



## ***Together in Christ Collaborative***

### ***Divine Mercy Sunday***

*April 24, 2022*

*Saint John's*



*Saint Ann's*



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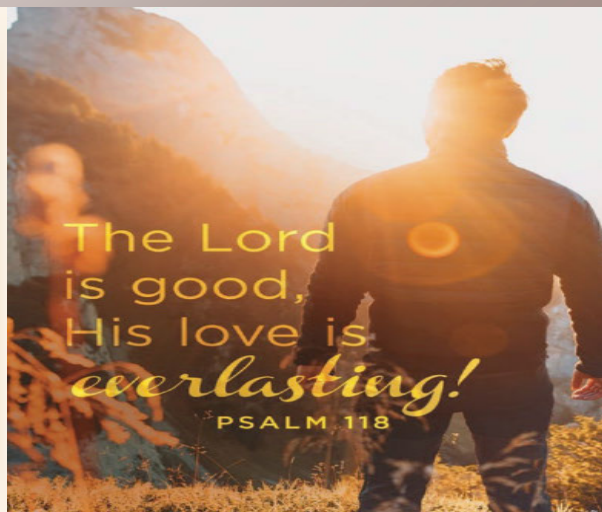
## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Pastor:

**Rev. Paul L. Ring**

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#### Priests In Residence

**Fr. Peter Francis**

**Fr. Michael Diochi**

#### **Permanent Deacons:**

**Brendan Fitzgerald (Sr. Deacon)**

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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.**

**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. Life Teen 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 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.

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 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**

### SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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### SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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**SSaturday, April 23, 2022**

4:00— Frank DePaola — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

8:30 - Joseph M. Utka — 6th Anniversary  
Joseph J. Giovanoni — Month's Mind

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday May 1, 2022**

8:30 - Raimundo Gomes — Memorial

6:15 - Parishioners of Saint Anne & Saint John

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

5:30 — For the people in the Ukraine

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

10:30 - Kendra Frabetti — 20th Anniversary

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

5:30 - Robert DeFazio — 2nd Anniversary

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

10:30— Parishioners of Saint John

### THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

#### Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

Thank you for the increase in offertory.  
It is very needed and much appreciated.

ST ANN —Not Available		ST JOHN—Not Available	
Online	N/A	Online	\$
Mail	\$	Mail	\$
Mass	\$	Mass	\$
TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

Thank you to all those who contributed to the  
Easter Flower Collection  
The Altar looked beautiful.  
The flowers on the doors of the church were in  
support of the Ukraine.  
They were Ukraine  
colors.

And to the Disciples of Hospitality  
For their Efforts and talents  
In making The Altar so beautiful  
To celebrate the  
RISEN CHRIST!!!!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, “Jesus, I trust in You”. When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, “my Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn’t approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn’t have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we “take it on faith” that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who “have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

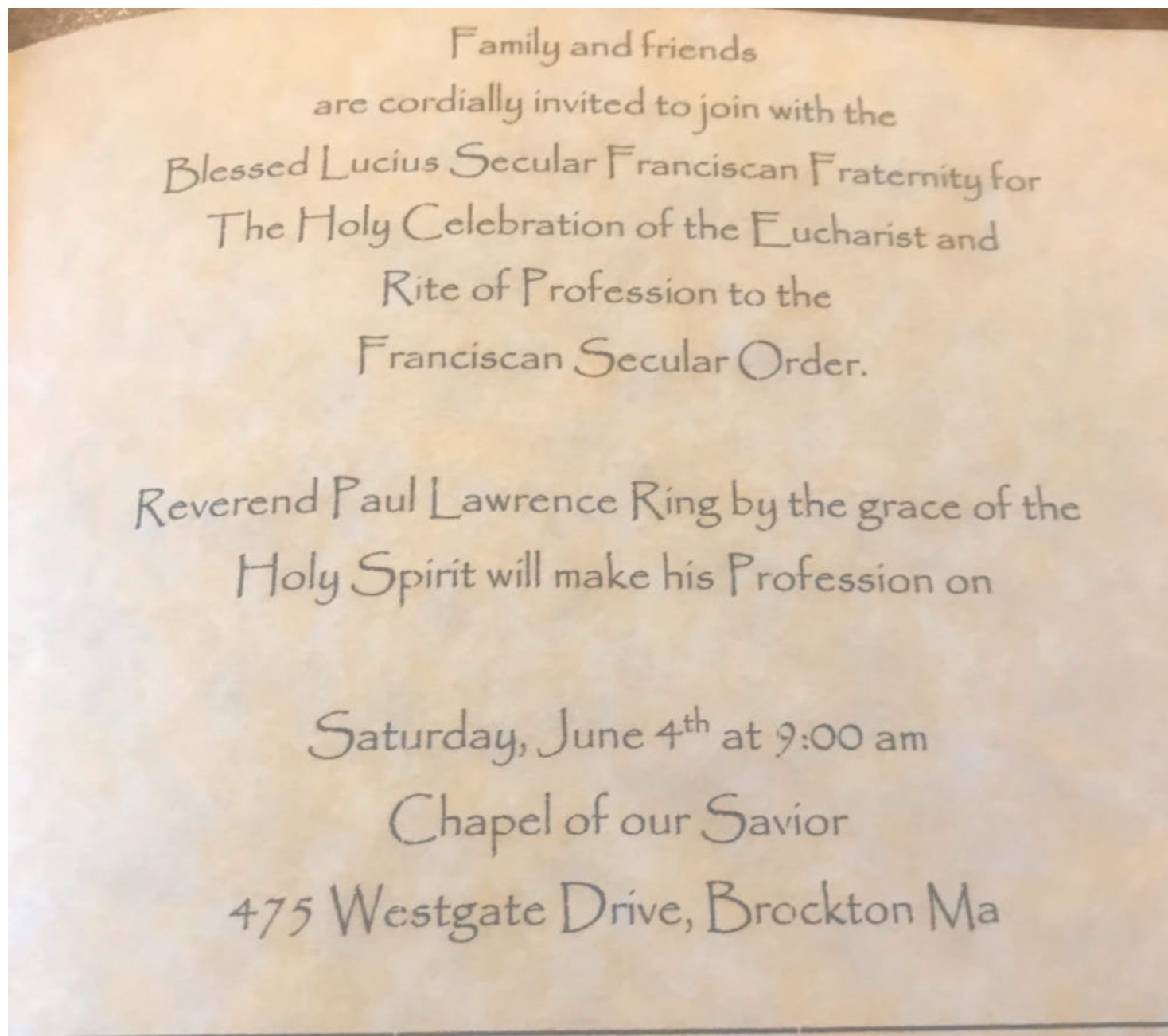
My Dear Friends in Christ,

Three years ago I, along with Nancy and Kevin Smith, entered into formation in the Secular Franciscan Order. It has been an amazing journey, and as our formation is complete, plans are underway for a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Profession to the Franciscan Secular Order.

We would love for you to join us, either in person or in prayer. For more information, or to join us, feel free to reach out to me.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul





## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### Giving Thanks: The Eucharistic Prayer

In an earlier post introducing the second part of the Sacred Liturgy, I wrote about the connection between the Eucharist and the ancient Passover meal. In that reflection, I focused our attention on the prayer of blessing said during the Passover Seder and the prayer the priest says over the gifts, saying, "Blessed are you." This prayer is a particular kind of prayer and is known as the "Berakah" prayer or simply, the prayer of blessings. In the Old Testament this form of prayer was common in remembering the covenant God established with his people. Through this prayer, God recounts what he does for his people and the people acknowledge him and praise him as Lord. There is power in remembering what the Lord God has done in the past as we are mindful of what he does in the present and what we want him to do in the future. In the Liturgy of Hours, this type of prayer is prayed every morning as the Church prays the Gospel Canticle from Zechariah when he says, "Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, for he has come to his people to set them free."

When Jesus prays at the last supper he recalls this type of prayer when he institutes the Eucharist. Receiving the gifts of bread and wine he takes the symbols of the peoples' offering and blesses them. In doing so he takes ordinary things and, through his prayer, makes them reflective of what the Father will do for all of us in Christ. The Hebrew prayer of blessing, "Barak" means thanksgiving. In Greek, the word is "eucharistein" which literally means "good gift". When we receive a "good gift" we give thanks to the giver of the gift. The best way to "give thanks for the good gifts we receive is to use them AS the giver intends.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of blessing and thanksgiving. Though the rubrics of the Church are clear that this prayer is a "priestly" prayer, there are aspects of the prayer that are reciprocal and rely on the priestly people of God (the laity) to affirm and move forward. The Eucharistic prayer is a dialogue between Christ the High Priest and the People of God who form the common priesthood of all believers.

The Eucharistic Prayer generally has this structure: prayer over the gifts, preface, Sanctus, epiclesis, account of the institution, prayer of offering, and intercessions. This prayer ends with a praise to the Holy Trinity and the Great Amen in which the people of God ratify what the priest prays!

Over the next few articles, we will be taking a closer look at the various Eucharistic Prayers the Church prays. May our reflections on these sacred and liturgical texts open our hearts and minds to what Jesus Christ is doing for us, in us, and through us for our sake and for the sake of all souls!

## April Religious Ed Schedule

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Grades 1, 3 and 4

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**:

Grade 2: 9:25 Class, Mass 10:30

Grades 5 and 6: Mass 10:30, Class after Mass until 12:30

**April 17**: No class: Easter

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**: No class: April Vacation

## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Great progress is being made in renovating Saint Ann's Parish Center: Thank you to all the volunteers.**

**Cleaning of floors, walls, & the kitchen are Complete.**

**Bingo should be able to begin in the up-coming Months.**

**The Disciples of Hospitality completed their first event by providing an ice cream party for the second graders after their First Reconciliation and it is due to their efforts that the church looks so beautiful for Easter.**

**The Religious Education Program is preparing for the First Communions and Confirmation Sacraments.**

**Confirmations are scheduled for May 10th at Saint Ann's at 6 PM and May 11th at Saint John's at 6 PM**

**First Communions are scheduled for 10 dates to accommodate all families. The schedule will be available shortly.**

**Prayer Bags for Bibles is a fundraiser to raise money to be able to provide children with bibles.**

**Pastoral Council and Finance Councils are beginning to meet again.**

**A new website for the Collaborative is the process of being designed. We will keep you posted.**

**The process of finding a new Facilities/Operations Mgr. is underway.**

**Best wishes to Donna Roderiques in her new pursuits.**



## 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 Nicolai, Paul Martin, 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, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL  
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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

## 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—4:30 pm.**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

## THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, May 2 — 3:00—5:30*  
*Monday, May 16 — 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.**

## 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.



## THE EASTER TRIDUUM WAS WONDERRUL!!!

**Thank you to everyone who worked to make it so special.**

### Especially:

**Fr. Paul Ring**

**Fr. Peter Francis**

**Fr. Michael Diochi**

**Deacon Chris Connelly**

### Muscians:

**Rich Cesarini, The Cantors & Choir:**

**Suzanne Braddock, Matt Cuninham, Brittany**

**Longeree, Lyndsey Kelley, Erica & Suzanne**

**Wasil, McKenzie Patterson, Mary Langer, Alice**

**Hooper, Jeanne MacDonald, & Debbie Conrad**

### The Disciples of Hospitality:

**Claire Yocum, Claire Easter, Mary Langer,**

**Chris Baker, Tina Anthony, Joe Pigeon, &**

**Jim Guarino**

### Holy Thursday Volunteers:

**Anne Owen, Vince Adornato, Linda Santry,**

**Claire Easter, Joe Pigeon, Kerri Fabrowski,**

**Chris Baker, Jim & Cindy Guarino, &**

**Maureen & Kristen Masefield**

### Easter Lectors:

**Stephanie Callender, Linda Joy, Chris Baker,**

**Mark Churchill, Elaine Landolfi, MaryLou**

**Thompson, Claire Easter, Vince Adornato, Ben**

**Williams, Diane Sullivan**

### Office Staff:

**Arlene Stefano, Nancy Goggin, &**

**Debbie Conrad**

**All are welcome to join us next year!!**

**It takes a village.....**

## The West Bridgewater Food Pantry Has Moved!

April 24 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



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**

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of a volunteer to assist us with our monthly food pick-up from the Greater Boston Food Bank. One day a month on the first Tuesday of every month from approximately 12:00 – 4:00PM. Must be able to lift items weighing 50 pounds without any difficulty. If interested, please call the food panti at (508) 510-5274. Thank you!

The West Bridgewater Food Pantry, Inc., is available to residents of West Bridgewater. Proof of residency is a requirement.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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