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November 22, 2020

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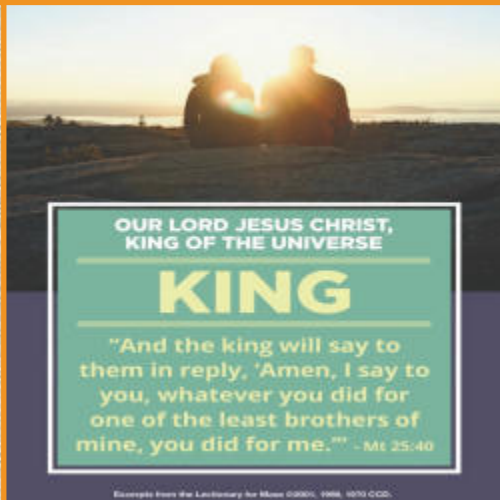
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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

KING

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" - Mt 25:40

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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, November 21, 2020

5:30 - Emily M. Harrington — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:30 - John & June McHugh — Memorial

Saturday, November 28, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, November 29, 2020

10:30 -- Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 - Ernest Butler — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

**Our financial situation is getting to a crisis level.
The pandemic has taken a very real toll in so many
ways.**

Offertory comparisons:

St. John — Oct 28 – Nov 3, 2020

On-line Giving — \$1,282

Mailed Offertory — \$1,100

Offertory from Mass — \$1,993

Total \$4375

St. Ann's — Oct — Nov 3, 2020

On-line Giving — NA

Mailed Offertory — \$2,190

Offertory from Mass — \$2,079

Total \$4,269

Suggested Sacramental Offerings:

Memorials Masses — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Almost a quarter of a century ago we, as a nation, shook off the shackles of a monarchy that we saw as oppressive and imperialistic. So you can imagine some hesitancy to embrace a feast which denotes Christ as “King”. There is a marked difference, however, between Jesus as King and George III as King. That difference is how they rule. In ruling a nation, George III did so in an autocratic way, seeking to impose his will on the people by fiat and tyranny. Jesus, on the other hand, models for us the type of “servant leadership” that we would do well to emulate in the Christian life.

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In doing so, we close out the Liturgical Year and head into another Advent, that four week period in which we prepare to welcome Christ as Savior at Christmas. It’s hard to believe that we are so close to Advent/Christmas, but this year has been unusual (to say the least!) and so we shouldn’t be surprised if this time of year has “snuck up” on us! We celebrate this particular feast by taking note of the readings. The prevalent image at work in today’s readings is that of “shepherd”. This is a popular image of Jesus, so it should come as no surprise that our readings use this image to usher in a feast such as Christ the King. The first reading, taken from Ezekiel, speaks of how the shepherd gathers the scattered flock, posturing them and giving them rest. Our psalm for today, the famous 23rd Psalm, speaks of how Jesus gives us all that will help us to live fully and abundantly so that we shall be in want of nothing. Finally, our gospel passage from Matthew speaks of the “end times” and talks of how Jesus will come back to us and separate out the “sheep” from the “goats”, gathering the sheep to Himself and ushering them into the “pasture” that is the Eternal Kingdom.

If one wonders how Jesus will undertake this “separation”, one just need look at the gospel. We are called to see Jesus in all people. If we see someone who is in need – hungry, thirsty, estranged – we are called to treat them as we would the Lord. If we fail to assist those who are in need, we run the risk of losing our place in the Kingdom, for one who fails to aid the “least ones” in the world fails to see Jesus in the world. Jesus’ presence in those who are in such need should be evident to us who are followers of Christ and we would do well to take note of it! May we never fail to “see Christ and be Christ” - *see Christ in all and be Christ for all*. May Christ, the Good Shepherd, gather us to Himself on this Solemnity of His Kingship so that we may find ourselves one day firmly ensconced in His Kingdom of Glory!

Have a Blessed Day,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, 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, John Moriarty, 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, George Lepine, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dennis Green, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly & 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**

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.

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, December 7th.**

The shelves of the Pantry are depleted and need to be restocked. Your help is needed. Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.

**The Next Food Pantry will be on
December 7th**

Thank you for your generosity, as always.

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.

Christmas Sharing

Christmas Sharing has to be different this year, due to the Pandemic. This year we are asking 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 or Market Basket 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 **December 13th**, to allow the parents time to purchase gifts before Christmas. See the handout on November 21/22 for more details. If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or **linda@santry.org**

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES NEWS FOR THE PARISHES



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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.

Perfect timing for Miramar's Private Retreat Week November 29 - December 5 (Sunday through Saturday)



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

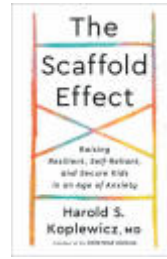
Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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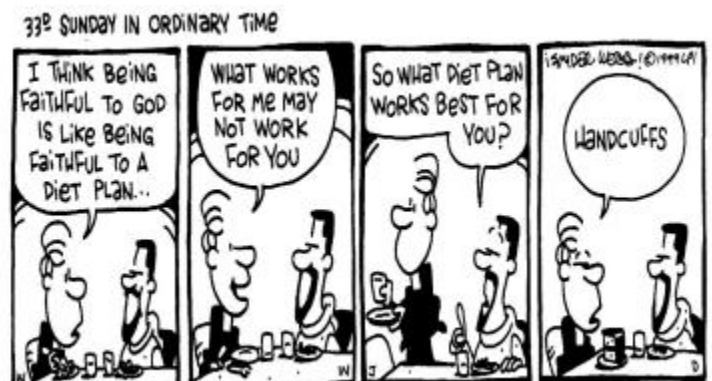
I'm excited to announce the upcoming publication of my third book, [*The Scaffold Effect: Raising Resilient, Self-Reliant, and Secure Kids in an Age of Anxiety*](#). Over decades of working with families, I've met countless parents who want to nurture strong, independent kids — kids who can cope with tough emotions, grow from their mistakes and seek out new challenges throughout life — but aren't sure how to foster that kind of resilience.

That's the focus of *The Scaffold Effect*. This book is a practical, compassionate guide through the many challenges and uncertainties of raising self-reliant kids. Am I being too hard on my child — or not hard enough? Am I supporting them or holding them back? Whether or not your child is dealing with mental health challenges, *The Scaffold Effect* is designed to help you navigate these essential questions — and take care of yourself in the process.

At its core, this book is about the powerful and clinically tested idea that the deliberate build-up and then gradual loosening of parental support is the single most effective way to encourage kids to climb higher, try new things, and develop character and strength. I collaborated with a group of the Child Mind Institute's expert clinicians to develop the parenting strategies you'll learn in *The Scaffold Effect*. Combined, these clinicians and I have hundreds of years of experience working with families, and I'm so pleased to bring our evidence-based techniques to parents everywhere.

The Scaffold Effect will be available in stores on February 2, 2021 and is currently available for pre-order wherever books are sold. My share of the proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Child Mind Institute. I hope you'll consider ordering a copy for yourself or any of the other parents in your life who could use a helping hand during these difficult times.

Learn more about [*The Scaffold Effect: Raising Resilient, Self-Reliant, and Secure Kids in an Age of Anxiety*](#)



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NEW RELEASE FALL 2020

In his third encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* ("All Brothers"), Pope Francis reflects on a topic of great importance: human solidarity and friendship. Pope Francis first opened the world with the words *fratelli e sisters* – "brothers and sisters" – following his election to the papacy. In this encyclical, he continues to address all men and women as his brothers and sisters, calling us to consider what our common brotherhood requires of us.

Pope Francis has shown repeatedly that he is dedicated to promoting friendship among all people. *Fratelli Tutti* follows his 2019 signing of the Document on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi. And at the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Pope Francis prayed for the salvation of all people in his extraordinary "Urbi et Orbi" address in an empty St. Peter's Square.

The Holy Father calls us to live out our Christian duty to see the face of Jesus in our neighbors, recognizing everyone we meet as a brother or sister. In this encyclical, Pope Francis reminds us of our "blissful common belonging." By fostering a greater affection for all, we reaffirm the dignity of every human person created in the image and likeness of God.

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FRATELLI TUTTI
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP
ENCYCLICAL LETTER
POPE FRANCIS

Please remember that the bins for St. Vincent de Paul Outside of Saint Ann's Parish Is for clothing ONLY!!!!



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.

The guidelines for the Archdiocese can be found on line at RCAB Office of Risk Management.

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