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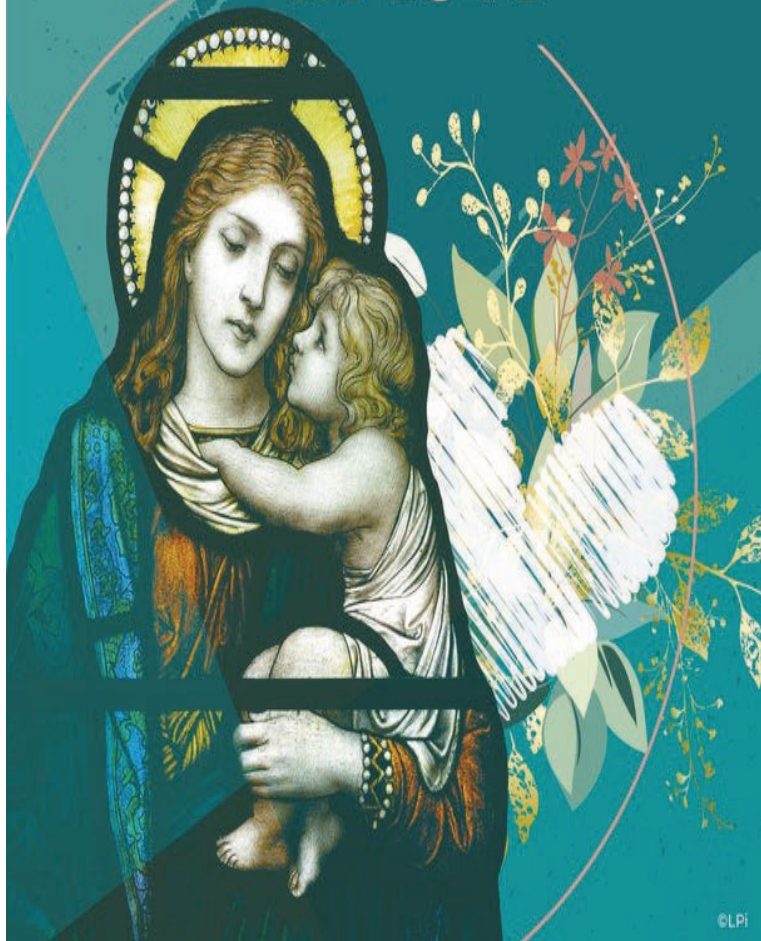
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*May 8, 2022*



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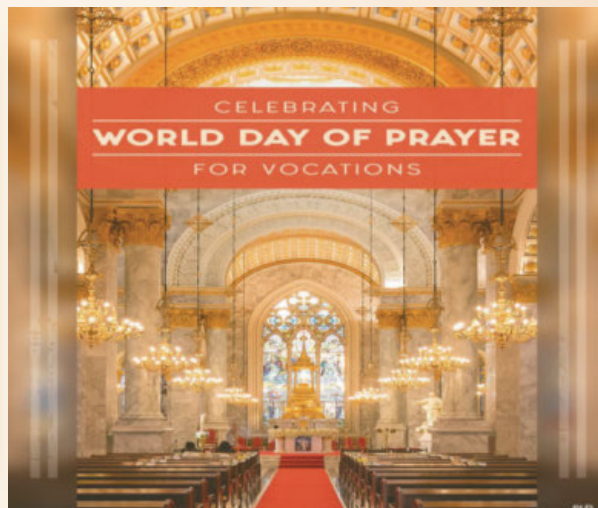
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### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

#### **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 10 a.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**

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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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**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

4:00— Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

4:00 — Parishioners of St. John and St. Ann

**Sunday May 15, 2022**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - Nestor Miguel Minaya Garate — 1st Ann.

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, May 7, 2022**

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

10:30 - For the people in the Ukraine

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

9:00 — Jocelyn A. London — Birthday Remem

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

5:30 - Len Shepard — 6th Anniversary

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

10:30—Joseph Cullivan — 15th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In writing this column, I recall a conversation I had with a seminary classmate of mine who is from Greece and has relatives who are shepherds. One of the interesting things he told me about the sheep is that when they have been with the shepherd for a long enough period of time, they become “attuned” to the voice of the shepherd. After a while they will not respond to another voice, not even another shepherd’s.

This is why Jesus uses the image of the sheep and the shepherd in conveying the relationship that we are to have with Him. Jesus knows us, and He knows us intimately. We, for our part, are called to know Him, to know His voice. The only way that we can do this is by “tuning out” other voices, voices which are contrary to the Lord’s. This can be a difficult, seemingly impossible thing. There are so many voices which run contrary to His that it can be hard to tell to which ones we are to listen. These “other” voices can lead us in directions which may seem, for a time, to be good places. Ultimately, however, the decisions we make and the roads we choose to walk are meant to lead us to deeper and complete relationship with and in God.

So how do we “tune out” these other voices? The first way, I believe, is to invite God into our everyday life. To make God a part of every decision, every conversation and every encounter we have with/in the world is vitally important. The next way is prayer. When we open up our mind and heart to God, God can show us amazing things! When we communicate with God, both speaking and listening, we can realize the good things God has in store for us. Finally, we need to act on that communication, practicing what we preach. In this way, we can establish, maintain and grow our relationship with God.

May we have the courage to “tune out” those voices which are not God. May we, in our decision-making and in our conversations, never be afraid to make God a part of them. May we know God, serve His people and love all who come into our midst. May we, when we hear the voice of the good shepherd (who is Christ) respond with full and open hearts. May we respond in love, willing to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in the same way that Jesus has laid down His life.

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

## THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

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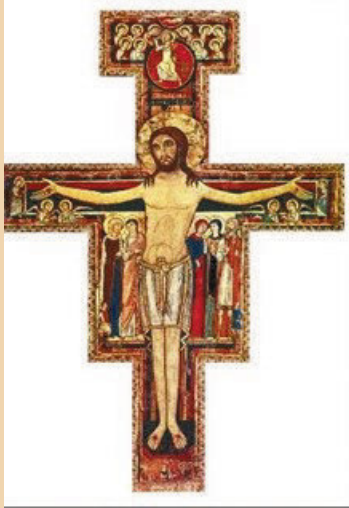
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Mary you are the most faithful. You accepted all that God asked of you. So great was your willingness to follow Him and place everything in His hands.

I worry faithful Mother, about many things: my life, my family, my job, my future, the future of the country. Teach me to have faith in God. Teach me to place my trust in Him as you did, surrendering all things to His holy will.

Amen



## 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 deepening our relationship with Christ, 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. We are asking for an RSVP for the Brunch for planning purposes. Attending Mass does not require an RSVP.

Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. Paul

Family and friends  
are cordially invited to join with the  
Blessed Lucius Secular Franciscan Fraternity for  
The Holy Celebration of the Eucharist and  
Rite of Profession to the  
Franciscan Secular Order.

Reverend Paul Lawrence Ring by the grace of the  
Holy Spirit will make his Profession on

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
Chapel of our Savior  
475 Westgate Drive, Brockton Ma

Brunch Immediately Following Mass  
Please RSVP to: [fr\\_plrstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net)

Having you join me in this celebration has special joy  
because we were not able to celebrate the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination.





## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### The Structure of the Eucharistic Prayer

**Recently** I interviewed an applicant for the permanent diaconate and I asked the man, as I customarily do, how he prays and which person of God he usually addresses when he prays. The answer to these questions can reveal many things about a person's spirituality. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we can ask ourselves the same questions: to whom do we pray and how?

**The "Who"** that prays the Mass is Christ's own body comprised of the baptized. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we pray, in fact, as scripture reminds us, when we pray it is the Spirit of God that enables us to address God as Father and it is the Spirit of God that prays through us. This truth is taught in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), when it says about the Eucharistic Prayer, "The Priest calls upon the people to lift up their hearts towards the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving; he (the Priest acting *in persona Christi*) associates the people with himself in the Prayer that he addresses in the name of the entire community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit" (#78).

**To help** us pray the Eucharistic prayer, with reverence and understanding, I offer these brief comments on the eight essential parts to the Eucharistic Prayers we pray every Sunday: the thanksgiving, acclamation, epiclesis, institution narrative and consecration, anamnesis, oblation, intercessions, and doxology.

**The thanksgiving** takes place after the prayer over the gifts and takes the form of the Preface. Though the texts of the Eucharistic Prayers are fixed, the Preface varies allowing us to give thanks to God for what he does in the context of our lives. Then after giving thanks, we sing the *acclamation* that unites our praise with that of the angels when we sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

**After the Sanctus** is sung, the next thing to pay attention to is the priest's gesture of holding out his hands in front of him over the gifts. This is the sign that the priest is calling down the Holy Spirit over the gifts. This is the *epiclesis* which means to call upon or to summon. Through this prayer the priest calls upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that they may be acceptable to the Father and consecrated into Jesus' body and blood. Immediately following the invocation of the Spirit, the priest prays the words of *Institution* and *Consecration*. Recall that when Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, he gave a command to his disciples to "Do this in memory of me." The Church honors this command at the *anamnesis* which means "remembering." Remembering is not simply recalling, it is making present the events we remember and celebrate.

**The Church** does not simply offer bread and wine so that they can become for us the body and blood of Christ. By offering bread and wine, we ask that we too be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. This is the prayer of *oblation* that forms the next part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The Roman Missal describes this section with these words, "The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves" (#79 (f)). Following the oblation is *intercessions* through which we recall that the Eucharist is a celebration of the whole Church in heaven and on earth and is offered for her needs and the needs of the entire world—living and deceased.

**With all things**, the *doxology* ends the Eucharistic Prayer by giving Glory to Father, for it is "Through him (Jesus), and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever." The people of God make this prayer their own by acclaiming "Amen."

**My hope** is that through this short reflection on the structure of the Eucharistic Prayer you will proclaim with great faith, hope, and love, "Amen."



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As I write this column, I stand a little less than a month away from my Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. Plans are well underway for the celebration of the Rite of Profession, along with a social gathering afterwards. Invitations have been sent and received, programs are being created and printed, and details are being solidified for the day itself. It has been an amazing journey to this point, but it is just the beginning.

While Profession signifies a formal step in the process of becoming a Secular Franciscan, it is (much like my Ordination) just the first step of a lifelong journey of discovery of who St. Francis is for me and my fellow Franciscans. There will be "ongoing formation", monthly meetings at which we will discover who Francis is for us, as well as who we are in light of our relationship with God and the Secular Franciscan Order. While we can, after Profession, lay claim to the title "Secular Franciscan", I feel as if this is formalizing something which God has been doing with, for, and in me my whole life. My calling to the Secular Franciscan Order is not unlike my calling to Priesthood. It is something which God has been doing long before I ever started this journey.

I've always believed that God has a plan for each one of us. Sometimes those plans take many twists and turns, and are far more circuitous than we can ever imagine (or perhaps ever (think we) want). Again, reflecting on this journey in light of my priesthood, I believe that God chose me to be a priest long before I even knew what priesthood entailed. In that same way, I believe that God chose me to be a Secular Franciscan long before I ever heard of St. Francis, or knew where Assisi was on a map (of Italy). In light of God's calling me to this life as a Secular Franciscan, I would invite all of you to pray over your own vocation, even if you feel that your life is already "mapped out".

I heard recently that a calling to the Secular Franciscan Order as a diocesan priest is a "vocation within a vocation". Perhaps, in whatever vocation you are living, if you feel like you have found your life's calling God is still calling you to a "vocation within a vocation", and is calling you to pursue something further, something additional, something deeper, along with the vocation you are currently living. I'm not suggesting that everyone is called to the Secular Franciscan Order (although some of you very well might be!), but I am suggesting that (perhaps) God IS calling you to deepen your relationship with Him by looking into some sort of way of life such as the Secular Franciscans. A "third order", a ministry in the Church, or a renewal of the life you are already living might be just what God is calling for within you. You might just be surprised as to what you find!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



## 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, 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.

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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 to 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.*

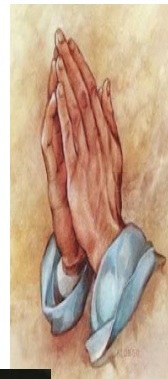
Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

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.



*These young girls are among 170 war refugees welcomed at the Basilian monastery near Lviv, Ukraine. Msgr. Kieran Harrington, U.S. national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, met with refugees at the monastery during his visit to Ukraine. (CNS photo/Mykola Schepniy, Pontifical Mission Societies)*

For Msgr. Kieran Harrington, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, the timing of his visit to Ukraine — Holy Week according to the Julian calendar — was intentional. (Msgr's story on next page.)

### Together in Christ Volunteers Needed

The following tasks need parishioners who can volunteer their time and talents:

Someone to plant the Easter Flowers around the parishes.

Someone to empty the trash in St. John's Hall once a week.

Someone to empty the trash bin outside the St Ann's Rectory Door to the dumpster in back of Saint Ann's Parish Center until we get the trash collection back on a regular basis.

**People who would like to join a Collaborative Planning Session to brainstorm ideas for the future growth of our Collaborative.**

**If interested in any of these position, please call the Rectory.**

**St. Ann's 508-586-4880 or St. John's 508-378-4207**

# At the Foot of the Cross: A Visit to Ukraine LVIV, Ukraine (CNS) —

"I thought that it is important at this moment of war to come to a place we support to be with those who are in the midst of suffering, to be with Christ where he is suffering now, to stand at the foot of the cross here in Ukraine," he said.

"You cannot stop the suffering, but you can be with them, so that they know they are not suffering by themselves, so they know that they are not alone," he said. "It matters that someone comes and cares about your suffering."

Msgr. Harrington admitted a bit of fear traveling to Ukraine. "And then I meet mothers concerned about their children, who've heard the pounding of bombs and the scaring effect of that. I speak to a young girl who had gone through that experience and is looking at her sister and not wanting her sister to experience that.

"And others feel hatred for what is being done and are so upset that they are hating, because they know we are made for love. This is the takeaway for me. That God made us to love. And war makes us hate."

Bringing humanitarian aid and other assistance for the outreach by the church in Ukraine and in Poland, Msgr. Harrington noted that "spiritual accompaniment" was critical as well: "to be here in Holy Week, to pray with the people, to journey with them through our Lord's passion and crucifixion, to remind them of the hope of the resurrection."

The Pontifical Mission Societies are intended to help the church grow, including with programs for children.

"But now we are in war," Msgr. Harrington said, "and many of those who have supported our work want to help with the immediate need. And so that is why I am here, to bring that immediate help for food, for medicine. Our brothers and sisters are suffering, so we give what we can."

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