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September 20, 2020
**25th Sunday
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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 19, 2020

5:30 - Kimberly Russo — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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

Saturday, September 26, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, September 27, 2020

10:30 - Deceased Members of the Mulkern Family — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 19, 2020

4:00 - Thomas Cosgrove — 45th Anniversary

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, September 26, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

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

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Observances for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday:

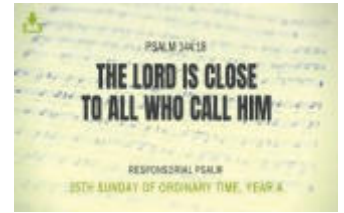
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up, whenever we encountered something (either by viewing or experiencing) that we didn't think was fair we said something to my parents; inevitably, the response was always the same – "life isn't always fair". While this shocked us (less so, unfortunately, as we got older), we came to see the truth in it. Because of the human condition, and the need for some to "get a leg up" on someone else, life didn't always "balance". There always seemed to be injustice, and there was a certain level of acceptance. The thing which made it seem more "balanced" was the fact that we were assured that God saw all, and that justice would ultimately prevail.

In today's gospel, there appears a level of injustice at work. In seeing both the full-day laborers and those who work only an hour getting the same amount of pay, one can't help but feel a "twinge" of resentment; imagine yourself in that situation, and you might feel that you deserve more, as the workers in today's gospel do. The landowner, however, is free to dispense his money as he sees fit – this is his right. This parable is meant to serve as an indication of the generosity of God. There are some who "toil in the vineyard" day in, day out; these can be seen as the "cradle Catholics" who were born into the faith. There are others, converts to the faith, who are akin to those who "only work one hour"; they come later to the faith, and are seen by many as deserving less. God, however, does not work on the principle of "first come, first served". God provides as He sees fit, being generous to all who labor for Him. It may seem that converts to the faith get better treatment, but in reality they are only getting what God sees fit to give them – as is God's right. This idea cannot deter or detract us from doing the work, as Catholic-Christians, to which the Church calls us. We are all called, regardless how we as human beings see it, to work unceasingly for the good of the Church and the building up of the Kingdom here on earth.

May we come to see the work that we do as beneficial to all – those who are "cradle Catholics" and those who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have come into the faith later in life. May we all work together to build up the Kingdom here on earth, so that one day we may see the fullness of that Kingdom in heaven.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

UPDATES FROM THE 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.



PLEASE REGISTER FOR MASS BY 2 PM ON SATURDAYS TO INSURE YOU WILL HAVE A SEAT!!!!!!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

A special **Thank you** to Ed Lindsey and his son-in-law, Dan Hofgren for all the work they have done this past summer in the prayer garden at Saint Ann's regrouting and spray washing the bricks and trimming the bushes. Fr. Francis for the wonderful job taking care of the rose and vegetable gardens and Corey Quinlan for landscaping and mowing the grass. Fr. Harvey also did his share to keep the grounds of St. Ann looking well. You could catch him behind the mower on several occasions in the dead heat of the summer.



Last, but not least, thank you to Jim Guardiano for all his mowing, trimming, mulching and especially for providing the new statue of the Blessed Mother beautifully landscaped with lighting to highlight her presence. She is beautiful!!!!

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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PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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New mailing address:
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.

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.



Glastonbury Abbey
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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 Maclsaac, Diane Nicolcar, 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 McDevtt, Gary Sacoccia, Jessica Madigan & 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.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a grassroots campaign of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to end abortion.

Over 17,226 babies have been confirmed saved since 2007 by people offering help to women in crisis pregnancies.

From September 23 to November 1, the Boston campaign will be keeping vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., from 7 am to 7 pm daily.

Sign up to participate at 40daysforlife.com or contact Rita Russo at 40daysforlife-boston@gmail.com or 781-762-4391.

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