



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
July 3, 2022*

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Let all
the earth
cry out
with joy.

PSALM 66

14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:19-20

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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

The Parishes are returning to the Pre-Covid Format for Masses

That means that we need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, & Ushers
For every Mass.

If you are interested in any of these position, please call the Rectory and we will sign you up.

We especially need Greeters & Ushers for the 5:30 Mass as we currently have no one to fill that need.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are given the calendar for the month by email. You choose the dates that work with your personal schedules by emailing Debbie or by calling Arlene at 508-586-4880 and they will put your name on the schedule.

Due to our financial situation, a second collection will be taken at each month to raise the funds for a specific need. The next two weeks will be for
Building and Maintenance.

Please give of your time and talents to help our parishes!

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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HOW TO MOVE THE
COLLABORATIVE FORWARD.**

**IT TAKES A VILLIAGE TO SPREAD THE WORD OF
GOD!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 2, 2022

4:00 – Michael Robichaud — 11th Anniversary

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

Saturday, July 9, 2022

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday July 10, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 2, 2022

5:30 - Paul Luddy — 38th Anniversary

Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, July 9, 2022

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday July 10, 2022

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

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,

As you read this column, we are in the midst of a holiday weekend. On the 4th of July, when celebrating the gift of freedom, I thank God for the gift of religious freedom. I thank God that I live in a country where I can exercise my "freedom of religion" by publicly praying to our God for all of the good things that God has provided me over this last half century (plus!) of life.

Among the things which God has provided to me is an opportunity to serve His people in my priestly ministry. Over the last 27 years, God has given me the chance to respond to the call which He placed on my heart many, many years ago. While it took me a while to respond to that initial call (placed on my heart when I was in high school, responded to ((finally) after college), these last twenty-seven years have been amazing in all of the various ways God has opened up to me to bring souls to Christ by preaching, teaching and serving. In my preaching, God has given me the opportunity to enflame people's hearts with "a word that will rouse them". In teaching, God has given me the chance to educate God's people about the truths of our Faith. In serving, God has placed in me a "servant's heart", putting me at the disposal of others, assisting them in ways that bring them closer to God.

The challenges to our religious freedom are there, as well. Now, more than ever, the ability to bring our faith into the "public square" is constantly being challenged. We are told that "religion is best kept for worship services" and that "it might be best if we didn't bring God into this (situation)". So, America, how's that working for you? Are we better off now that we cannot pray in school? Are we better off now that we have put God in a "box", like He is an article of clothing that we pull out only when necessary and when it is "convenient" (to all)? I don't think so. There is a growing attitude that "freedom of religion" means "freedom from religion". I do not believe that this is what the founders of our great nation intended.

May we have the courage to live out our lives of faith "in season or out of season, whether convenient or inconvenient" (1 Tim 4:2). May we know that it is our God that calls us to live our lives in union with Him. May we cherish this union by living out our belief that we are sent by God to be His heralds. May our great land know the gift of God's love. May God bless our Collaborative, may God bless our Church, and may God bless the United States of America.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

... "May the Peace of the Lord Be with You Always"

When I was in the eighth grade, I recall sitting at the dinner table with my parents and four brothers when our normal conversation turned into a fight. During the conversation, one of my brothers called me a name that I did not appreciate. I replied to him with a similar rude comment to which my brother responded by throwing some of his food at me. In a few moments, my other brothers fled the table and me and my other brother were sent to our rooms to think about what we had done and how we ruined dinner for everyone. I wonder how many of us have tried to sit down for a family meal when several members of the family are not talking to each other or are mad at one another? Growing up in a large family this happened on occasion and when it did the family meal was reduced to a pit stop to refuel rather than a place to celebrate and build the bonds of life and love that binds each family member to each other. The Eucharist is our family meal. It is meant to celebrate and bring about the communion we share as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven, brothers and sisters of the Lord and to each other.

The Rite of Peace is the second part of the Communion Rite. Just after praying together to our Father in heaven and asking that we be forgiven with the measure we forgive others we greet each other in the peace of Christ, the priest begins the Rite of Peace with these words, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will." The will of God is that where Jesus is we are. Recall Jesus' own prayer on the eve of his passion for our unity and communion: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. (Jn 17:20-21)" These words reveal the peace and unity God desires according to his will. Yet, the peace Jesus calls for us is not like the peace the world gives. Some in the world may define peace as everybody getting along—or you leave me alone and I will leave you alone. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict or war. The peace Jesus offers and calls us to is rooted in him. We experience true peace in ourselves and between each other when we are united in our faith and work together to bring the same faith into action for the care and salvation of souls. But to have this peace we need to see ourselves and each other through Christ's eyes rather than our own. The sign of peace invites us to do this.

After the Deacon (or in his absence, the Priest), invites the assembly to offer each other the sign of peace according to local custom. Our custom (though COVID has modified this) is to turn to those nearest us and extend our hand to the other and say the words that Jesus said to us upon his resurrection, "Peace be with you." It is hard to extend our hand and say those words to another if we are not in communion with the people around us. This ritual action can reveal the intentions of our own hearts and how we think or feel about others. But around the altar we are all sinners in need of grace! We are all saints in the making! By baptism we are all sons and daughters of the Father, brothers and sisters of the Lord, and temples of the Holy Spirit. The sign of peace invites us to build this peace and communion by greeting each other as God sees us in Christ.



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.

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THE FOOD PANTRY

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

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

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

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.



St VINCENT DE PAUL
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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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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Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Prayer offered by the chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch on July 3, 1974 in the U.S. House of Representatives

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Psalms 33:12).

Eternal God, stir thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of thy holy name and the good of our nation and of all mankind. Amen."

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