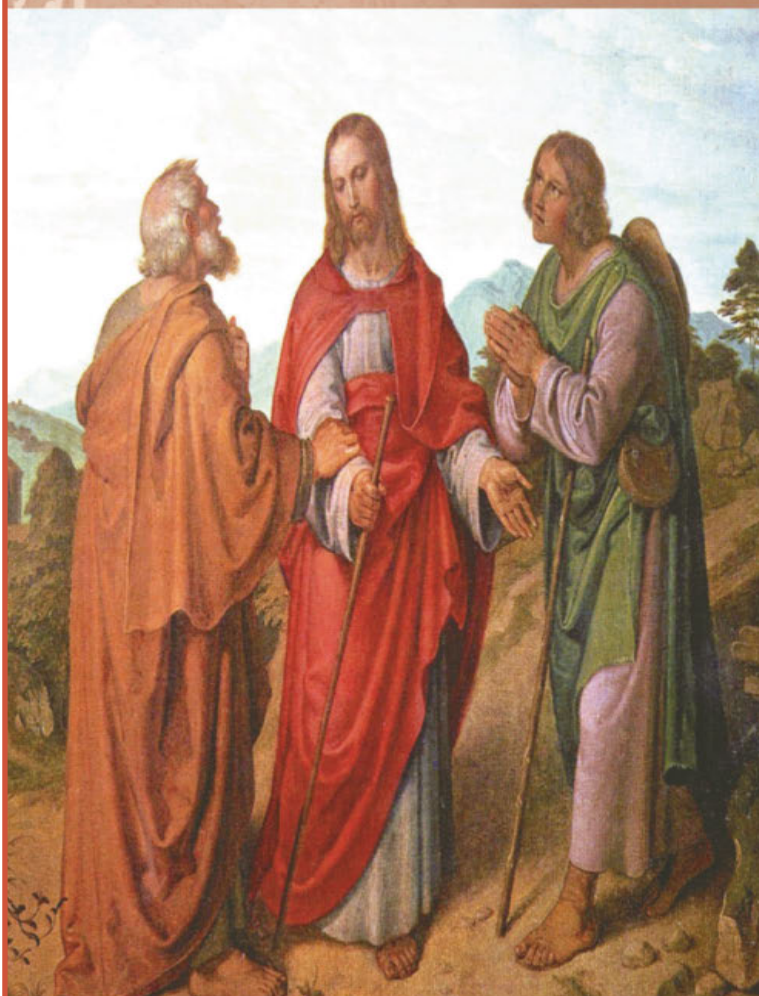




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
June 26, 2022*



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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13th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:60

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

CHANGES IN THE PARISH DUE TO FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

Beginning this summer the Collaborative will be having second collections during each Mass. These collections will be specified for a designated purpose. So you will know exactly what issue that money will be addressing. I.e. Heating, repairs, general catch up of bill etc.

The Collaborative will be introducing many different ways to make your contributions. The Envelope system, On-line Giving, and even Venmo. Explanations and training will be available to all before we move to these programs.

Because of the challenges that face the Collaborative, we ask that Memorial Masses be paid for in advance.

We ask that Baptisms be paid for at the time of the registration.

The Grand Annual Program will be reinstated.

If you are currently receiving Envelopes and either are not using them or do not want them, or are using them in conjunctions with the On-line Giving Program, please contact the office to have your names removed from the list receiving envelopes. This will also save money for the Collaborative.

As you can see we are making every effort to either save money or recoup monies lost.

Summer Lunch

St. Ann's and the St. Vincent DePaul Society will again be providing gift cards for groceries to help families with kids who usually get free lunch at school, or anyone who needs help. If you live in West Bridgewater or are a member of St. Ann's, please contact Linda Santry by email at linda@santry.org and arrangements will be made to send you grocery cards twice a month through August.

Other groups in town with lunch support programs are:

First Church of West Bridgewater

508-857-3118

Friday Lunches, 11a.m - 1p.m. beginning in July for anyone who would like one
Call a day ahead to sign up.

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Project Bread in Brockton, open to all local residents, link:

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MONDAY—FRIDAY.**

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**We will be returning to pre-Covid procedures for all Masses.
This means having, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Alter servers at all Masses.**

**If you are interested in participating in the Mass in any of these capacities,
Please contact the Office.**

We also need Ushers for every Mass. Especially the 5:30 at Saint John's

Please call if you can help!!!!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 25, 2022

4:00 — Manuel Luz Tavares — 27th Anniv.

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — Birthday Remem

6:15 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

Saturday, July 2, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 3, 2022

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

6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 25, 2022

5:30 — Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family — Memorial

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:30—Bill Estes — 1st Anniversrary

Saturday, July 2, 2022

5:30 - Paul Luddy — 38th Anniversary

Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Last Sunday, the Catholic Church in the United States launched [a three-year National Eucharistic Revival](#). No matter where in the world we live, we can receive this moment as a special invitation from Jesus, offered through his Church, for us to encounter him in the Holy Eucharist and open our hearts to his life and love.

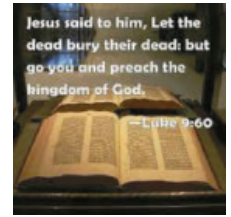
In the Eucharist, Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all of you" (see Matthew 11:28). Whatever is fractured and wounded; whatever is doubting and insecure; whatever is striving for a happiness beyond our grasp—all belongs to him. In and through his Eucharistic presence, Jesus wants to make us whole and welcome us into the love he shares with his Father and the Holy Spirit.

And in this grace-filled time of Eucharistic Revival, he asks us: *Do you want this too?*

We are eager to journey with you through this time of revival and renewal in our Church. If you are new to Eucharistic prayer, consider [downloading this Adoration Guide](#) by Sr. Marie Paul and Sr. Kathryn James, or bringing a copy of [Soul of Christ](#) by Sr. Marie Paul with you to your local Catholic church or Adoration chapel. You can also listen to [Season 4, Episode 9 of The Daughters' Project Podcast](#) as three of our sisters reflect on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and what his presence means for us.

May Jesus be your Way, Truth, and Life in these years ahead as you discover (or rediscover) the love and peace he offers you in his Eucharistic presence!

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Over thirty-five years ago, I received my "call" to priesthood. So why, you might ask, am I a priest for only twenty-seven years? Well, the short answer is that my first response was "no"! I can remember standing in the sacristy of my home parish church, and my pastor asked me the fateful question, "Paul, have you ever thought about being a priest?" I must admit, sheepishly, that I literally laughed in the man's face! Looking back now, how mortified he must have been at my response. When I realized he was serious, I composed myself and told him I hadn't really ever thought about it. This inquiry was followed by two others (from a great-aunt who was a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, and from my high school chaplain) over the course of six months. Independent of one another, they all saw something in me that I didn't (until later) see in myself.

I sense it must have been the same for Elisha (in today's first reading) and to the ones who were called by Jesus — one who said that he would follow Jesus, but may have been put off by Jesus' response and the other two who had commitments which they felt they had to attend to first. Jesus' (and Elijah's) response to their needs may seem harsh (especially "let the dead bury their dead" (Lk 9:60)), but Jesus' reasoning is sound. For one to follow Jesus, all else must come second. The same is true for us. Whatever commitments we might have in life (family, work, school) have to come behind our following God. This doesn't necessarily mean that we abandon all we know/have/are, but it does mean that all else comes second (and sometimes a far second). In this way, God can have His due and we can focus in on what is true, lasting and of real value.

When Elisha is called by Elijah to be anointed and to be his attendant, he has a life which is, most likely, fulfilling; it's not like he has nothing going for him. The call to Elisha from Elijah, however, isn't from Elijah — it is from God. This is why Elijah's response is so strong. Elijah realizes that God sees in Elisha something that he doesn't see himself (I know the feeling!). I think the same is true for all of us. We are all called by God to take a part in the mission of the Church. We, like Elisha, may feel that we have other, more pressing matters. These matters, however important, can never supersede our call from God. If it is a true calling from God, it will be "in line" with the life which God is calling us to live. Sometimes this means a radical shift in our way of life, sometimes not. Sometimes it just means a little "adjustment" to what we are doing and how we are living. In any case, we need to be open to hear God's call in our lives.

May we have the courage to be "open" to hear God's call, in whatever form it may come. When that call comes, may we respond with immediacy and surety. May this call, enriching our lives, be a fulfillment of all that we our in our own lives, and in the lives of our brothers and sisters. May we know and believe that this call, from God, will both fulfill our "mission" in the Church, and the mission of the Church itself — to call all to newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

“Teach us to Pray”

In Luke's Gospel we are told that after watching Jesus pray, his disciples asked him to teach them how to pray as John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray. I have no doubt that John taught his disciples to pray to God in traditional Jewish ways addressing God as Lord or Most High God. Perhaps John reminded his disciples to pray as most Jewish people prayed reciting the Shema daily from their lips, “Hear O' Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.” This traditional Jewish prayer stresses the oneness of God, and that God alone is the source of all blessing. But when asked to teach his disciples how to pray, Jesus taught them the prayer that begins the Communion Rite at Mass—The Lord's Prayer, the “Our Father”

It is fitting that this prayer begins the communion rite. By teaching us to pray as he prays, the Lord unites us to himself so that his prayer becomes our own. By raising our voices with the words Jesus prays, we are not only brought into communion with him, but we are brought into communion with each other as brothers and sisters praying to our Father in heaven.

Unlike the prayer John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray, Jesus encourages us to not only address God as Father, but to approach him with the intimacy held between a Father and his children. We understand that mothers and fathers participate in the creative action of God. But human parents can only pass on the life they have—human life. But God's desire is for us to be in communion with him and to receive a life that only he can give—the divine life. We have this life in Christ Jesus, our brother, and the life he shares with the Father in heaven by nature which he gives to us through grace. Indeed, it is a blessing and grace to be brought into the inner communion of life and love between Jesus and the Father in heaven!

The Lord's prayer begins by addressing the Father in heaven, but it moves to our place here on earth. Through our communion with the eternal Son of God at Mass, we ask the Father that his kingdom and his will be found here on earth as it is in heaven. To do this we need to be in communion with God's son so that his way becomes our own. Nourished by the Eucharist we are invited to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Trusting that when we are in true communion with Jesus, we will be strengthened to avoid temptations and protected from the wicked designs of the evil one.

Just as the Torah teaches the Israelites to pray the Shema when they lay down at night and wake up in the morning, the Church prays the Lord's Prayer not only at the Liturgy of the Eucharist—but during the Liturgy of Hours at Morning and Evening Prayer. So, with longing for the coming of God's kingdom, we pray as Jesus teaches us to pray, *Our Father* . . .



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus alludes to the fact that as an “itinerant preacher”, He has “nowhere to rest his head” (Luke 9:58).

This, Jesus reminds those who would follow Him, is often the cost of discipleship. Jesus and His followers, moving from town to town, would come to rely on the goodness and charity of strangers (many of whom would become disciples). In living this way, the disciples can focus on the mission that Jesus has placed on their hearts. If they don't worry about “worldly” things, they can then focus on “heavenly” things.

This was not always the case in Francis' life, as we know. As a young man, as a “man of the world”, Francis was more concerned with status than with simplicity, and with power than with poverty. At the time of his conversion, Francis was single-hearted in his pursuit of knighthood and living in the world. This would all change when he met the leper. Something stirred within him and he was transfixed and ultimately transformed into the “saint” that we know and love. His focus became “other-focused” and it was here that he started to rely on the goodness of others for sustaining his new “lifestyle”, which became his life's work and mission. It was here that Francis came to see the Christ in others and became the Christ for others. In doing so, St. Francis realized that he, like Christ Himself, would “have nowhere to rest his head” (ibid). In bringing the Franciscan message to “rebuild the Church”, St. Francis would need to rely on others to accomplish this objective. He also utilized this mindset not only to undertake his mission but also to live and survive. He would beg for everything, from stones to bread, relying on the Holy Spirit to move hearts to assist him in this lifelong mission.

How are we called to “live like Francis”? I believe that in this area, we aren't necessarily called to take to the streets and go begging for alms (for ourselves or others). I believe that we are called to use our time, talent, and treasure to “rebuild the Church” (both the physical entity AND the Body of Christ/People of God) and further the Franciscan “ethos” to “live simply so that others may simply live”. We can “scale back”, we can “downsize”, we can do those things that move us towards an attitude of living so that our own personal “footprint” may be lessened and our impact on the world may be heightened. In doing these things, we can “live like Francis”.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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 Nicolai, 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, Callum Stetson & 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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THE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, July 5— 3:00—5:30 holiday
Monday, July 18 — 3:00—4:30

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

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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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.

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ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY—JULY 30TH — ST. ANN —9:00 am—2:00 PM — AUGUST 20TH—ST JOHN
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