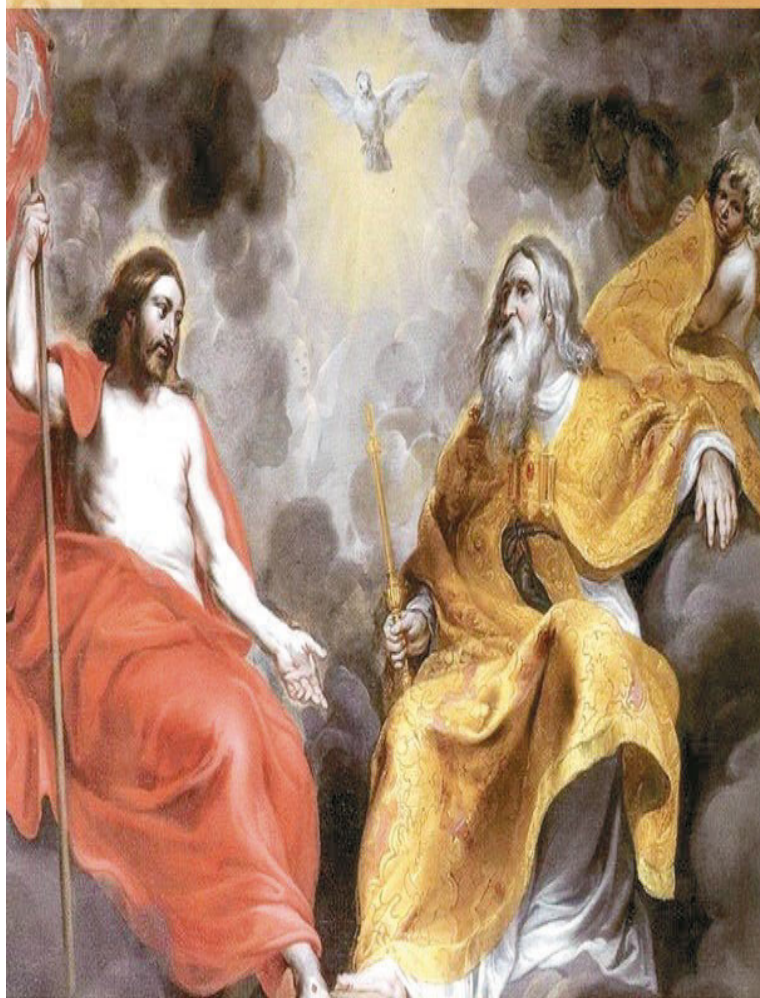




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"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:13-14

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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 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 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 Saint Ann's Church 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

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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

CONFIRMATION MASS

**AT
THE 6:15 MASS
AT ST. ANN'S**

**& COOKOUT TO FOLLOW
FOR
THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
& THEIR FAMILIES**

**AT
ST. JOHN'S
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
UNTIL 8:45**



SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

FOR

**FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES
& THIER FAMILIES**

**MASS AT 10:30
ST JOHN'S**

**CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS**

**OUTDOORS
11:30—1:30**

JUST A REMINDER

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR

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TO DO SO**

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AS FATHER PAUL EXPLAINED SUNDAY AT THE MASSES, THE COLLABORATIVE'S TIME AND TALENTS KEPT PACE WITH OUR NEEDS DURING THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS, THE TREASURES HAVE FALLEN TO A DANGEROUS LEVEL.

WE CURRENTLY OWE APPROXIMATELY \$14,000 IN UTILITY BILLS. HENCE WE WILL BE HAVING A SECOND COLLECTION TO ADDRESS THIS SITUATION.

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN AND SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PARISH.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 11, 2022

4:00 — Brian Landolfi — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, June 12, 2022

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

6:15 - For the People of the Ukraine

Saturday, June 18, 2022

4:00 - Elizabeth Caddell — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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

6:15 - For the parishioners of St. Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 11, 2022

5:30 — Francisco Figueiredo — 27th Anniv

Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John

Saturday, June 18, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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

Please say a prayer for

Fr. Paul Ring & Nancy & Kevin Smith

*As they journey as members of the
Franciscan Secular Order*

*May they following the example set by
Saint Francis*

*Of being simple, humble and pure,
Serving God's people as one of his servants.*

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.....

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Throughout history, the concept of the Trinity has been hard to explain and harder yet to understand; St. Patrick used the shamrock, St. Augustine used the triangle. In attempting to do so, these learned men attempted to do something seen by many as quite impossible: explain what is, in essence, a mystery. This daunting task shouldn't cause us to abandon all attempts at understanding the Trinity, nor should it cause us to give up our belief in the Trinity. There are mysteries all around us that, while challenging, aren't things on which we give up. Try as we might, we've never come up with a full understanding of the concept of "love", yet that doesn't keep us from entering into the mystery which lies therein.

Entering into a mystery can, in many cases, help us to live it out in our everyday lives. When one speaks of the Trinity, one is confronted with understanding how three "persons" can make up one God. The coexistence of the Trinity comes in the cooperative nature of the same. We may rely on one or the other "persons" in the Trinity given where we are in our journey of faith; this does not preclude the existence of those other persons. When one calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit, we aren't abandoning the Father or the Son. When we receive Eucharist (understood in the Catholic-Christian tradition as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ), we don't "set aside" our devotion or belief in the Father or the Holy Spirit. When one marvels at the beauty of the created universe (including the greatest creation of all, the human person), one does not remove the Son or the Spirit from the equation. The Trinity (as understood in our tradition) stands in our midst as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, unique in "persons" (again, a term used for our understanding) yet one in Being.

The Church on this day celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday). In doing so, it recognizes that in this important teaching of the Faith, we do not abandon such mysteries – we enter into them. We do so by prayer and study, coming through faith to a better understanding of who God is and, by association, who we are. The doctrine of the Trinity is something which may never fully be understood, perhaps not until we reach the Kingdom. At that time, we shall see "God as God is" in the fullness of God's presence. In the Kingdom, all mysteries will be "solved". Until that time let us engage ourselves in this holy "struggle", asking that God the Father sustain us, God the Son walk with us and God the Holy Spirit enlighten us. May the Trinity be for us a source not of confusion, but great joy. In our celebration of Trinity Sunday may we call upon God: Father, Son and Spirit to bring us deeper into the mystery of the Godhead and in doing so move us to a greater love of God, the people of God, the world and, ultimately, the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

So Who Are Those Saints and Why Do We Remember Them?

When used, the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I) can cause many people to take a deep breath and roll their eyes. Not only is it the longest of Eucharistic Prayers, but it also contains two lists of saint's names. To help us pray this prayer faithfully and well, I offer these thoughts on a few of these saints.

The saints listed in the Roman Canon help us to remember that we belong to a mystical Body of Christ. The saints in heaven are members of the Church as we can ask them to intercede for us as we, the saints on earth, strive to grow in virtue to become counted among the saints in heaven. We turn to our Blessed Mother and her spouse, St. Joseph. We then name the apostles who were counted among the twelve before Jesus' death and resurrection.

After these foundational saints, we turn to the first bishops of Rome (our first Popes) and other saints and martyrs venerated by the Church in Rome. One of them, Lawrence, was one of the seven deacons of Rome. Because Lawrence was the treasurer of the Church in Rome, the emperor, Valerian, demanded that he turn over to him the "riches" of the Church. Instead of giving the emperor the collected monies of the Church, he distributed them among the poor and then, brought the poor before the emperor and declared, "Here are the riches of the Church!" Lawrence died a martyr's death at Valerian's hands. After Lawrence, five laymen are named—Chrysogonus of Aquileia, John and Paul (officials of at the court of Emperor Julian), Cosmos and Damian (Persian doctors who often healed without asking payment). All died in Rome as Christian Martyrs.

The second group of saints follows the words of consecration. Like the first group, this group was venerated by the early Church in Rome and all the saints listed died because of their faith in Jesus Christ. This groups of saints begins with John the Baptist who was Jesus' cousin. Then follows the second deacon listed. Stephen not only brought unity to the Christian community by caring for the Greek-speaking widows, but he also boldly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His bold proclamation of the Gospel led him to be the first martyr of the Christian faith! After Stephen two additional apostles are named: Matthias and Barnabas. Matthias was added to the twelve after Judas Iscariot's betrayal and Barnabas was Paul's companion. Matthias and Barnabas are like each one of us in some ways. They were not counted among the first apostles but their faithfulness and openness to Christ and his Gospel gave them the courage to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior. What follows then are seven men and seven women all known to the Church of Rome as faithful witnesses of the Gospel, as devoted disciples of the Lord, and as heroic martyrs of the faith.

When looked at together, the two lists of saints move from the Holy Family to the men Jesus' gathered around him during his public ministry. Then moving from the apostles, the prayer includes the successors to the apostolic ministry, the first Bishops of Rome we know as the first Popes. Then, moving from the first bishops, the prayer includes other priests, deacons, religious, and laity—in sum the variety of vocations with the universal Church. In total there are forty-one names listed in the first Eucharistic Prayer that were known to the ancient Church in Rome and were called upon to inspire the Christian faithful in Rome to live the Gospel in their lives. May we too be known among the people of God in the Together In Christ Collaborative as faithful witnesses of the Gospel and may our neighbors see in us models to follow.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

These days we have the great grace of celebrating the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Francis' love for the Most Holy Trinity can be detected from a Trinitarian prayer in which he, in many times of the day, perfectly expressed his faith in this foundational mystery of our Christian faith, in the three divine Persons who are One God. In his Praises To Be Said at All the Hours, St Francis thus praises the triune God: **Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit: and let us praise and glorify Him forever... Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, And let us praise and glorify Him forever.**

In his Letter to the Entire Order, Francis starts in the name of the most high Trinity and holy Unity: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Then he reminds that Jesus Christ remains undivided and knows no loss; **"...but One everywhere, He acts and He pleases, with the Lord God the Father and the Holy Spirit the Paraclete for ever and ever. Amen."** In this letter Francis humbly confesses his sins to the Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and concludes this beautiful writing by the invocation of the Blessed Trinity so that **"inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may 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."**

Perhaps the most powerful testimony of Francis' loving devotion for the Blessed Trinity is found in the Trinitarian blessing we come across at the end of his Testament: **"And whoever shall have observed these things, may he be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father and on earth with the blessing of His beloved Son with the most Holy Spirit the Paraclete."** Francis' love for the Trinity was deeply embedded in the faith of the Gospel he openly embraced, the faith of the Church he wholeheartedly followed, and his personal experience of the triune God which changed him to such a degree that he became a living Trinitarian prayer for others. May we have that same love as we celebrate Trinity Sunday and recognize the mystery of God as it manifests itself in our lives.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

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

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.



Please keep the following in your prayers:

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BINGO

Please keep checking the bulletin for opening dates.

The Parish Hall is being renovated and has not been completed. We will post the opening as soon as we have a date.

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Up to the Job

Have you ever had a job for which you didn't feel qualified? I think we all have, whether it was a paying gig or not. A lot of us parents often feel in awe of the magnitude of that role and lose sleep worrying that we made the wrong decision in one situation or a bad call in another. Some of us feel intimidated by what our communities need from us, on the parish level or in our personal relationships. Or maybe we are simply dreading a task that seems too big, too overwhelming — that necessary basement cleanout, or the weekly organization of family schedules.

When we don't feel qualified, we don't want to do the work. We get stuck in our own fear. That's the birthplace of procrastination, self-doubt and bitterness. When we look inward at our own abilities, we can only see all the traits that aren't there. The intelligence, the dexterity, the ambition — whatever it is we lack, we get stuck on it.

I've got good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news: none of us are qualified for the call of discipleship. We simply aren't. We don't have the love or grace or strength to get the job done.

Now I'll give you the good news: God knows this, and He doesn't care. Stewardship does not insist that we possess every good quality — no, as a way of life, stewardship recognizes that we lack so many qualities. But it shows us where to find the love and grace and strength we need. Stewardship does not demand that we know every answer; it merely reminds us who to ask when we don't.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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