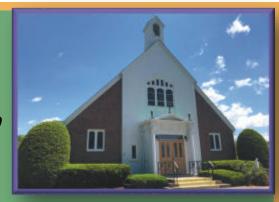


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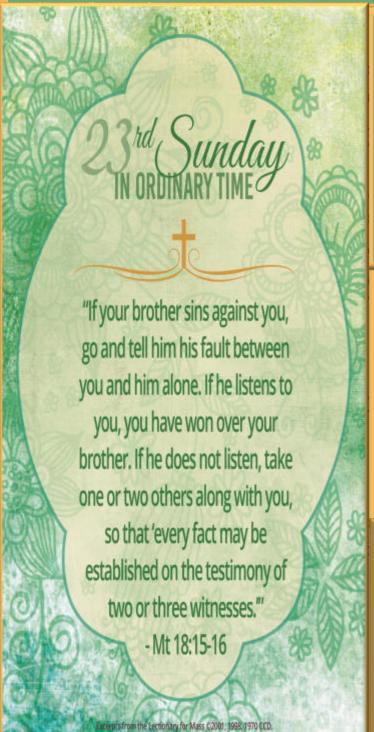
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Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA
Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice
In the Chapel
Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required.

Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is by appointment during the pandemic. Please call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGEContact 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
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Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, September 6, 2020

10:30 - Martin Hanley — 30th Anniversary

Saturday, September 12, 2020

5:30 - Leonard & Lena Shepherd — 28th & 18th Anniversary

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30 - Kenny Fontaine — 1st Aniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 5, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 6, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, September 12, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:30 - Robert & Rita Farrell, & Stephen Mason Memorial

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

10.13-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk

6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

[24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4. 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-

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Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday:Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/

Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grand-

parents' Day

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Like with a lot of things in life,

forgiveness and reconciliation is a process – it doesn't just "happen". In today's gospel, the four-step process of reconciliation is as follows: one-on-one, going with a friend, calling in the church, treating them (the one who wronged you) like you would "a Gentile or tax collector" (an outsider with no standing in the community) (Mt 18:17). It seems as if Jesus is contradicting the idea of forgiving "seventy times seven times" (Mt 18:22, in the passage immediately following today's gospel). One has to look carefully at the passage to see that the two ideas (treating one like an outsider and forgiving unconditionally) are not contradictory.

There are some times when one has to "give it over to God" (a stock phrase of my mother's). In doing this one is allowing God to work in the life of the person who has wronged us in a way that we cannot. Sin must be challenged when it is seen, but it must be done in the most effective way possible. This is the reasoning behind the "escalation" found in the process of forgiveness in today's gospel. One begins by allowing the person to repent/ apologize without "going public". If this is unsuccessful, then one brings in a "third party" (one, it is assumed, who knows both parties) to provide objective counsel. If this does not work, you bring in the church (the competent authority which has the power to "bind" and "loose" (as referred to in Mt 18:18)). Finally, when these avenues have been exhausted, then one who has wronged is commended to God (so that the Almighty can work in the person's life).

It can be a challenging thing, to confront sin and to be confronted by one's own sin. It is a humbling experience both for the offending and aggrieved parties. If one is open to correction, and if one is bold enough to correct, then healing can take place. If not, the only remedy is to allow God to work in both party's lives. If this is done, then healing can still take place, in God's own time; at times such as this, only God's power can "do the job".

May we have the courage to both confront and be confronted by sin. May we know the healing power of God through forgiveness and reconciliation. May we feel this healing power by being conduits and receptacles of forgiveness. May we "let God be God" in our lives and in the lives of all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

UPDATES FROM TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekend Masses are being held at both churches, please check the schedule ON PAGE 7.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed

Baptisms are being held on Saturday at 10 AM and 2 PM and on Sundays at 1 PM. Please call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Funerals are now allowed within the guidelines of the Archdiocese. Call the Rectory Office for information.

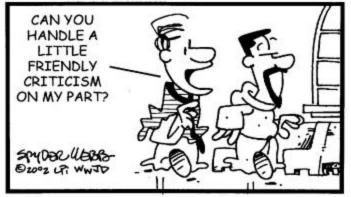
Memorial Masses can be rescheduled or scheduled within the limitations of the four masses between both churches. Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Daily masses are continuing to be celebrated on line until further notice

Comic: How To Turn Your Home Into A School Without Losing Your Sanity



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance Hotline—508-378-3760

Lighter Side

Gimme a Break

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in midair, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me?"

"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

Who Makes the Coffee?

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"

THE BLESSING OF THE PETS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 3RD AT 10 AM AT ST. JOHN'S PARKING LOT.

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COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Ann's)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann's)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. John's)

TO ATTEND A MASS YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE WEBSITES PRIOR TO THE MASS.

PLEASE TRY TO DO THIS BY FRIDAY EVENING.

MASSES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL UP AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET A RESERVATION.

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL LORRY @ 508-373-4152 OR CHARLOTTE @ 508-369-3196

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-5:30 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

In the months from March 1 to June 30th, the Pantry has fed more than 400 families due to the enormous generosity of the parishioners of St. John. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help. The only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above.

Gift cards are also a great help.

\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, Sept. 7

Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, etc. are always great.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, , Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevtt & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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contact Linda. We would like to expand our membershipfor this worthy endeavor.



As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS — YOU MUST REGISTER FOR MASS. USE OUR WEBSITE TO DO SO.

- * In order to limit social gathering and allow time to seat registered parishioners, those attending Mass should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass. (Seats will then be offered to those parishioners on 'standby' who arrived without pre-registration.)
- * One entrance: Entry into church will be front right and left side doors (no entry through middle doors) at St. John's, front door at St. Ann's. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN SEATING PEOPLE (ASIDE FROM THOSE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES), DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A PARTICULAR SEAT IN THE CHURCH.
- * All parishioners must wear masks. There are several exceptions, such as: children under the age of two, and people with underlying health conditions. The wearing of masks for children between the ages of 2-5 is based on the parents' discretion.
- * Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer if possible. The church will have limited supply.
- * Parishioners must maintain 6 feet of social distance between each other at all times. This does not apply to families that live in the same household.
- * Appropriate social distancing spaces will be designated on the floor/in the aisles. Ushers will provide guidance.
- * Everyone will enter church using front doors and leave church using side doors. Those closest to the front doors will leave first
- * There will be no sign of peace, offertory collection or singing during Mass. Baskets for financial contributions will be available as you leave church.
- * Special instructions on receiving Holy Communion will be presented during each Mass. (Please be patient; wait for instructions by the ushers everyone will be served.)
- * To prevent close contact, the clergy will employ minimal entrancing in or recessing out of the church. (Please wait for the Ushers to exit after the Priest and Deacon have exited.)
- * Public gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted outside church.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are uneasy about attending such an event, please remember that the Dispensation from Reception of Communion is still in effect. If you are in the "vulnerable/at risk" category, please remember that you need not (nor would I want you to) risk your health and well-being. It is for this reason that I will still be taping Sunday Mass (broadcast on EB-CAM and posted on Facebook/parish websites) and live-streaming Daily Mass on Facebook.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred,

let me sow charity;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, truth;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, iov

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 to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



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She will take good care of you.

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called *Restore – Rekindle – Renew*. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply call Stephen & Michelle O'L early at \$00-710-9963 or



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