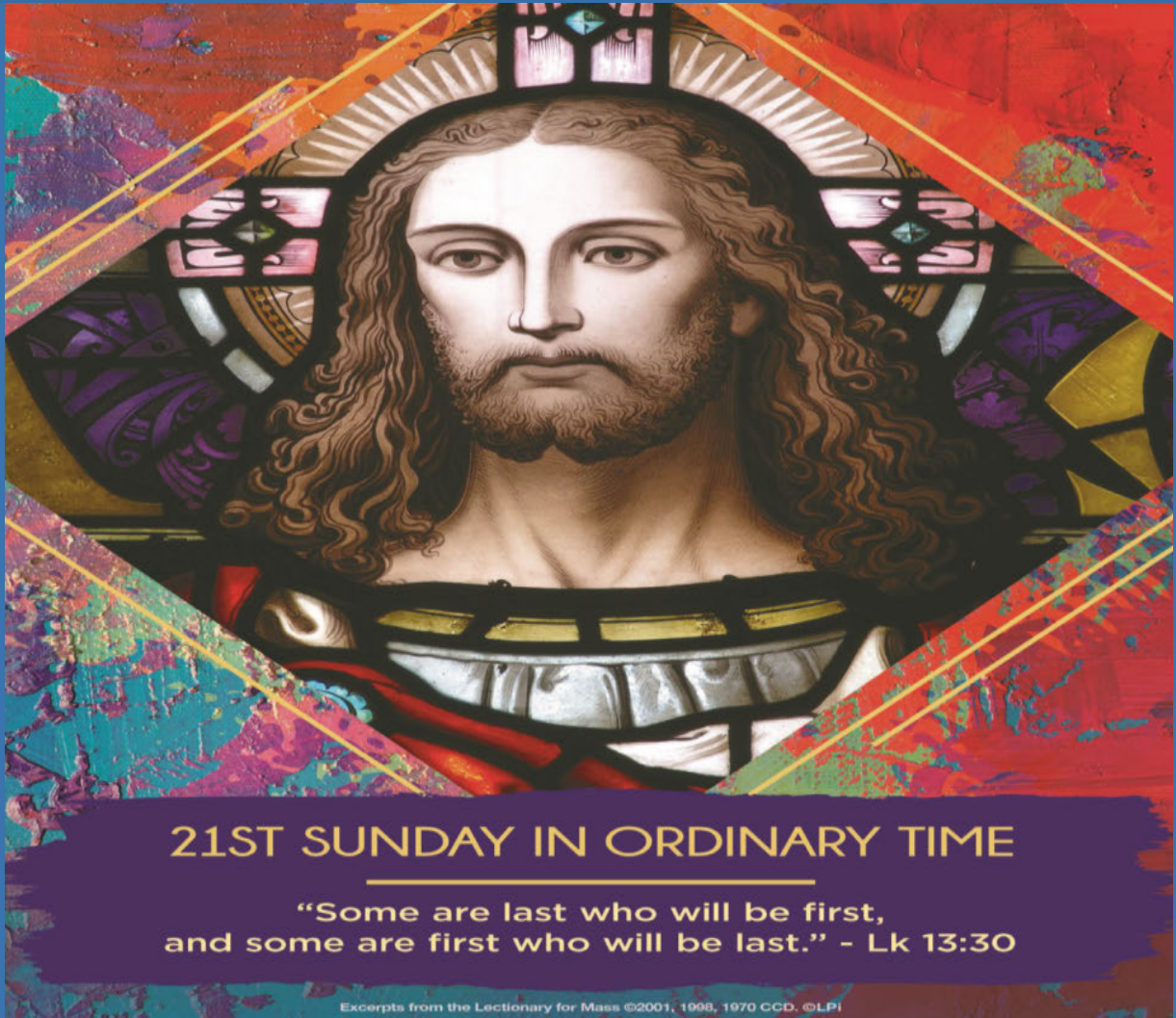




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
August 21, 2022*



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30**

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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. Live streamed 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 1:30 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
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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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 20, 2022

**4:00 — Francisco & Maria Figueiredo —
Birthday Remembrance**

Sunday, August 21, 2022

**8:30 - Edmund J. Twomey — 3rd Anniversary
6:15 - Joe Pigeon — Healing**

Saturday, August 27, 2022

4:00 —Dennis Rando — Memorial

Sunday, August 28, 2022

**8:30 - Reinald Ledoux, Jr. — Memorial
6:15 - Parishioners of St. Ann & St. John**

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 20, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:30 - Christiano Dottavio — Birthday Remem

Saturday, August 27, 2022

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday August , 2022

10:30—Michael S. Bonner — 2nd Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As the story is told, a Baptist minister passes away and enters into the Kingdom. As he's being shown around, St. Peter is showing him the different "rooms" in Heaven. As they pass one room, the minister is informed that this is the "Baptist room"; as they go down the hall, the minister is shown the "Lutheran hall", the "Methodist hall", etc. As they pass by one room, St. Peter asks the minister to be quiet; when the minister asks why, St. Peter informs him that "this is the Catholic room – they think that they're the only ones up here!" I tell that story not to disparage the Catholic faith, but to illustrate a point.

I've always felt, as the song goes, that "there's wideness in God's mercy". Today's gospel reminds us that it takes more than "lip service" to be a Christian. It further reminds us that we might be surprised both by who's in the Kingdom and who's not. We must not only know about God, we must know God. This comes from prayer, study and relationship. Our prayer draws us closer to God; our study helps us to understand our faith; our relationship with God helps us grow closer in relationship to one another.

There is no doubt that to enter into the Kingdom means entering through the "narrow gate" (Lk 13:24). This idea applies not only to our life after this world, but also our life in this world. To be a Christian means to enter into a focused way of living, sometimes shutting out or disposing of those things that are not of God. It could be a wrong attitude, an incorrect way of living or a bad relationship. In each of these cases, we must decide what matters most to us. Ultimately, we stand before the judgment seat of Christ answering for our life's decisions. At that time, it won't matter how many times we have uttered the Lord's name – all that will matter is whether we put the Lord first, above all things. God's mercy is, indeed, wide, but narrow is the way to the Kingdom. Let us prepare right here and now for that time, so that God may welcome us into His Kingdom of Love.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



After consultation with the Parish Council and Staff, we are unveiling a New Mass Schedule

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2022
Through Approx. Easter**

SATURDAYS

4:00 PM — SAINT JOHN'S

SUNDAYS

7:30 — SAINT ANN'S

9:30 — SAINT JOHN'S

11:30 — SAINT ANN'S

6:15 — SAINT ANN'S

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector
Or

Eucharistic Minister

Or

Those currently serving who want to refresh
their skills, training will be available:

August 28th at St. John's
Lectors — Noon -- 1 PM
Eucharistic Minister — 1:15 -- 2:15

Or

September 11th at St. Ann's
Same times

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP YOUR PARISH?

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USING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS?
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THAT WOULD BE.



ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!

**The large room
In the
Parish Center**

**Needs helpers
To get it ready
To be
Opened**

**AGAIN AUGUST 20TH
8:00—10:00 ish**

**We need as many able-bodied
Volunteers as possible
To clean and organize**

**Please call the Rectory
If you can help!!!
Or just show up!!!!**



LET'S FINISH THE JOB.

WE NEED 12 — 2 inch 3-RING BINDERS

Is anyone willing to donate?

FINANCIAL NEWS

Beginning in the Month of July, we will no longer
publish the Offertory amounts on a week to week
basis.

Rather we will be publishing a brief monthly summary
Income Statement that will not only include the
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WITH THE PARISH CENTER
CLEAN UP LAST WEEK.
One more week should do it.**



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

God's First Language is Silence—Silence in the Liturgy

In the first book of Kings, the prophet Elijah was instructed to go to the entrance of a cave on Mt. Horeb (otherwise known as Mt. Sinai where Moses encountered God and received the Ten Commandments) where the Lord was promised to pass by. Elijah was going through some difficult times in his life and was consoled that the Lord was going to pass by him and meet him. He expected to meet God as Moses did centuries before—in the quake of the earth, in the forceful wind, and in the column of fire. Yet, when the wind came, the earth quaked, and the fire came he noticed that God was not in them as he was in Moses' time.

Many may find ourselves like Elijah when we come to Mass. We may feel overwhelmed by grief, sorrow, fear, guilt, and doubt. We come to Mass hoping to hear a word that gives consolation to our souls. We want to hear God speak to us as he did in ancient times—like he did with Adam and Eve, with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. Yet, most of us end up feeling discouraged because God doesn't appear to speak to us in the ways we hear about in the Old Testament readings that we hear at Mass. Instead, we find ourselves like Elijah frustrated that God is not heard in the ways that he expected God to speak. However, the story of Elijah reveals the way God speaks to us today—the same way HE spoke to him when he was desperate to hear his voice. Where did Elijah hear God's voice speak to him in his trial and struggle? We are told that God's voice was found in "a light silent sound (1 Kings 19:12)" or as the New Revised Standard Version translates, "in the sound of sheer silence."

The world we live in is full of noise. We are surrounded by sounds, messages, and noises from multiple sources—our family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends. Beyond that we hear messages, sounds, and noises from our televisions, radios, phones, cell phones, and the many various forms of social media. Even in the liturgy our senses are inundated with sights, sounds, sensations, and smells. Where do we hear God's voice speak to us? In our lives? In our private prayer? Even in our worship at Mass?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (Third Edition) instructs us that silence is an important and necessary component of the liturgy with these words:

Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its purpose, however, depends on the time it occurs in each part of the celebration. Thus, within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts. Even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner.

St. John of the Cross, a 16th century mystic and monk, is often attributed as saying "God's first language is silence." In a letter to a Carmelite nun, he wrote of this silent language, "Our most important task consists in remaining silent before this great God, silent with our desires as well as with our tongue. He understands only one language, that of silent love." It is often hard for us to hear God and to contemplate his word and activity in our life in our world. We'd do well if we take to heart the words God says in Psalm 46:10, "be still and know that I am God."



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30). In this last line of today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that it may surprise us as to we find in the Kingdom...presuming we get there ourselves! My mother used to say that "If we are blessed to get into the Kingdom, to be "on the correct side of the gates", we may be surprised as to who we see – and don't see – there!" It was her reminder to us that we cannot presume that just because we pray, we call upon the Lord, we feel that we are in right relationship with God that we have any guarantee of seeing eternity in Heaven. In other words, we cannot just "pay 'lip service'" to the Lord. We must be people of words AND deeds, prayer AND action.

This idea of prayer and action is not a new one. It is highlighted by St. Clare of Assisi's words: "Let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds" ("Testament of St. Clare"). It's about showing up. Woody Allen once quipped that "90% of life is just showing up". St. Clare showed up. St. Clare was known for showing up. She often took care of her sisters—or the friars—who were ill. In fact, she cared for Francis near the end of his life. One story is that Clare used to wash the feet of her sisters after they would come in from doing chores. On this particular day, as she finished washing the feet of one of her fellow sisters, Clare bent over to kiss her foot. Out of humility, the sister pulled her foot back, striking Clare in the mouth. Rather than recoil in pain, Clare simply proceeded to kiss the sister's foot. Even when Clare was sick and in bed, she ministered to others as she was able. During those days, she would use the time to sew altar cloths for surrounding churches. Ministry in action—that was Clare's default. It should be ours as well.

This past week, I had the opportunity to exercise that charism. I spent the week at Camp Fatima EC ("Exceptional Citizens") Week. It is a traditional week of camp, full of nature walks, waterfront activities, boating and swimming, campfires, and the like. Our motto at Camp is "Love in Action", something of which St. Clare - and, no doubt, St. Francis - would approve. They were people of love AND action, as well as love IN action. They lived their faith in word and deed...and we should, as well!

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 Nicolai, 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, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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

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**West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
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www.chimehomeschool.com/getting-started-at-homeschooling-meeting/

BAPTISM

Please say a prayer for and welcome as new parishioners the following children who have been Baptized into the Collaborative so far this year:

*Brianna Amelia Craig ~ Dylan Laine McKinney
Natalie Catherine Engstrom ~ Aria Patricia Charron
Freyda Elizabeth Campbell ~ Amelia Hope Mitchell
Elliana Lee Wermald ~ Ryan Mitchell Thibeault,
Feigan William Driscoll ~ Callum David Stetson
Lincoln Christopher Suchorski ~ Torrin James Perry
Lily Mae Mendes ~ Lily Ann Desmond
Cecilia Arden Lucini ~ Harry James Kirby,
Hailey Rose Dmitruk*



This is the Boy's Dream Dormitory for St. Benedict's High School, located in Kasambya, Mubende District, Uganda. This dormitory will house 200 boys offering them a safe place in which to earn an education, faith, and the ability to become responsible adults. The total project cost is estimated at \$195,074 (USD). Please be as generous as you can to help make this dream a reality.

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