



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
June 5th 2022  
Pentecost Sunday*



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."  
- Jn 14:23

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**For both Churches**

## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### Pastor:

**Rev. Paul L. Ring**

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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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## FIRST COMMUNION

May 22nd we had the 1st of our 5 First Holy Communions. It was a wonderful celebration.

All the Children looked beautiful and handsome, and most importantly, they were very reverent as they received the Eucharist. It has been such a pleasure to journey this year with the Grade 2 children and their families! We extend a special Thank You to our Grade 2 parents and families for their participation and help with all the many events at Mass we have had this year.

Having our Grade 2 students and families at Mass this year has truly been a blessing to all of us! I Thank you as well to Fr. Paul, Deacon Chris and all our Grade 2 teachers and helpers; Tina Anthony, Karla Berlo, Claire Easter, Sara Hojnowski and Ashley Castillo.



## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, June 4, 2022

4:00 - Thomas Garvey — 6th Anniversary

#### Sunday, June 5, 2022

8:30 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

#### Saturday, June 11, 2022

4:00 — Brian Landolfi — 4th Anniversary

#### Sunday June 12, 2022

8:30 - For the Poor, Hungry & Homeless

6:15 - People of the Ukraine

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, June 4, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:30 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

5:30 - Franscico Figueiredo — 27th Anniversary

#### Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:30—Parishiners of Saint Ann & Saint John

## THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

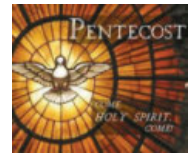
### Weekly Offertory

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 \$



My Dear Friends in Christ,



Happy Birthday! You may be saying to yourself, “But it’s not my birthday!” Well, as you may know the Church traditionally celebrates its “birthday” on the Feast of Pentecost, the feast in which we find ourselves engaged today. This “watershed” moment in the Church’s history comes about in many ways and is significant for many reasons: the crowds who gather to hear the Apostles are able, through the power of the Spirit, to hear and understand them in their own language, diverse as they are; Paul speaks of the Body of Christ, citing the unity of spirit in the diversity of gifts; Jesus gives His disciples the gift of peace so that they may confidently go forth and proclaim the Good News. All of these moments work together to establish the beginnings of the Church as we experience it today.

Today is significant for us as a Church, as well. We, like the first disciples of Jesus and the Apostles, are called to use our gifts and talents to assist our brothers and sisters in their need, to lift up the Church to be the Body of Christ and to always strive for the greater glory of God. We do this both in individual and corporate ways. We are called to use those God-given talents so as to fulfill our baptismal call to serve God and God’s people. We do this most profoundly when we pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, the same Spirit given to the disciples at Pentecost. Our recognition of ourselves as members of one Body (in Christ) is important to take note of, as well. We would do well to realize that nothing we do stands alone. All of our actions should be undertaken with an understanding of their impact on the whole Body of Christ: when one hurts, we all hurt; when one celebrates, we all celebrate. Another way of putting it can be found in the lyrics of the song “None Of Us Are Free” (by the Blind Boys of Alabama, who I heard while vacationing in New Orleans a few years ago): “when one of us are chained, none of us are free...none of us are free”.

This sense of freedom comes as well when we receive (and thus are ready to offer) forgiveness. This gift of forgiveness, lived out for us as Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is something that the world doesn’t always understand because it has little to no concept of “sin”. In the world, we make “mistakes” or “errors in judgment”. Sin comes into play when we realize the impact our actions have on others and God; it goes beyond just us. The “ripple effect” felt in sin is overcome, however, with the forgiveness and reconciliation given by God out of His love for us. This power, given to the apostles at Pentecost, is experienced when we seek out the mercy of a loving God. This Pentecost is an opportunity to feel the power of God’s love in the unity of the Body of Christ and the power of the Sacraments. May we know, feel and share this love with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Pentecost,  
Fr. Paul





## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### And The People Acclaim

It is easy for me to approach the Eucharistic Prayer with attentive ears but a silent mouth. After all, it is the priest alone who prays the Eucharistic Prayer. But that is not true—the Eucharistic Prayer, too, is a dialogue between priest and congregation. The priest has his part, and the congregation has its own. In this article, I am going to offer brief reflections on the three parts of the Eucharistic Prayer the congregation prays: *The Sanctus*, *The Mystery of Faith*, and *The Great Amen*.

After the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, the presiding priest prays, “And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .” Those familiar with the Book of Isaiah will hear an echo of what the prophet heard when he was before the Throne of God in heaven. There he saw all the angels of heaven rising up around the Glory of God singing what we acclaim in the Eucharistic Prayer. God alone is Glory and yet, we, though not angels, we join them as they sing uniting our voices to theirs. As God manifests his glory on the altar, we acknowledge his saving presence among us as the crowds did in Matthew’s Gospel when Jesus entered the Holy City to people singing “Hosanna.” We too make their acclamation our own as we anticipate the coming of the Son of David in the gifts brought forth for consecration.

After the words of consecration over the chalice, the priest shows the chalice to the people, places it back onto the altar and genuflects in adoration. Then he says, “The mystery of faith.” The Roman Missal then instructs the people to acclaim one of three formula that expresses a central belief in the Eucharist as we look forward to the full manifestation of God’s glory upon the Lord’s Second Coming at the end of time. Consider the words we pray in light of the mystery we celebrate: “*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again; When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again; Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*”

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer “Amen” has been called the “Great Amen” as it places an exclamation point at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer as Christ’s True and Real Presence is among us on the altar. In the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) there are at least five places where the priest ends a section of the prayer with the words, “Through Christ our Lord. Amen.” In ancient times there were many more “Amens” within the Eucharistic Prayer that were removed in its reform. Even today, the “Amens” during the Eucharistic Prayer are optional and most priests do not pray them. Yet, the Great Amen remains. In Hebrew, the word Amen is meant to convey that an idea or thought is true and reliable. In John’s Gospel, we hear multiple times, “Amen, Amen, I say to you.” By saying Amen, Jesus affirms that what he says is true and can be trusted. By acclaiming “Amen” we acclaim that what we celebrate is true and we can rely on it for the salvation of our souls.

By praying these three parts we join our voices to the song of Angels praising the Glory of God, profess our faith in the Eucharist as we look forward to his second coming, and make the whole prayer our own. May these reflections assist you as you make these acclamations your own next time you are invited to do so at Mass.



## 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**

May God’s Holy Spirit lead and guide us in all Truth, this Pentecost Day and always!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

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

### St Ann Prayer Line:

#### 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, Joe Pigeon & 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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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](mailto: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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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.

#### PENTECOST



#### 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](mailto:directorofministries.tic@gmail.com) to RSVP  
Your ability to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.





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