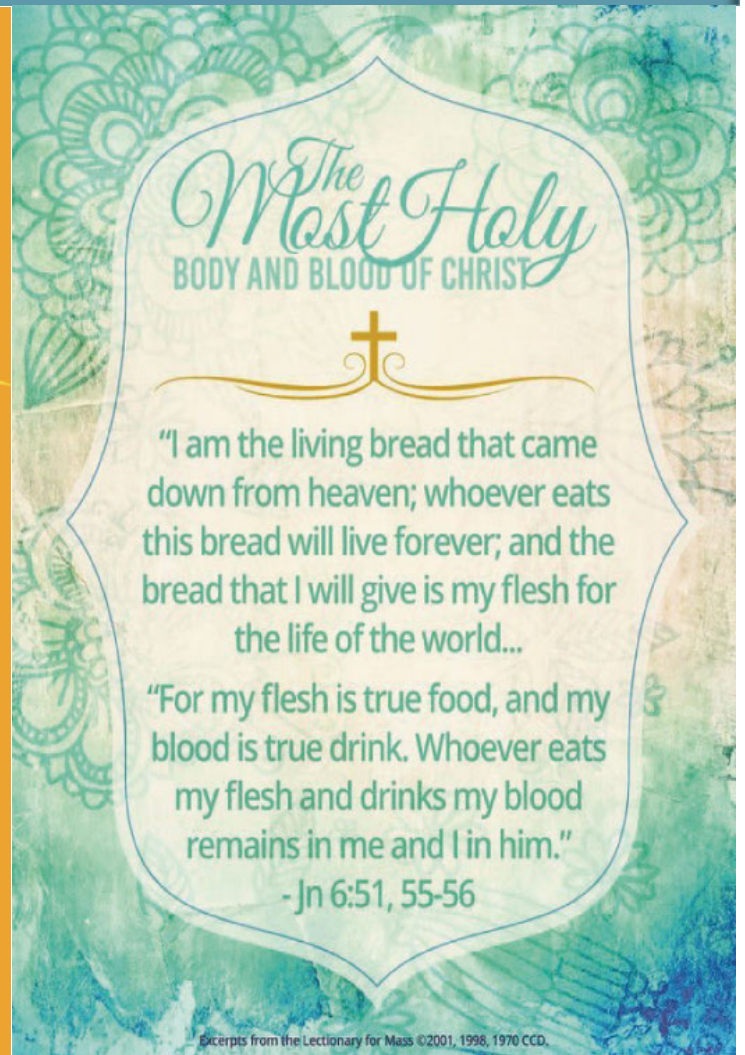
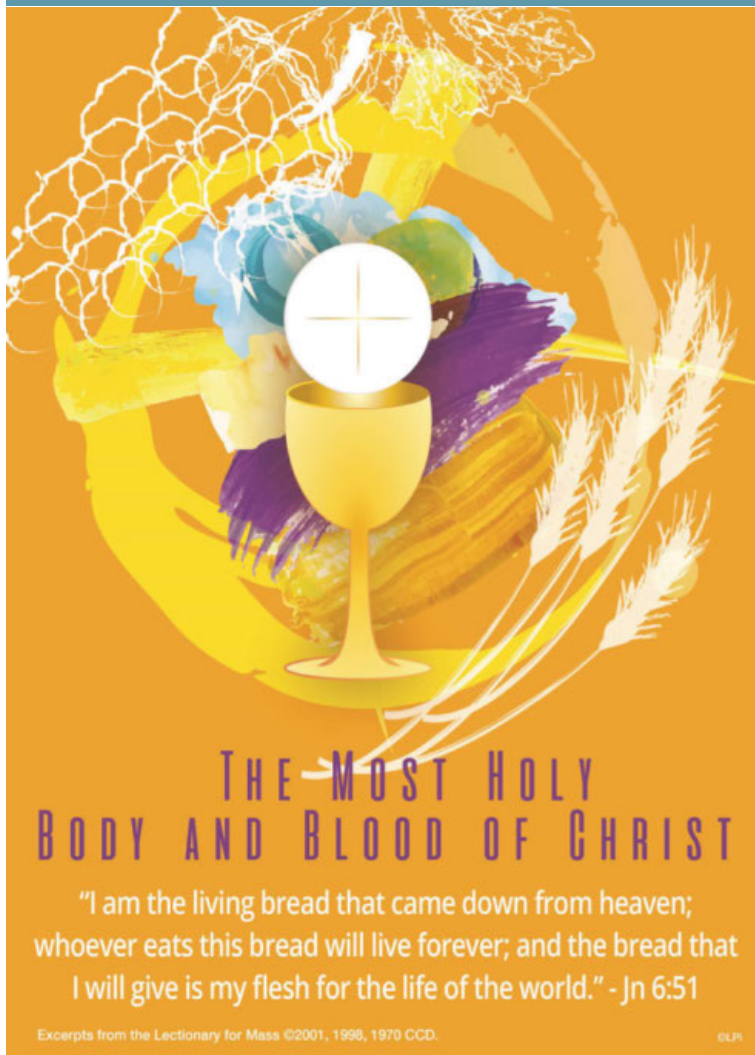




*Together in Christ  
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Saint Ann & Saint John  
June 11, 2023*

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Corpus Christi*



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**Collaborative Office Hours are 9-3 M-TH**

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**For both Churches**

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**Fr. Michael Diochi**

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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

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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.

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#### **SAINT JOHN'S STAFF**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, June 10, 2023

4:00 — Francisco Figueiredo & Family  
28th Anniversary

#### Sunday, June 11, 2023

9:30 — Samuel Newell Caddell & Elizabeth Ann  
Caddell — Memorial

#### Saturday, June 17, 2023 -

4:00 — David LaCouture — Memorial

#### Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Sunday June 11, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative  
11:30 - All parishioners who have lost loved ones  
6:15 - All families of the collaborative struggling

#### Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 - Parishioners of the T.I.C. Collaborative  
11:30 - Leaders of this Country and around the  
World  
6:15 - Joseph & Maria Deandrade — Memorial



The Collaborative is hoping to update our records.

This will help us complete various reports required by the Archdiocese, give us up-to-date information on all our families and will give us easier access when we need to contact you. It really helps the office staff and you.

All this information will be placed in our computer databases for easy access.

**Please fill in the form enclosed in this bulletin and place it in one of the baskets at the doors of the church or mail it to the Rectory Office at:**

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Thank you for your cooperation.



My Dear Friends in Christ,



I've read different surveys which speak of the attitudes of Catholics regarding Church teaching, beliefs, doctrines and dogmas. One of the "settled questions" of our Catholic Faith, however, is that of the Eucharist; the belief in the Church that the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ has been "settled" for some time now (most assuredly by the Council of Trent in 1551). The belief in the "Real Presence" in the Eucharist is one of those "non-negotiables" in our faith; it is essential to "being" a Roman Catholic, that one believe in this Real Presence. This is why I am so shocked to read statistics that put as high as 60% the number of Catholics who either "don't believe" or "aren't sure" that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Note that this is different than not knowing HOW Jesus is present – that is, and remains, a great mystery.

This is why it is okay that one cannot fully understand this truth. There are many objective truths that are beyond our full comprehension (such as the Trinity, of which we spoke last week). This does not make them any less true, nor does it lessen our obligation to believe them to be true. This is where the element of "mystery" comes into play for us. When I was younger, and I heard "well, it's a mystery", I took it to mean that the adult who was imparting said knowledge didn't really know (or even believe) what they were saying to be true. It had been "handed down" to them, and they were "handing it down" to me, like a well-worn sweater or a cherished piece of jewelry. I came to see that while "treasures" of our faith are, indeed, handed down from generation to generation often times without full knowledge, (as I say) that doesn't make them any less true. The Church's belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is one of these truths.

Today, we as a Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known to us as "Corpus Christi". This is one of my favorite Holy Days, one that is powerful both in its complexity and simplicity; complex due to its "mysterious" nature and simple due to it being present here and now. I love this solemnity not only because of its centrality to our faith (which gives said faith credence and strength), but because it brings, to the forefront, our belief that Jesus is still with us today. Jesus promised His disciples (and us) that He would not leave us abandoned. The Eucharist is proof of that promise. When we gather as a Eucharistic People around God's altar at Mass, at the heart of that liturgical and sacramental moment is the "transubstantiation" moment when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and Jesus is *truly present* in that moment. The Body and Blood of Christ are food for our journey of faith, and give us strength to face the challenges that life might present. I know I wouldn't be able to have the level of strength I do in facing the challenges of life without Jesus being "at the heart of it all". Jesus suffered in this life and so do we; Jesus overcame suffering (and even death) and so can we – because He is with us! May we know Jesus' Presence in Eucharist, may we believe in that Presence and may we share that Presence with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## MINISTRY NEWS

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at [directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

### Adult Bible Study Continues

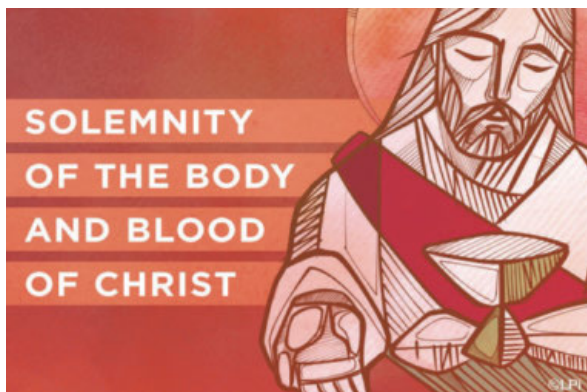
Our new Adult Bible Study continues to meet every **Wednesday at 7 pm at St. John.**

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!

### **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>



### **Summer Retreats at Glastonbury Abbey, 2023**

*An invitation to come away  
and be with God...*

**Wednesday, June 21 – Thursday, June 29, 2023** (8 Days)  
Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ, Joanne Fantini, CSJ Agrégée,  
Clare Walsh, MSHS

**Guided Retreat with Maureen Casey, SND de Namur**  
*Come and Let God "Widen the Space of Your Tent"*  
(Isaiah 54:2)

**Sunday, July 9 – Saturday, July 15, 2023** (6 Days)  
The retreat will be a time to allow the Holy One to widen the space of your heart in nature, scripture, Eucharist, poetry, song. Come and gift God with a time to renew and awaken in new ways your mystical heart.

### **NEW: SOME ROOMS ADDED**

**Tuesday, July 18 – Wednesday, July 26, 2023** (8 Days)  
Carol Fitzsimmons, CSJ, Patricia Smith, SSJ, Alice Poltorick

**Friday, July 28 – Tuesday, August 1, 2023** (4 Days)  
Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ, Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, Alice Poltorick

**Thursday, August 3 – Monday, August 7, 2023** (4 Days)  
Joanne Fantini, CSJ Agrégée, Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ  
Jane O'Shaughnessy, RSCJ

**Wednesday, August 9 – Wednesday, August 16, 2023** (7 Days)  
Joan McCarthy, CSJ, Nan Bouché, CSJA,  
Mary MacGillivray, CSJA

### **COST OF DIRECTED RETREATS**

4 days ~ \$375; 7 days ~ \$660; 8 days ~ \$750

### **COST OF GUIDED RETREAT**

6 days ~ \$570

A \$150 **non-refundable, non-transferable deposit**, applicable to the total cost, is required within two weeks of acceptance to reserve a room. The balance is due 10 days prior to the retreat. Payment can be with cash, check, MC/V/AE/D.

**More details on receipt of confirmation letter. For more information, call 781-227-3470 or email [spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org](mailto:spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org)**



## MY FRANSICAN JOURNEY

**"In his love, God gives himself into our hands; we touch him and receive him daily into our mouths."**

— "Letter to All Clerics"

Francis takes a noticeably softer tone in this letter to clerics, but the heartbeat of his message is no less serious: When we receive the Eucharist — either by hand or by mouth — we are taking in essential food for the journey. The Eucharist, to Francis, offered the promise of everlasting life and guided him into a realm of greater compassion for his fellow man. How do you feel when you receive the Eucharist? Has the experience become mundane — or even infrequent? Recall a time when receiving Communion felt especially meaningful for you.

**"We should visit churches often and show great reverence for the clergy, not just for them personally, for they may be sinners, but because of their high office, for it is they who administer the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

— "Letter to All the Faithful"

It might be difficult for 21st-century Catholics to mirror so pure a temperament toward the clergy as Francis did in his day. But look closer. He is acknowledging the importance of their station while recognizing clergy as sinners — just as we are. Francis saw all of life as threads in God's vast tapestry, truly one unified body of Christ. And we cannot receive the Eucharist without dedicated clergy who serve as conduits for such a moment of grace. How would you describe your relationship with the clergy in your parish? What can you do to get to know them and support them?

**"O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation."**

— "Letter to the General Chapter"

The life of Francis was plagued by trial, illness and great physical pain. One adjective seldom associated with the saint is joyful — but joy was a hallmark of his life and his life's work. (Read his Canticle of the Creatures for further proof.) What makes his message so remarkable is, first, his mastery of poetic language. But it is the joy and vigor behind his words that really leave a mark. When we partake in the Eucharist, it is a solemn moment but also one of celebration. In what experiences do you find joy each day? Why do these moments stand out to you? What events in life call for both solemnity and celebration? Why?

May we recognize Christ not only in the Breaking of the Bread, but also in the everyday moments of our life. May we bring Jesus into our daily lives, and boldly share this Real Presence with all whom we meet.

Pax et Bonum,  
Fr. Paul, OFS

## Walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for

"Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel - [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).

## Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### We Bear the Name of the Lord

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

*"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."* — Daniel 3:52



## 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, Tom Blanco & The residents of Schem & 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 list.**

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

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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

"Each time we participate in the Eucharist, we draw power from the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, the saving event that defined our enemies. Jesus himself comes to aid us in our daily battle with problems that come from self indulgence, sin, the world, and the devil."

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### 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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Bingo starts at 6 PM SHARP

THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



## *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*



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103 Center St. Bridgewater, MA, 02324


Fatima Rosary Procession

DATE: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: St. Thomas Aquinas

SPEAKER: Fr. Fernando Ayala





We pray for all leaders of Your people. We pray that they will not lead selfishly, for personal ambition or vain conceit. That leading is really a task that requires them to serve. So, Father, raise up servant leaders, in Jesus' name.

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