

St. John the Evangelist

Together in Christ Collaborative

May 30, 2021 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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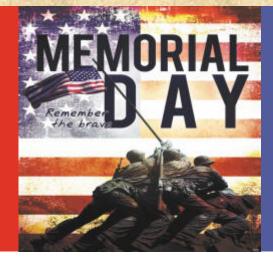
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19



TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul L. Ring fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

Permanent Deacons:

Brendan Fitzgerald (Sr. Deacon) deaconbrendan@comcast.net Christopher Connelly cconnelly@rcab.org

Priests In Residence

Fr. Peter Francis

Fr. Michael Diochi

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. Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.* Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday 9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice In the Chapel

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.* Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri. 9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

*Aleternating between the two worship sites, refer to website for details.

> 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 p.m. These baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Alternately your may opt for celebrating the Baptism at the 6 PM Outdoor Mass. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Is 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 JOHN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Conrad stjohnebridge@comcast.net 508-378-4207 Music Minister: Erica Wasil

COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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Director of Ministries: Stephanie Gaboury directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John <u>Sunday, May 30, 2021</u> 10:30 - John Walsh — Memorial 6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John <u>Saturday, June 5, 2021</u> 5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John <u>Sunday, June 6, 2021</u> 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Weekly Offertory

May 12 - May 18, 2021

ST JOHN Online \$ 1,184 Mail \$ 545 Mass <u>\$ 1,825</u> TOTAL \$ 3,554

ST ANN Online N/A Mail \$ 605 Mass <u>\$ 1,285</u> TOTAL \$ 1,890

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING CLASS OF SEMINARIANS AND TO FR. RING ON HIS 26th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION.

MAY GOD GUIDE YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNY AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

TRINITY SUNDAY





My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, more commonly known as Trinity Sunday. It is a feast which has its roots in the early church and was very much a response to the Arian heresy which spread around the mid-fourth century. Arius, a Christian presbyter in Alexandria, held that the Son was subordinate to the Father and Spirit in the Trinity, that He held a lower place. This heresy, along with Arius himself, was condemned in both the Council of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381). It was at these Councils that the Niceno-Constantinopolian Creed (or, the Nicene Creed, as it is more commonly known), as we say it today, was created and promulgated throughout the Church.

One might understand Arius' confusion, for the concept of the Trinity is a difficult one to fathom. I believe that the key to Trinity isn't so much "understanding" as it is "faithfulness". While one might seek to "figure out" what the Trinity is all about, one might be better served trying to "enter into" the Trinity. If one can strive to "live" the Trinity, one might come to "knowledge" of it. If one can look at the creative aspects of the Father, the redemptive aspects of the Son and the sanctifying aspects of the Spirit, then one can be better serve by, and better serve, the Trinity.

The key to understanding the Trinity comes in how we live our lives of faith. There are times when we rely upon, when we call upon, the different "persons" of the Trinity. These aspects of God are made all the more powerful when we realize that when we ask for the revelation of the Father, the friendship of the Son or the gifts of the Spirit, we are not abandoning the other "persons". There is only One God, no matter upon whom we call for aid and assistance. This is a key element of the Trinity, one which was missed by Arius. In "demoting" the Son to second-class status below the Father and Spirit, Arius was (perhaps inadvertently limiting God. God is always at work – in our lives, in the lives of the Church and in the world. God is always creating, redeeming and sanctifying.

May we, as we move from the Easter Season into Ordinary Time, come to see the movement of God as ONE, just as God is ONE. May we know that whomever it is we call upon for intercession, assistance, guidance or aid, that God is always with us, at all times and in all seasons. May we help others to know this truth and may we share it with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Sunday and Week,

Fr. Paul

COVID Safety Restrictions: Changes Beginning May 29th

My dear friends in Christ,

The Chinese have a saying, "may you live in interesting times"; well, we are certainly living in interesting times, whether we like them or not! Due to the Archdiocese of Boston's recent announcement, we have some changes to share that we will be implementing at Masses going forward. We recognize that people are at very different places philosophically, psychologically, and spiritually; please know that we are implementing these changes after careful prayer, consideration, and consultation with various authorities, and that we do so with your safety as our paramount concern.

As of May 29th, we will be implementing the following changes:

- Parishioners will no longer need to sign up for Masses
- Vaccinated people are not required to wear masks
 - Non-vaccinated people are still advised to wear masks
- The church capacity will not be limited
 - Both parishes will have marked sections available for those who choose to maintain social distance
- No changes at this time to the distribution of Communion
 - Communion will be distributed as it has been in recent months: at the front and back of the parish at St. Ann's and in the sections at St. John's
 - Masks will be worn by the clergy and Eucharistic Ministers during the distribution of Communion
- No changes at this time to entering and exiting the church
 - All parishioners are invited into the front of the church and will exit through the side doors of the church
 - No changes to the distribution of bulletins and offertory collection: they will be available at the side door exits
- Congregational singing is allowed
 - The cantor will resume singing the psalm instead of having the lector saying it
- Lectors are invited to join the opening procession and may resume sitting on the altar in between their duties
- Altar servers are invited to resume assisting at Mass. If any of our young people wish to be altar servers, please contact Stephanie Gaboury at <u>directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com</u> to coordinate a training to be conducted by Father Paul and Deacon Chris (or to review the duties if they have been altar servers in the past)
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the church
 - Pews will be disinfected at the end of every weekend

The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, so no one should feel obligated to return to in-person Mass if they are not yet comfortable to do so. If you feel ill, you should remain at home for the well-being of yourself and your fellow parishioners. We will also still be offering our outdoor Masses every Sunday at 6pm alternating weeks at St. John's and St. Ann's parking lots, and are still recording Masses and live-streaming daily Mass for those who wish to watch Mass from home.

These are the directives as of now, but of course this is a fluid situation subject to adaptation and change. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to move toward a "new normal"!

Blessings, The Together in Christ Collaborative

This Week in Ministry

5.31.21-6.6.21

The Month of Mary

As we conclude the month of May, often referred to as "Mary's month", let us keep Mary's love and devotion centered in our hearts. As the weather gets warmer and the world starts opening up more fully, let us remember Pope Francis' recent prayer to Mary asking for physical and mental healing during the pandemic:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Mother of the Divine Physician, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.





Outdoor Masses: Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!

Are you a Lector or Eucharistic Minister who is not ready to return to indoor Mass yet? Or, are you not a Lector or Eucharistic Minister but would like to become one?

We would love to have you join us for our outdoor Masses!

Please email <u>directorofministries.TIC@gmail.com</u> to schedule a training if you're brand new, or to address any questions you may have if you're new to outdoor Masses or returning after an absence. We would love to have you be part of this very special summer celebrating Mass in a whole new way!

Stephanie Gaboury Director of Ministries, T.I.C. Collaborative

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"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only; Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" (James 1:22; 2:18)

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, 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, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevtt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, Linda Joy, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Bob Knowlton & 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 East Bridgewater MA 02333 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance Hotline—508-378-3760

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the Spring. Our pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the every month April though October, 2021. When days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will be the Tuesday of that week.

> *First Mondays* = 3:00—5:30 *Third Mondays* = 3:00—4:30

The schedule is as follows:

May 3rd and 17th

June 7th and 21st

July *Tues the 6th and 19th

August 2nd and 16th September *Tues the 7th and 20th October 4th and 18th

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

Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.



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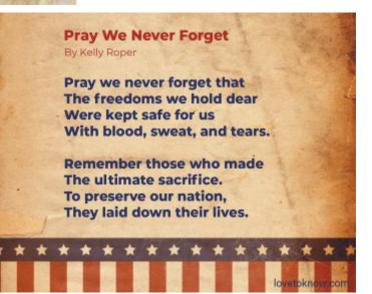
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com P O Box 47 West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.



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 CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSIONS HAVE RETURNED

AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

THE 13th OF EVERY MONTH MAY—OCTOBER



My name is Rich Cesarini, and I became the music director for the Together in Christ Collaborative of St. Ann Church in West Bridgewater and St. John Church in East Bridgewater in August of 2020. Because my hiring occurred in the middle of the COVID pandemic and many restrictions were in place I have not met many parishioners and I suspect that many of you are not aware that we have a new music director, even ten months later.

I write this because I am pleased to announce that we can once again encourage congregational singing! Our collaborative is working on securing hymn books so that we can read along and sing along. We hope to obtain them soon, but we cannot say when exactly. Meanwhile, if you would like to start reading and singing along immediately you can get the Breaking Bread emissal at the app store for \$4.99. Yes, you may use your device in church to follow the mass the same way you would with a hard copy of the hymnal!

On another note, I look forward to resuming choral singing and choir rehearsals, ensembles, children's music, and all musical activities which are so vital to the life of a parish. If you are interested in joining the choir or participating in music at church in any way please contact me at <u>ticemusic1@gmail.com</u>.

If you are already a choir member please contact me so that I can put you on our music email list to keep you updated on our activities. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and God Bless,

Rich Cesarini





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