



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
July 24, 2022*



*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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**For both Churches**

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Friday**

### 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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 23, 2022

4:00 — Christine Cole — 9th Anniversary

#### Sunday July 24, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For safety from random acts of violence

#### Saturday, July 30, 2022

4:00 — Maria C. Ponte — 29th Anniversary

#### Sunday, July 31, 2022

8:30 - For a return to civility in this country

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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:30 - John J. McHugh, Jr. — Birthday Remem

#### Sunday, July 24, 2022

10:30 - Jean M. Lyons — 25th Anniversary

#### Saturday, July 30, 2022

5:30 — Kay Levashko — Month's Mind

#### Sunday July 31, 2022

10:30—Parishioners of Saint John



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The “Our Father” is one of the most, if not THE most, central prayer in the Catholic-Christian faith. It is the only “formal” prayer taught to the Twelve by Jesus. Jesus gave them this prayer after being requested by the Apostles for a way to pray; they had known of/experienced John’s disciples praying and that John had given them “formulas” to pray. The prayer which Jesus gives them is a perfect blend of adoration, petition and thanksgiving – it has all of the elements of a great prayer. The “version” given in Luke’s gospel is somewhat truncated, but it gets the point across that the sentiment and power of the full prayer (which we offer in our liturgy).

The other benefit of having prayers like the “Our Father” is that they give us words to put to the feelings which we experience which we would have a hard time otherwise expressing. When words fail us, prayers such as the “Our Father” give us the opportunity to put forth our inmost desires and thoughts. The beautiful thing about using the “Our Father” in our liturgy is that we realize that, when we pray in community, that we are not alone in our need for God or our desire to receive those things from God which will help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Jesus further elaborates on this prayer by extolling the virtue of being persistent in prayer. This is not to say that if we ask often enough, we will get what we want. I remember as a child asking (on long car trips), ad nauseam, “are we there yet?”; it was as if I had asked often enough that the answer would change. The only thing that changed was my mother’s level of patience, decreasing with each petition! I think what Jesus is getting at in the gospel passage for today is that each time we ask for something and are told “no”, then we have the opportunity to “nuance” our request and think about what we truly need (and not just what we want). If we “ask...seek...knock” (Lk 11:9), then we will “receive...find...be opened” (Lk 11:10). These are persistent actions with concrete results; they are opportunities to grow in faith, hope and love.

May we have the courage and patience to be persistent in prayer. May we be focused in our prayers so that we may ask for those things which we need, not just what we want. May we always know in our heart that God hears our prayers, gives us what we need and helps us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



### **Saint Ann and Saint John will be implementing three different ways to member your loved ones at Mass.**

By offering the Mass in their memory. The Mass will be dedicated to them alone. You can remember their birthdays or the date of their passing, which is called an Anniversary Mass or simply a Memorial Mass. Some will book two masses, one for each occasion. This is announced at Mass and posted in the bulletin. (suggested donation is \$25)

Give the gift of The Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Light for the week’s liturgies in memory of your loved one. The name of your loved one will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. (suggested donation is \$30)

Altar Flower Memorials -- Each weekend you have the opportunity to donate the weekend arrangement on the altar in memory of loved ones. The flower arrangement will be the one piece placed in front of the main altar. The name of your loved one will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The parish makes arrangements for the flowers. (suggested donation is \$75)

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**WHAT:** Annual Outdoor Mass to Honor Our Lady of the Angels

**WHO:** Open to All

**WHEN:** Monday, August 1, 2022  
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



**WHERE:** PORTIUNCULA CHAPEL  
Cardinal Cushing Centers, Route 53,  
Hanover, MA

**QUESTIONS?** Email: Clare Urbanowicz, OFS:  
[cturbanowicz@yahoo.com](mailto:cturbanowicz@yahoo.com)

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR PARISH?**

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR :**

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**A CLEANER FOR SAINT ANN'S CHURCH  
EVERY OTHER WEEK**

**SOMEONE TO MAKE BAPTISMAL BIBS**

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**THANK YOU — THANK YOU —  
THANK YOU**

**THE BUILDING & MAINTENANCE  
COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS A BIG  
SUCCESS.**

**7-3-22**  
**SAINT JOHN — \$1,126**  
**SAINT ANN — \$ 782**

**This weekend the second collection will  
address our needs with Utilities**

**WE CURRENTLY OWE APPROXIMATELY \$11,000 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.**





## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### An Ancient Artifact: The Commingling

During the communion rite, a keen observer of the liturgy might notice that during the singing or chanting of the Lamb of God, the priest takes a small part of the host, breaks it, and drops it into the chalice quietly saying these words, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Third Edition) explains that this ritual signifies "the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious." What was broken, Jesus' body on the cross, has been restored at his resurrection, and glorified upon his ascension into heaven.

Yet, when one takes a longer look at the ritual and its history over the millennia, one notices that the explanation found in the *General Instruction* is a spiritualization of several ancient and lost practices of the ancient Church. Let's look at one of the ancient practices of the ancient Church that dates to the last Father of the Church who had a living connection to one of Jesus' apostles. This practice is known as the *fermentum*.

St. Irenaeus a man born in Smyrna in Asia Minor and ordained a priest by the bishop Polycarp and later ordained a bishop who was charged with the City of Lyon in the Roman Province of Gaul, present-day France. Polycarp himself was bishop who stood at the feet of St. John the Evangelist, the beloved disciple. Irenaeus' primary work as a bishop was to promote the unity of the Catholic Churches by emphasizing in his ministry and in his teachings the communion between priests and their bishop and bishops with the Pope. In his book on the *History of the Church*, the historian Eusebius acknowledges that St. Irenaeus knew about the custom of the Pope sending consecrated fractions of the host to his bishops as a sign of unity communion among the priests, bishops, and their particular churches (*Hist. eccl.* 5:24:15-16).

The ancient custom of the Pope sending a fraction of the Eucharist he consecrated demonstrated the unity between him and his priests and of the Church of Rome and the many local churches in each diocese. After receiving the piece of the host, known as the *fermentum*, the bishop or priest would drop a piece of the Pope's eucharist into the chalice consecrated by the local bishops and priest. This rite not only showed the unity between the churches and amongst the clergy, but it was also a way of demonstrating there is only one sacrifice that saves souls—the eternal sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Though this custom of sending the *fermentum* abroad to distant churches by the Council of Laodicea in the 4<sup>th</sup> century the practice continued in Rome under the papacy of Innocent I (402-417). The Pope would send the *fermentum* to the other churches in Rome to show the unity between the bishop and his priests. This practice eventually fell out of practice; however, over time, individual priests continued take a piece of the consecrated host and drop it into the chalice. (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, 5:689)

Though the liturgy contains this ancient artifact dating back to the origins of the Catholic Church, the unity between the Pope's sacrifice of the Mass, the bishop's sacrifice of the Mass in his diocese, and a priest's sacrifice of the Mass in his local parish continues through the words of the Eucharistic prayer when the priest says, "Remember, Lord, your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis our Pope and Sean our Bishop and all the clergy."

The next time you see the priest break a piece of the host and drop it into the chalice know that the Eucharist we celebrate together unites us across space and time—indeed even stretching into eternity.



## MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

### St Francis' Prayer Inspired By The Our Father\*

O our most holy Father:  
Our Creator, Redeemer, Consoler, and  
Savior,

You are in heaven:  
And in the angels and saints,  
Inflaming us to love, because You, Lord, are love,  
And filling us with happiness as our Supreme and Eternal  
Good.

Glorious is your Your name:

May our knowledge of You become ever clearer  
That we may know Your blessings and Your majesty.  
Your Kingdom come:

Give us unclouded vision to let you rule in us through Your  
grace,  
And so we enjoy a blessed companionship with You forever.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:  
That we may love You with our whole heart,  
Desire You with our whole soul,  
Always think of You with affection,  
Spend all our energies in serving You,  
And that we may love our neighbors with Your love.

Give us this day our daily Bread:  
Which is our Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

And forgive us our trespasses:  
Through Your indescribable mercy to us in Christ,  
Which we see in the faith and prayers of the blessed virgin  
Mary.

Help us to forgive those who trespass against us:  
You, Lord, enable us to forgive to the full  
So that we may truly love our enemies and intercede for  
them.

Lead us not into temptation:  
Keep us from all sin, hidden or obvious.

Deliver us from evil:  
Keep us from all that's bad in the past, present, and to come.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, it is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

Pax et Bonum,  
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, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Kay 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, Joe Pigeon, Callum Stetson, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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Hotline—508-378-3760

### Summer HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

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.

### THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, August 1, — 3:00 — 5:30*

*Monday, August 15, — 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.**

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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD  
Wednesday each month**

**TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM  
(508) 510-5274.**

### 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](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.

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Small electronics items:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Anything with a plug and more)...\$5 each.

Appliances:

Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove.\$20 Microwave,...\$10(small) Large \$20  
Lawn mowers, Ex. Equipment .\$20 Snow blowers..\$40  
TV's and Monitors/Flat panel monitors: 18" - 26" ...\$20.00 ea  
27"- 35" ...\$25.00 ea / Over 35" Projection TV...\$40.00 ea  
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