was done for him.

We are called, as people of faith, to adhere to the principle of forgiveness in the measure in which we are willing to forgive. If we forgive greatly, we will be forgiven greatly; if we forgive sparingly, we will be forgiven sparingly. We are to extend to others the mercy, compassion, and love which God extends to us. May we come to know this mercy from God, and when we receive it may we be ready, willing and able to bestow this gift on others.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

UPDATES FROM HOME TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekend Masses are being held at both churches, please check the schedule ON PAGE 7.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed.

Baptisms are being held on Saturday at 10 AM and 2 PM and on Sundays at 1 PM.

Please call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Funerals are now allowed within the guidelines of the Archdiocese. Call the Rectory Office for information.

Memorial Masses can be rescheduled or scheduled within the limitations of the four masses between both churches. Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Daily masses are continuing to be celebrated on line until further notice.

Comic: How To Turn Your Home Into A School Without Losing Your Sanity



Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

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)

TO ATTEND A MASS YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE WEBSITES PRIOR TO THE MASS.

PLEASE TRY TO DO THIS BY FRIDAY EVENING.

MASSES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL UP AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET A RESERVATION.

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL LORRY @ 508-373-4152 OR CHARLOTTE @ 508-369-3196



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



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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.

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

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-5:30 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

In the months from March 1 to June 30th, the Pantry has fed more than 400 families due to the enormous generosity of the parishioners of St. John. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

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

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, Sept. 21

Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, etc. are always great.



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www.glastonburyabbey.org

Join us for Sunday Outdoor Masses in September

Join us each Sunday during September (weather permitting) at 9:30 a.m. on the Great Lawn on the Abbey grounds for Mass and gathering in the spirit.

As always, please wear a mask and bring your own lawn chair. We will practice social distancing: family groups may sit together. Spacing must be 6' apart. We have a protocol for communion: host only and hand reception.

We look forward to seeing you!

Abbot Thomas and the Monks of Glastonbury Abbey

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

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 Nicolai, 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, Angela McDevitt, Gary Sacoccia & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS — YOU MUST REGISTER FOR MASS. USE OUR WEBSITE TO DO SO.

- * In order to limit social gathering and allow time to seat registered parishioners, those attending Mass should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass. (Seats will then be offered to those parishioners on 'standby' who arrived without pre-registration.)
- * One entrance: Entry into church will be front right and left side doors (no entry through middle doors) at St. John's, front door at St. Ann's. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN SEATING PEOPLE (ASIDE FROM THOSE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES), DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A PARTICULAR SEAT IN THE CHURCH.
- * All parishioners must wear masks. There are several exceptions, such as: children under the age of two, and people with underlying health conditions. The wearing of masks for children between the ages of 2-5 is based on the parents' discretion.
- * Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer if possible. The church will have limited supply.
- * Parishioners must maintain 6 feet of social distance between each other at all times. This does not apply to families that live in the same household.
- * Appropriate social distancing spaces will be designated on the floor/in the aisles. Ushers will provide guidance.
- * Everyone will enter church using front doors and leave church using side doors. Those closest to the front doors will leave first
- * There will be no sign of peace, offertory collection or singing during Mass. Baskets for financial contributions will be available as you leave church.
- * Special instructions on receiving Holy Communion will be presented during each Mass. (Please be patient; wait for instructions by the ushers — everyone will be served.)
- * To prevent close contact, the clergy will employ minimal entrancing in or recessing out of the church. (Please wait for the Ushers to exit after the Priest and Deacon have exited.)
- * Public gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted outside church.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are uneasy about attending such an event, please remember that the Dispensation from Reception of Communion is still in effect. If you are in the "vulnerable/at risk" category, please remember that you need not (nor would I want you to) risk your health and well-being. It is for this reason that I will still be taping Sunday Mass (broadcast on EB-CAM and posted on Facebook/parish websites) and live-streaming Daily Mass on Facebook.

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes places before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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