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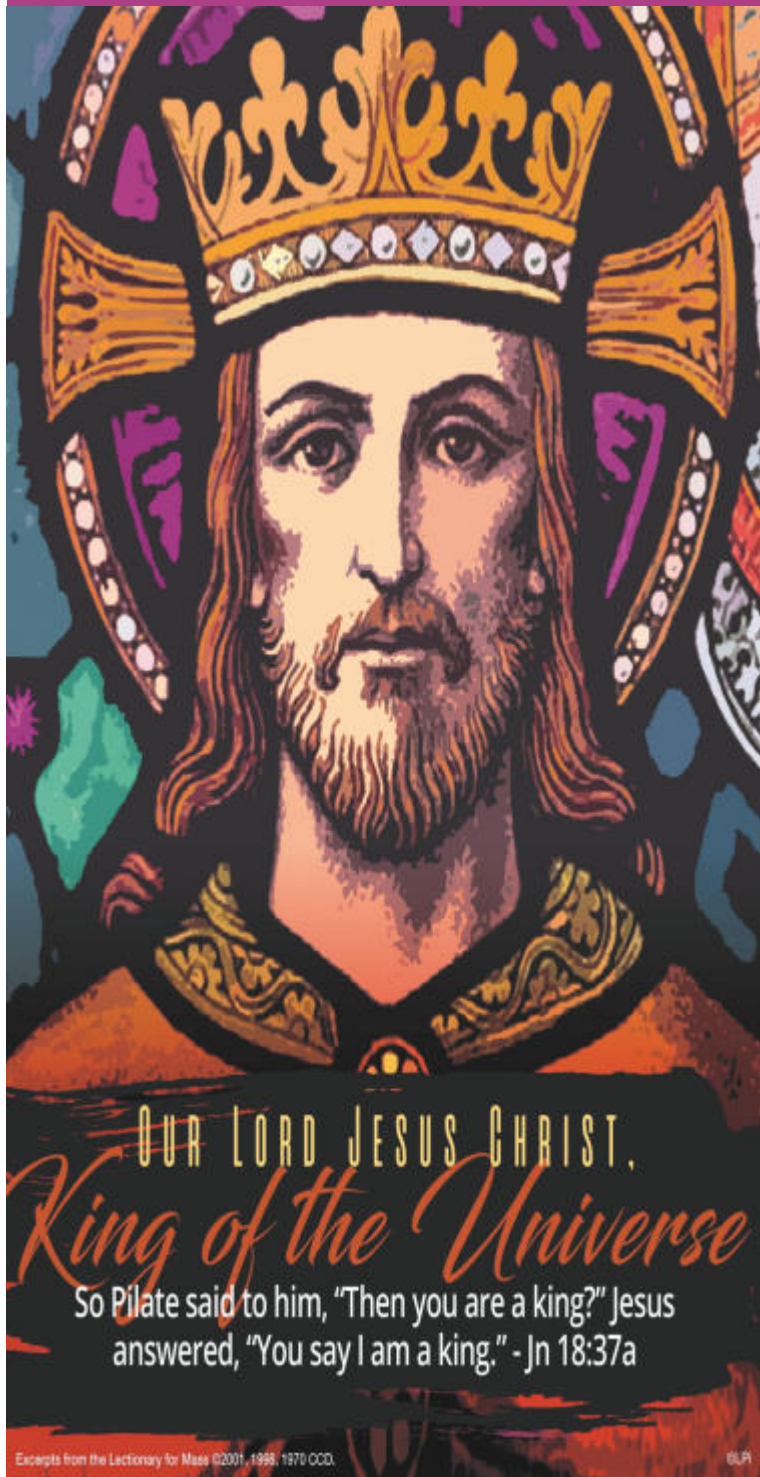
***Together in Christ
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***Our Lord, Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe***

November 21, 2021



ST. ANN



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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, November 20, 2021

4:00—Angelina R. Chaves & Family — Mem

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:30 - Joanne Hanson —2nd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:00 - Matilda Ritucci — 1st Anniversary

Sunday November 28, 2021

8:30 - Cincy Nyhan — 1st Anniversary

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. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 13, 2021

5:30 - Robert & Lorraine Anton — Memorial

Sunday, November 14, 2021

10:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — Memorial

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, November 27, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, November 28, 2021

10:30 - Dorothy Boisclair — 19th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

With Thanksgiving upcoming later this week, and the “Christmas Rush” fast on Thanksgiving’s heels (although for many the rush has been long underway, but that’s another story!) we “wrap up” another Church year, as we work on a bit of a different calendar. Today, the Church celebrates The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – more commonly known as “The Solemnity of Christ the King”. In this feast, we end the liturgical year and move on to Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas (Day and Season). As I say, we “march to a different drummer” in the Church!

On the Solemnity of Christ the King, we recognize Jesus as Sovereign Lord, one who rules not from an earthly throne but within a celestial Kingdom. Jesus’ reign is one of eternal dimensions, something which eludes the leaders of the day, including Pilate. Jesus, in His encounter with Pilate, establishes His Kingship as being one which “does not belong to this world” (Jn 18:36). The dialogue with Pilate takes many “twists and turns”, covering topics such as authority, leadership and truth. In this meeting with Pilate, which takes place on Good Friday, Jesus for the last time makes His point that His message and mission hasn’t been about this world (except to save it) but about the world to come in God’s Eternal Kingdom. Much of this is lost on Pilate, except for the fact that he knows that he doesn’t want to get involved (thus “washing his hands” of the whole affair when he hands Jesus over to the crowd). Jesus, I suspect, is the type of leader that Pilate wishes he could be – strong, sure, confident in His mission and message. In truth, Jesus is the type of leader that every leader should strive to be like!

As we conclude this church year, we look forward more than look back. We look forward to Advent, the great season of preparation for Christ at Christmas and as King of Heaven and Earth. We look forward to Christmas, when Christ is born to us once again in time, and for all time. We look forward to a new calendar year, a year filled (no doubt) with challenge, hope and promise. May Christ the King come to rule your heart so that all good gifts might be yours. May Christ the King come to rule our world so that it may be more a place of hope and promise. May Christ the King come to rule our Church so that it may be a solace in troubled times and a light to the nations. May Christ the King come!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Nov 2 - Nov 8, 2021

ST ANN		ST JOHN	
Online	N/A	Online	\$ 484
Mail	\$ 440	Mail	\$ 1,038
Mass	<u>\$ 3,150</u>	Mass	<u>\$ 2,350</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,590	TOTAL	\$ 4,036
Restoration Fund	\$4,592	Restoration Fund	\$4,036

**TOTAL RESTORATION FUND TO DATE —
\$21,788**

A REQUEST FROM THE COUNTERS.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE CHECKS OUT
TO:
SAINT JOHN’S OR SAINT ANN’S**

**CHECKS MADE OUT TO THE
T I C COLLABORATIVE OR ANYTHING ELSE
CANNOT BE CASHED BECAUSE THE
ACCOUNTS ARE IN THE NAME OF EACH OF
THE CHURCHES.**

Thank you for your help in this matter.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As we approach Thanksgiving, we should take time to recognize those things for which we should be thankful. St. Francis recognized that all good gifts come from God, the source of all good. We would do well to look to God for all things, so that in times of both joy and sorrow, of both triumph and tragedy, that we see God at work at the center of it all. It is in this spirit that I offer as my weekly Franciscan reflection “St Francis’ Prayer In Praise of God Given To Brother Leo”:

*You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong.
You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty.
You, Holy Father are King of heaven and
earth.
You are Three and One, Lord God, all
Good.
You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,
Lord God, living and true.
You are love. You are wisdom.
You are humility. You are endurance.
You are rest. You are peace.
You are joy and gladness.
You are justice and moderation.
You are all our riches, and You suffice for
us.
You are beauty.
You are gentleness.
You are our protector.
You are our guardian and defender.
You are our courage. You are our haven
and our hope.
You are our faith, our great consolation.
You are our eternal life, Great and Won-
derful Lord,
God Almighty, Merciful Savior.*

A Blessed Thanksgiving To You And All You Hold Dear!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

The Deacon’s Column



St. Joseph, Patron for the Dying and Terror of Demons

A number of years ago while serving at daily Mass at Bishop Connolly High School, I was introduced to St. Margaret Mary Alocoque (1647-1690) and her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I was moved to hear the promise the Lord made to all of us through this Holy Saint: “I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant all to those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.”

A year ago, I was reminded of this Great Promise. Many know that my mother died just over a year ago. In her final days she called out to me—not only as her son, but as a deacon—to arrange for a priest to come to the house and give her the final sacraments. Fr. Paul made the time to come to the house, hear her confession, anoint her, and invite me to give her viaticum. As I witnessed the movement of grace in her final days, I thought to myself that as a young girl growing up in West Roxbury at St. Theresa’s Parish, she observed the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was now receiving the fruit of the final and Great Promise that Christ and his Church would be by her bedside as she passed from this life to the next. My mom experienced a happy death.

In the Litany of St. Joseph, we pray, “St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us.” Not much, if anything, is known about St. Joseph’s death. We presume that he died as most people do, in their homes surrounded by loved ones. This image gives me great hope because St. Joseph was surrounded by the Blessed Mother and Jesus—wrapped up in their loving arms.

St. Joseph is a great teacher and model of the faith. He teaches us how to be faithful, obedient, and hard working. He teaches us how to love “from the shadows”. He teaches us how to place our trust and hope in God. He teaches us how to care for those entrusted to us. Perhaps his death teaches us the greatest lesson—to place ourselves amid Mary and Jesus and allow Mary’s intercession and Jesus’ mercy to bring us pardon and peace.

Our experience tells us that death can also be a terrifying time for the dying and for their loved ones. Here again, we can turn to St. Joseph and pray for a happy and peaceful death by calling out to him, as his litany invites us to do, under the title, “Terror of Demons.” By reaching out to St. Joseph in this way, he comes to our help to calm our spirits and to ward off any evil spirits who seek to rob us of our hope in the promises of his son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My friends, I invite you to develop a relationship with St. Joseph, Patron of the Dying and Terror of Demons. As you put your head down to sleep pray to God, through the intercession of St. Joseph, that when your time comes to pass from this world to the next you will be surrounded by the love and prayers of Mary and the love and mercy of Jesus.

ATTENTION ATTENTION

BEGINNING IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1ST IN-PERSON DAILY MASSES WILL RESTART AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S AT 9 AM (in the church, not the Chapel)

THESE MASSES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE LIVE-STREAMED

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AT SAINT JOHN
THURSDAY & SATURDAY AT SAINT ANN**

CONFESSIONS WILL BE AT SAINT ANN'S BETWEEN 3:00—3:30 OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS AVAILABLE.

DECEMBER 2ND THERE WILL BE AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT SAINT JOHN'S AT 6:00 PM FOLLOWED BY THE LIGHTING OF THE COMMON AT 6:25.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ANN SAINT JOHN

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM	4 PM
6 PM	6 PM
MIDNIGHT	

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30	10:30
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The Masses on Sunday, December 26th will be as Usual: Saint Ann — 8:30; Saint John — 10:30

St Ann's Parish Center Renovation Fund and Religious Education Update

I would like to update all of you on the Renovation Project and the opening of the Religious Ed Program. I have both good news and bad news to share.

I will give you the bad news first. We have completed our negotiations with the contractors and unfortunately at this time we are not able to start the renovations. The original contractor that we hired had agreed to give us payment terms of net 6 months. Therefore, we were going to be able to do the renovation and pay for it within 6 months' time. However, the new contractor was not able to offer us the same terms. We would have needed to pay, net 30 days, which is not possible for us to do. Therefore, we will now need to raise the money prior to starting the work. We will be doing many fundraising activities over the next few months to pay for the renovations. We thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising activities.

Next, the good news. We will be able to have our Religious Ed Classes for Grades 1-8 at St John's, starting the first weekend of December. When we were initially analyzing our facilities, there were some concerns regarding St John's Hall, which prohibited us from being able to open the hall. I am happy to say that these issues have been resolved so we are now focusing our efforts into being able to open the hall by the first weekend of December to be able to have Religious Ed classes in the hall. We will be purchasing the air filtration systems for St John's hall and for both of the churches.

We will spend the next few weeks working on St. John's hall to be able to open it on time for class. There are many volunteer opportunities regarding getting the hall ready. We need people to help us paint and we need people to help us move furniture. If you are able to help with either one of these, we would greatly appreciate the help! Please email me if you are able to help at: Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Karen Parenteau, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Claudette Rochefort, Frank McCarthy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Please CALL TO UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST. LET THE RECTORY KNOW WHO SHOULD STAY OR BE ADDED TO THE LIST AND WHO CAN BE REMOVED.

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

2021-2022 WINTER HOURS/DATES

Winter days will be in effect from **November thru April**, pantry days will be the **first Monday** of the month, except for holidays, from 1pm to 4pm., and **3rd Saturday**, except for holidays, from 10am to 11:30 am

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

Monday, November 1 — 1—4 PM
Saturday, November 20 — 10—11:30 AM

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

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 that large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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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.

Christmas Sharing

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again ask you to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to the families, Project Grad Teen Moms, and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family, teen mom or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's, Market Basket or CVS cards for families and Senior Citizens. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. They must be received by November 30th, to allow the parents time to purchase gifts before Christmas. See the handout on October 31st for more details. If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry:

508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org

SAINT JOHN'S AND SAINT ANN'S IS RESUMING THE PRACTICE OF USING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THE MASSES. IF YOU WERE OR WOULD LIKE TO BE A EUCHARIST MINISTER, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORIES TO SIGN UP.

ST JOHN 508-378-4207 SAINT ANN 508-586-4880
WE ALSO NEED LECTORS

GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

SAINT JOHN'S WILL BE PAIRING WITH THE HUGS ORGANIZATION IN TOWN TO PROVIDE GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE TOWN.

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GIFTS ARE FOR CHILDREN UP TO 18, UNLESS THE CHILD IS IN COLLEGE AND HAS SIBLINGS.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT, THE FAMILIES WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.

WE ARE RETURNING TO COLLECTING THE OFFERTORY BY PASSING A BASKET AS WAS DONE FOR SO MANY YEARS. THEREFORE, WE NEED USHERS TO HELP US WITH THIS TASK. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP.



IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED NUMBERS AT MASS, WE WILL NEED MORE LECTORS AND EUCHARIST MINISTERS. PLEASE GIVE OF YOUR TIME TO YOUR CHURCH.

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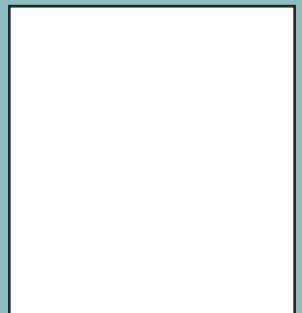
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