



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter*



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me through their word."
- Jn 17:20

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 28, 2022

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

Sunday May 29, 2022

8:30 - Sibor & Domingos Families — Mem.

6:15 - People of the Ukraine

Saturday, June 4, 2022

4:00 - Thomas Garvey — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, June 5, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 28, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John & Saint Ann

Sunday, May 29, 2022

10:30 — For the Poor, Hungry & Homeless

Saturday, June 4, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:30 - For the protection of the Unborn

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

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



“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. “

My Dear Friends in Christ,



When I was preparing to receive Confirmation, I chose the name “Stephen” as my Confirmation name, a step in the journey toward the Sacrament which signifies the “change” which takes place in the Confirmandi. When I mentioned this to my sponsor, they remarked how wonderful it was that I had chosen that name. When I asked why, they pointed out that all of my given names (first, middle and (now) Confirmation) were all martyrs. I wasn’t quite sure, at the time, how wonderful this was!

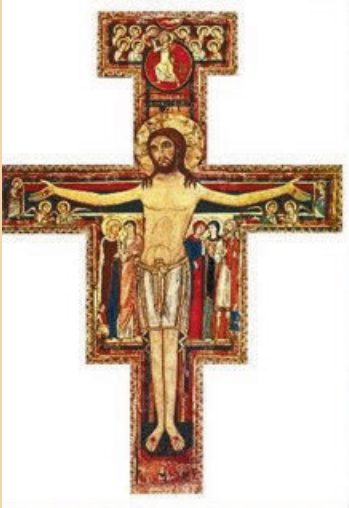
As a teenager, I didn’t necessarily think of martyrdom as a good thing; as I’ve gotten older, I realize that each one of us who live the Christian life is called to be a martyr in some fashion. When one accepts and lives their relationship with Christ, one is called to “die to self” so that Christ might live in us. St. Stephen, widely recognized as the first Christian martyr, saw this union with Christ as something to be striven for, something to be entered into fully. Even his final words in which he commends his spirit to God and forgives his persecutors echo the words and actions of Christ. Stephen remains for the Church a powerful witness and testament to how a life lived in union with Christ can bear great fruit.

As Jesus readies the disciples for their new roles of service and ministry, He prays for both the preacher and those who will receive the Word. Jesus further prays for union between Himself (and the Father) and the disciples. This union will be necessary during those times when they are weary and might lose hope. If they feel that they are alone, that they are doing this by themselves, then they might abandon the cause. If they know, however, that God does not and will not leave them abandoned, then they can do amazing things. This is where we “fit in”. We have, through our Baptism and Confirmation, been given a “commission” to go out and preach and teach, heal and minister. Like those disciples prayed for by Jesus, we, too, have the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. Like those sent forth by Christ, we do so in union with God, sharing in the One Spirit who comes to all who call upon the Spirit for strength, guidance and peace.

There may be times when we think that we are in charge, that we are “calling the shots”. This is a dangerous thing, indeed, because when we lose sight of the fact that we are nothing without God, we run the risk of falling prey to the Evil One. As the old expression goes, “pride goeth before the fall”; it is a sin which has been repeated time and time again. If, however, we realize that with God (and only with God) we can do all things, then we will, indeed, bear great fruit. May we have the courage to strive for union with God in Christ Jesus. May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, not only call upon but rely on the gifts of the Spirit. May these gifts, freely given out of love for us by God, help us to go out to all the world and tell the Good News, the saving message, that Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life!

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul



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 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,

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 4th at 9:00 am
Chapel of our Savior
475 Westgate Drive, Brockton Ma

Brunch Immediately Following Mass
Please RSVP to: fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

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





I'm reaching out today with an urgent request from our Catholic partners in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

As you know, the war is evolving fast, and millions of Ukrainian families have fled their homes and communities. What you might not know is more than half of Ukraine's displaced families include children and the elderly. As they seek shelter in makeshift camps, many worry if they will have enough food and water – or a safe place to sleep.

You can relieve the fears of Ukraine's families and show them God's love in this time of crisis.

Support Cross Catholic Outreach's mission of mercy today and rush food, water, baby formula, sanitary kits, ambulances and other relief to those who need help most.

Your generosity will empower our network of Catholic partners in Ukraine and neighboring nations, including Cardinal Konrad Krajewski of the Office of Papal Charities and those working at shelters in Ukraine, in Lutsk, Struga, and Nowa Uszycia.

Give now to support this critical outreach. Help us ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

<https://crosscatholic.org/>



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

“Are we there yet?”. This was common saying on our family car trips, one that (I’m sure) used to drive my mother up a wall! You would never know it bothered her, however, as her response was always a measured, calm response of

“Soon” (regardless if we were one mile or one hundred miles away from our destination). We can all get impatient when a journey, project, or everyday task seems to take an interminable amount of time.

Over the last three and a half years, I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) have been journeying along the “road of formation” towards our Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. At this writing, we are on the doorstep to that journey, with our Profession happening at the Chapel of Our Savior on June 4, 2022. There have been times when it seemed like we would never get here; truth be told, we’re still not quite “here” yet, but our initial formation is done, the rehearsal is upon us, and we are putting the finishing touches on our Profession Mass. So, for all intents and purposes, “soon” is a true reality!

So, what now? After our Profession on 4 June, we enter into “ongoing formation”. When I was finishing up my seminary formation, and my Ordination Day was approaching, I celebrated the fact that I would never have to sit in another classroom again! Well, that feeling lasted all of about a month when I got a notice about a little something called “continuing education”. Keeping up with social and theological trends was something I had to do if I was to stay “current”, and if I was to be successful in my priestly ministry. I quickly realized that while my formal education was done, there were workshops, seminars, and in-service events which I was expected to attend so as to stay current. The same is true for my educational work as a Secular Franciscan. When I (along with Nancy and Kevin) profess to the Secular Franciscans, we move on to ongoing formation – but this time as full-fledged members of the SFO.

This ongoing formation is a reminder to me that we are, no matter our state in life or our standing in a particular community, life-long learners. We should never stop (nor want to stop) learning, growing, stretching ourselves, and recognizing these ongoing times of formation/education not as obstacles but as opportunities. It is formation exercises such as the ones that the SFO offers that keep us active, current, and engaged in the life of the Order. It is also a reminder that no matter our state in life, we should never stop wanting to “go deeper” into whatever it is we are pursuing. It may be an educational opportunity, it may be a pastoral endeavor, or a personal challenge to grow and stretch that gives us the possibility of knowing, doing, and being MORE THAN what we are now.

May you seek out and find, no matter what state of life you are in, opportunities to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and an abiding passion to be the “best version of yourself” that you can be, that God is calling you to be. May you recognize and seize a passion to be a “life-long learner”. May you be open to God’s call to grow, stretch, and live your best life so that God may reveal His plan for you.

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, Karen McSweeney, Joseph Eisenmann & 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

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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, June 6 — 3:00—5:30

Monday, June 20 — 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.

BE A REAL PART OF OUR COLLABORATIVE.

JOIN A MINISTRY ALREADY ESTABLISHED OR CREATE ONE YOU WISH WE HAD.

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.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JONATHAN RADA FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORK HE DID CREATING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE PRAYER GARDEN AT SAINT ANN'S.

PLEASE BE SURE TO STOP BY AND SAY A PRAYER.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Fr Paul and Nancy Goggin will be conducting a Collaborative-wide brainstorming session to determine services, ministries, Christian Service opportunities and Social Activities that we will offer going forward.

We want to hear from you. We invite you to come and share your ideas.

We will meet for the brainstorming session on **Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm.**

Please email Nancy Goggin directorofministries.tic@gmail.com to RSVP
Your ability to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY—JUNE 25—ST JOHN — 9:00 am—2:00 PM — JULY 30TH — ST. ANN
We are hoping to have another Day at St. Ann's also — no date yet

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Small electronics items:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.

Appliances:

Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove. \$20 Microwave, ...\$10 (small) Large \$20
Lawn mowers, Ex. Equipment . \$20 Snow blowers.. \$40
TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ...\$20.00 ea
27" - 35" ...\$25.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$40.00 ea
Ac, Dehumidifier...\$20, Refrigerators..\$20 (dorm) \$40 Large
Grill, 20, Empty propane tank \$10. \$10 weight sets...\$10

No charge on these items :Keyboards, Car Batteries , Cables, wire and cell phones.

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