



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent*



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"
- Lk 24:33-34

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED
ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR
GROUP GATHERINGS.

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

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Observances for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

MASSES ARE MOVED ON LINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASSES CAN BE VIEWED ON:

CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

EWTN — CHANNEL 238 is also broadcasting masses.

Fr. Paul is conducting Daily Masses and a Holy Hour/Rosary on Facebook Live.

FR. PAUL'S FACEBOOK PAGE — Paul Ring
ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PG — St. John the Evangelist—EB

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)

Daily mass airs live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at www.WatchtheMass.com

My Dear Friends in Christ,



“...He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Lk 24:35). When I was studying for the priesthood, we used to perform “practice Masses”; they obviously weren’t “valid” as we weren’t yet ordained. This “run through”, however, gave us a great opportunity to get the mechanics down for when we would be celebrating Mass for real (after ordination). Fast-forward to my first Mass: I was at the point of the Mass where the host is elevated and the words are spoken (or *were* spoken, under the *former* translation), “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, happy are those who are called to His Supper” (the words have been changed with the new translation of the Roman Missal, of course). At that point in the Mass, in my very new priesthood, it was as if I was receiving Jesus for the first time; my hands literally trembled, recognizing that I was holding **Jesus** in my hands! I believe I understood, in a very real way, what the disciples on the road to Emmaus felt “in the breaking of the bread” (ibid).

This post-Resurrection encounter of the disciples with the Risen Christ is a “watershed” moment in their lives, and in salvation history. It begins with incredulity, with the disciples amazed that someone doesn’t know what went on in the days of Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection. “Where was this guy (who, due to their grief, perhaps, don’t recognize Jesus *as* Jesus) when all of this was happening?? How could he not know what went on these past few days??”, they might have been wondering. Jesus doesn’t take them to task, however – He takes the opportunity to teach them all about Himself, doing this through Scripture. The invitation is then proffered to Jesus to join them for supper. It is at this point, at this *Eucharistic* moment, that the disciples **finally** recognize Jesus!

How often in our own lives, due to worldly anxiety (such as the current COVID-19 pandemic), do we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst? How often do we fail to see Him walking with us, teaching us, sharing Himself with us? It is in the breaking of the bread that we most powerfully “see” Jesus, under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples at the table, as He did so often, so that this Eucharist that we share on Sundays and Holy Days might be made all the more “real”. When we gather as a community of believers, as a family of faith, (whether physically or, in these days, spiritually) we are made ONE in the one bread and one cup. It is in this common meal that we come together, unity among diversity. We may come to the table with our diverse and disparate “baggage”, but we leave the table with the same Jesus. It is in this common worship, in the “breaking of the bread” (ibid) that Jesus powerfully reveals Himself to us. May we recognize Him not only then, but in the “ordinary” moments of our lives.

Have a Blessed (Continued) Easter,

Fr. Paul

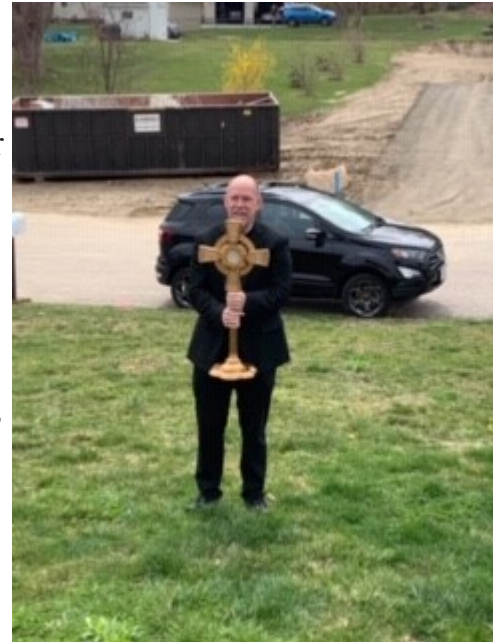
COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
Thank you to all who contribute to our offertory through your weekly offering and other gifts! It is very much appreciated! For more information on Online Giving, please contact us.				
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$20,000

PALM SUNDAY PARADE

On Palm Sunday, and into the days of Holy Week, I had the incredible opportunity to visit (albeit at a safe, social distance) over 150 families of the Collaborative. It was an amazing experience of connection and true “communion”, gathering with you as the Body of Christ, Incarnate. Over the course of these four days I spoke with, and blessed, so many people who were so appreciative of the time together. My appreciation came in the opportunity to “bridge the gap” of the social distancing we have all been experiencing, and to bring Jesus (literally, in the Blessed Sacrament contained in the monstrance) to so many people. This is a challenging time for all, and I strive to look for opportunities to be with people in whatever way I can. During this “Palm Sunday/Holy Week Parade”, I was provided the means (and energy!) to connect with so many of you. May God Bless you during this time of quarantine, and may God’s abundant blessings be yours during this holy Season of Easter. I pray that we may be together soon, not at a “social distance” but side-by-side in our Churches as the Living Body of Christ. God Bless!



Peace,

Fr. Paul



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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 St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.

FIRST RESPONDERS - THANK YOU PRAYER

I thank God for giving you a strength
That exceeds any measure
I thank God for giving you a courage
That allows you to run towards danger
So others can be safe
I thank God for showing us all, through you
What it means to put others first
I thank God for showing us your bright light in the darkest of times
I pray that today and everyday
You feel the love and support
Of those whose lives you have saved and changed
Of the community you protect
And of God who gives us all strength



My Dear Friends in Christ,

These are an uncertain times and, if you're like me, we look for reassurance during such moments. One of the ways my mother used to reassure my siblings and me was to read to us. They were always entertaining, and had a message for us that gave comfort to us. In that same vein, I will be offering "Story Time with Fr. Paul and Nellie". From the warm confines of my chapel, Nellie and I will be reading (well, I'll be reading...she'll be there for emotional support for us all!) from various books that I hope will be of comfort and reassurance. I will be doing this by way of Facebook Live, and I invite you to join me.

So, after "online school" has let out and supper has been served, please join me (by way of Facebook Live) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for "Storytime With Fr. Paul and Nellie". I pray that this will give comfort and support to all, young and young-at-heart!

Peace,

Fr. Paul

When things fall apart, we can easily feel overwhelmed, anxious and depressed. It can be stressful when we don't know what the future holds. And we have a lot of time on our hands, so taking steps for our own wellness and spiritual growth is a perfect next step.

I invite you to join me on Facebook Live on [Ask a Catholic Nun](#) on Tuesdays at 1pm ET.

In our Facebook Live meetings I'll lead you through meditations for inner peace, discussion of my book *Surviving Depression*, guided prayer, the wisdom of the saints, and more. So I hope I'll see you there!

Sr Kathryn Hermes, FSP

(You do not need a Facebook Account to view the program. You do need one to comment.)

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Dennis Green, 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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

[Boston Pilot: Archdiocese issues liturgical directives for coronavirus prevention](#)

PLEASE READ THE CARDINAL'S BLOG AT:

Cardinalseansblog.org and our websites.
(Addresses on Cover of bulletin)

THANK YOU health care workers
THANK YOU first responders
THANK YOU grocery workers
THANK YOU delivery workers
THANK YOU truck drivers
THANK YOU mail carriers
THANK YOU sanitation workers
THANK YOU pharmacy workers
THANK YOU transit workers
THANK YOU to all the essential workers supporting our community



IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

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 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.

The next Food Pantry will be May 4th.

Thank you for your generosity, as always.

Lighter Side

What Next?

God was talking to one of his angels and said, "Do you know what I have just done? I've just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that great?"

The angel said, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God said, "I think I'll call it a day."

For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to www.stjohneb.org
- Click on tab across the top "Giving"
- Go to "Click Here to Give Online"

We recommend setting up an account by selecting "Sign In" at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select "Give Now."

“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”

Peace,

Fr. Paul

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.