

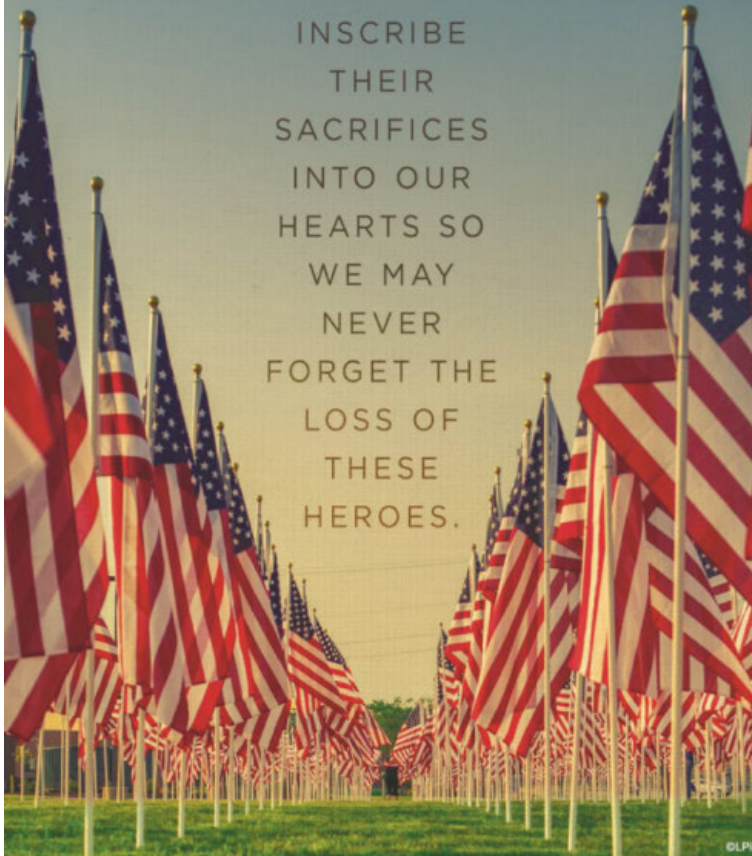


*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday*



MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY
FATHER,
INSCRIBE
THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
HEROES.



Lord,
send out
your Spirit,
renew the
face of
the earth.

PSALM 104



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For both Churches

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass
Thurs & Sat.
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
&
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.

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 JOHN'S STAFF

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**DURING THE
MONTHS OF
JUNE
JULY
AUGUST**

**DUE TO FISCAL
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 27, 2023

**4:00 — Geraldine & John Sullivan & Family -
Memorial**

Sunday, May 28, 2023

**9:30 — All parishioners who serve/d in the Armed
Services**

Saturday, June 3, 2023 -

4:00 — Brian Landolfi — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, June 4, 2023

9:30 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday May 28, 2023

**8:00 - All parishioners who serve/d in the Armed
Forces**

11:30 - John Oliveira - Month's Mind

**6:15 - All parishioners who serve/d in the Armed
Forces**

Sunday, June 4, 2023

8:00 - Our Country

11:30 - Our Country

6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Pentecost Sunday: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the "birthday" of the Church. It is a feast which has multi-denominational roots. It is, in Christian circles, often called "Whitsunday" (especially in Great Britain); it is historically and symbolically connected to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot which commemorates the Lord giving Moses the Ten Commandments on Sinai fifty days after the Exodus event. It is marked for us, as Catholic-Christians, by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

The symbols of Pentecost are multiple, as well. Fire, wind and a dove are all used to connote the fact that the Holy Spirit has power and moves as God wills it. These symbols pale, as symbols do, in comparison to the *actual presence* of the Holy Spirit. We need these symbols, however, to "wrap our minds around" a concept that is bigger than ourselves. This is why the biblical writers use such symbols – to convey a greater truth than one we could scarcely imagine on our own. This is why we, in the Church, use these symbols of fire, wind and doves – to help us to grow closer in the truth, the truth that God is still at work in our lives. Just a few days ago, a number of our young people here in the Collaborative received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was at that moment that they were "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit". A power came into their lives greater than themselves, greater than any of us. This moment was a testament to the fact that the Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in our Church to this day.

The Apostles gathered in the upper room, most likely the same room in which the gathered for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The doors were locked, for they feared the authorities who had the power to end their earthly lives. Jesus, in standing in their midst, gave them His peace, a peace which the world cannot give. It is in the midst of this peace that they now stood, able to go forth from that place and do great things in the name of God. It is in the midst of that peace that we now stand, able to go forth from our places of worship to do great things in the name of God. And let us not kid ourselves – it was no easier for the disciples gathered at that first Pentecost than it is for us. They had challenges to their faith...and so do we. They had persecution in the early Church...and so do we. They had the Holy Spirit in their midst...and so do we.

May we have the courage of the early Church to go out to all nations, proclaiming God's truth in love, His victory over sin and death in Christ Jesus. May we know that the Holy Spirit is with us on this day and on every day that we have the opportunity to proclaim the truths of our faith. May we feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and may we share that power with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Pentecost,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study Continues

Our new Adult Bible Study continues to meet every **Wednesday at 7 pm at St. John.**

We gather in the conference room in the lower church. Our focus is the Sunday Gospel and what it means for us as disciples. All are welcome!

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 44 high school students who were confirmed last week! As we celebrate this major event in their life of faith, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will descend upon them and empower them to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

As we do every month, we will be making sandwiches for Fr. Paul to take with him on his volunteer day with Capuchin Mobile Ministries. The June date is 6/19 at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center. All are welcome to join us. Sign up is not required, but we do like to have a count of how many people are coming. You can find the sign up form here:

<https://forms.gle/5TCCCSwFdVd7PuUp9>



13th Annual Family Walk



Saturday, June 10th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

A short walk around the Stonehill College campus will be followed by family fun activities including inflatable bounce houses and slides, obstacle course, climbing wall, live entertainment, and food vendors.

NO registration fee. FREE t-shirts for all who register on-line by May 31st.

Registration and event details:

www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk

First Communions



Congratulations to the 38 First Communicants who received their First Communions this month.

We are very proud of you!
See you at Mass to receive the Holy Eucharist.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

On this celebration of Pentecost, let us pray together with St. Francis of Assisi, as he wrote in a letter to all the Friars, just before he died:

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God,
give us miserable ones
the grace to do for You alone
what we know you want us to do
and always to desire what pleases you.
Inwardly cleansed,
interiorly enlightened
and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit,
may we be able to follow
in the footprints of Your beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
and, by Your grace alone,
may we make our way to You,
Most High,
Who live and rule
in perfect Trinity and simple Unity,
and are glorified
God almighty,
forever and ever.
Amen

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



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PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.
I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.
Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.
Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.
Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.
In all my interactions, I want to radiate
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Breathe new life into the world through me.
Amen.



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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Kenneth Upham, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Diane Nicolar, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Gail Butler, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jack, Brian Scanlan, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Joan Fusco, Irene Churchill & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

If you know that some of these people should be removed, Please call the Rectory so we can update the

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544

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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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.

Monday, June 5, 2023
Monday, June 19, 2023

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

The Protecting God's Children Department of the Archdiocese has asked that all volunteers receive a copy of the Code of Conduct Guidelines for all Volunteers.

If you have not received this in your email or have not been able to obtain a copy in the Sacristy, please call the office and arrangements will be made to get one to you.

508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880

PENTECOST



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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WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

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BINGO IS IN FULL SWING



Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
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Bingo starts 6:30 SHARP

Saturdays — Southeast Cyclone's Bingo
Doors open at 4 PM
Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP



The Flower Memorial this
week is
in Honor of

The Blessed Mother

NEWS

A Prayer for the United States of America

Almighty God, Lord of life, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our laws and liberties will continue to be protected.

Heal the conflicts which damage our unity and ease our political differences from one another. May our citizens respect religious freedom, the importance of family and the values of human life.

In these times of uncertainty, give us the ability to remain compassionate, patient and resistant. Give us the wisdom to see things from a rational and enlightened perspective, to know right from wrong, to recognize evil from good and to realize truth from lies.

Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct our political leaders to the preservation of truth, promoting national security, the increase of jobs and industry and to ensure justice and equality for all.

Give us the fortitude to see that our faith in You is the greatest decision we can undertake.

Amen



America the Beautiful

Lyrics Words by Katharine Lee Bates,
Melody by Samuel Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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