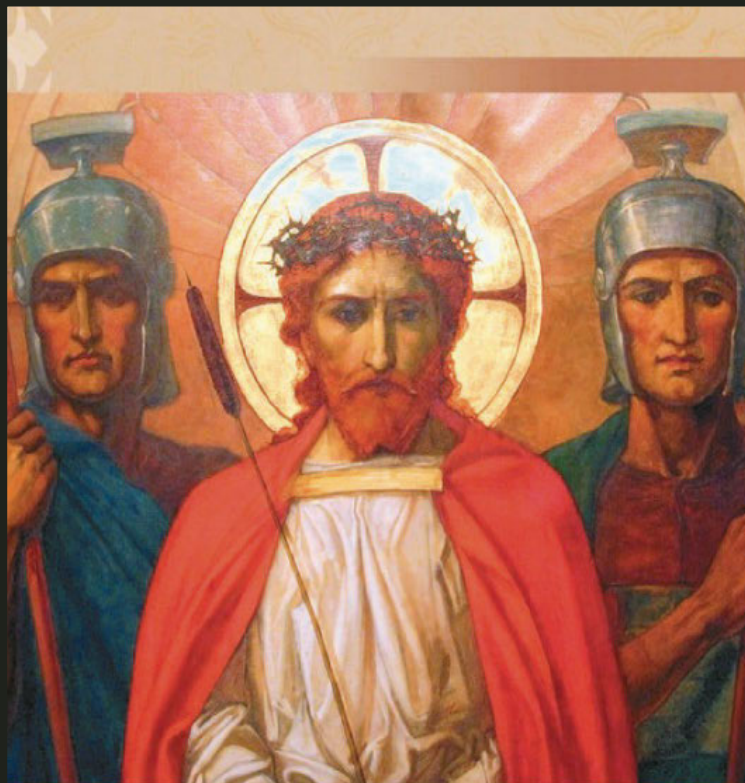




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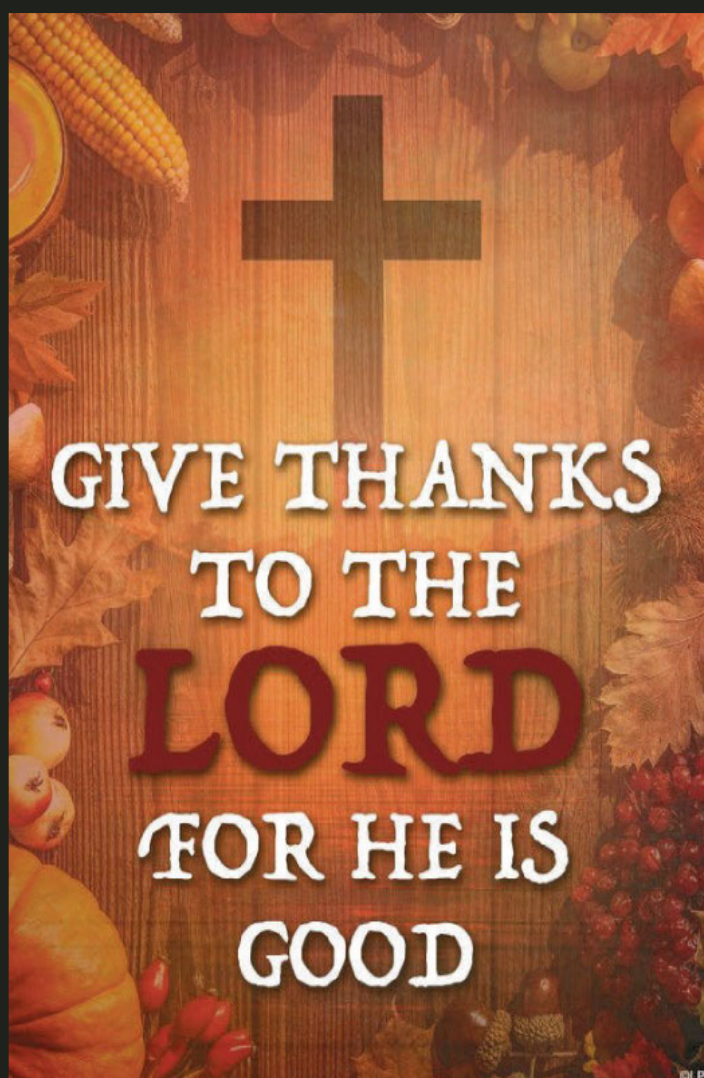


OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.
In the Church

St Ann's
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 &
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
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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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, November 20, 2022

7:30 - Kathleen Andrews — 2nd Anniversary

11:30 - Joanne Hanson — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Alma Chick — 29th Anniversary

Sunday, November 27, 2022

7:30 - David Paul Churchill — Birthday Rem.

11:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann & Saint John

6:15 - Angelina Chaves & Family — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 19, 2022

4:00 - John Keanneally — Month's Mind

Sunday November 20, 2022

9:30 — Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, November 26, 2022

4:00 — Kathleen Climo — 12th Anniversary

Fred Climo — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, November 27, 2022

9:30 — Francisco & Maria Figueiredo
& Family — Memorial

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ARE
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Joanne Hanson



FLOWERS At St. JOHN

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My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, marking the last Sunday in the liturgical year (where did the time go?!). Next week, we move into Advent, that great time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. It is also a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord as the King of Glory, but we have the next four weeks to explore that. On this week, we celebrate the "kingship" of Christ. I put the word in quotes not to minimize its importance, but to highlight the fact that Christ's Kingship is unlike that of an "earthly" king. Jesus' kingship is one of service, humility and love, rather than one of power and prestige. Today's gospel passage shows this fact clearly.

In the gospel passage before us, from Luke, we move "fast forward" into the Crucifixion. Jesus, in His final moments here on earth before His death (and resurrection and ascension), isn't presenting a very "kingly" image (at least not by earthly standards). He is being mocked and taunted, being called upon to "prove" His kingly stature and power. What they (the crowd and one of the thieves being crucified with Jesus) don't get is that this is exactly the type of kingship Jesus wishes to portray. Humble, obedient to the will of God, even forgiving (to the "good thief"), Jesus shows to those around Him what his mission was, and is, all about. It is a perfect segue, in fact, to the Advent Season, when we prepare for the two-fold coming of Christ — His coming as the Christ-Child, and His arrival as the King of Glory (at the end of time). Jesus is living out, in this gospel passage, what our lives are to be all about as well. As we conclude our liturgical year, it is a good time to reflect upon how we see Jesus. Do we see Jesus as the crowd sees Him — weak, powerless, a "pushover", or do we see Him as He really is — humble, obedient and offering the ultimate gift in taking our sins upon Himself and thus saving the world?

This day offers us an opportunity to figure out who Jesus is for us. For many, Jesus is a prophet; for many, a holy man. Jesus is all of that — and more. Jesus came into the world to die — that fact is made clear by the events of today's gospel. To what ends the death of Jesus accomplishes have yet to be realized, because we are still living our faith out on earth. There will come a time, however, when the meaning and power of Jesus' actions will become perfectly clear. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus comes again to call us home to the Kingdom. Will we be ready, willing and able to answer that call? Now is the time to prepare, because the time of this event is not known by us. It is only known by God. May we use this time — the Solemnity of Christ the King, as well as the Advent Season — to prepare our minds, hearts and lives for Jesus' coming — His coming as the Christ-Child and His coming as the King of Glory.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



Christmas Sharing For Saint Ann's

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again ask you to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to the families, Project Grad Teen Moms, and senior citizens.

The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family, teen mom or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags.

All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the **St. Vincent de Paul boxes** at the doors of Saint Ann's Church, or sent to Linda Santry. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items. They must be received by **November 30th**, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. See the handout on November 6th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or linda@santry.org

Cross Catholic Outreach

We welcome Father Theo Okpara of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

DISCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY

The Disciples of Hospitality are seeking volunteers from both Saint John's and Saint Ann's to work together in preparing our Collaborative for the up-coming Christmas Season and to brainstorm ideas as we move forward in growing this ministry.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st at 6:30 in Saint Ann's Parish Center. If you have any questions or are interested in joining but unable to attend the November 21st meeting, please drop us an email at:

Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com



East Bridgewater HUGS is ready for the 2022 holiday season.

If you or someone you know from EB has a need, please go to www.ebhugs.org and fill out the online application for assistance. Applications should be completed by Sunday, November 6th.

If you would like to adopt a child or family this Christmas, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact me directly at wishes@ebhugs.org.

If you would like to make a cash donation, you can Venmo at East Bridgewater Hugs, use Paypal on our website, www.ebhugs.org, or drop cash or checks or gift cards off at the EB Public Library or any of our drop off locations or mailed or dropped at HUGS, 100 Lorraine Drive, EB. If you have any questions, please call Theresa at 508-350-9811.

Giving Trees will be up by mid November, for those who want to help by taking tags to purchase specific gifts from a child's wish list.

Thank you to every-
and helps us to make
so many families in



one who participates
Christmas bright for
need.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR HEATING COSTS



With the anticipated increase in fuel costs, we estimate that this winter will be a combined cost of approximately **\$30,000** for the heating bills of Saint Ann's and Saint John's.

Oops please excuse the lack of an appropriate additional 0 reported last week. Making it 30,000 rather than 3,000.

Therefore, the second collection until further notice will be directed to those bills.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church ends the Liturgical Year, as it does every year, with the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – otherwise known as the Solemnity of Christ the King. The model of “kingship” which Jesus presents of what it means to be a king is vastly different than how the world sees it. Kings are men of power, prestige and honor. This is how Francis would have seen a king, especially as he pledged himself in knighthood to the king’s service. He would not have followed Christ the King, given how Jesus views His own kingship. Jesus saw Himself as a servant-leader, one who came not to be served, but to serve the needs of all.

When Francis sought to go out on campaigns and quests, he did so under the patronage of a king who would have seen himself as a powerful monarch, seeking only to get more powerful. This would not have been unreasonable to Francis as he pledged himself to serve this power. He would have been fine with working towards strengthening the monarchy to this end. In doing so, he would also have garnered some of that power and prestige for himself. This was, of course, prior to his conversion. When he came upon the leper, he came across someone helpless, powerless, and weak – not at all like the king who he was serving. In his conversion Francis saw, in the leper, Christ Himself.

As we move from one liturgical season to another, from Ordinary Time to Advent, may we seek the Christ who came into the world not to be served but to serve the needs of all. May we, like Francis, see Christ in all, especially in the poor, disenfranchised, and marginalized. May we use this Season of preparation to draw ourselves closer to the lepers of the world – just as Francis did. May we experience a conversion of mind and heart, seeing the power within the powerless – the power to heal, the power to hope, the power to love – and may we share *that* power with all whom we meet.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS



I Believe in One God (Part III: Father)

Many years ago, I attended the baptism of a child born to a college friend at a local Protestant Church. I was struck by the fact that the minister did not baptize the child “in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Instead, the minister said, “I baptize you in the Name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.” While it is true that we attribute creation to the Father, redemption to the Son, and sanctification to the Holy Spirit, these three things are the work of the whole Trinity. In the New Testament, God is publicly revealed as a Trinity of Divine Persons at Jesus’ baptism. When Jesus is before John the Baptist, the heavens are torn open, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, and the voice of the Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son. When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray as he prays, Jesus shares his own prayer and invites them to follow his example. Jesus teaches them to pray the Our Father. In John’s Gospel, Jesus repeatedly addresses God as Father when describing the unique relationship he has with the Father as his Son. Therefore, in the Catholic Church, the ordained minister always baptizes using the words, “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Yet, it is difficult for some to speak about God using only masculine terms: Father and Son. The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses this difficulty in its teaching on God as Father:

By calling God "Father", the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is Father. (CCC, #239)

The great Christian theologian, mystic, and monk, St. John of the Cross speaks beautifully about God as Father in his poem describing the Incarnation of the Son, he writes:

Then he called the archangel Gabriel and sent him to the virgin Mary, at whose consent the mystery was wrought, in whom the Trinity clothed the Word with flesh. And though Three work this, it is wrought in the One; and the Word lived incarnate in the womb of Mary. And he who had only a Father now had a Mother too, but she was not like others who conceive by man. From her own flesh he received his flesh, so he is called Son of God and of man. (Romances, #8)

When parents bring their children to the Church for baptism, they want their children to have a life they cannot give as earthly parents. Desiring eternal life for their children, parents bring their children to the Church, our spiritual mother, so that the Father in heaven may unite them to his only begotten son by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, do not be afraid to call upon God as Father, in the midst of your Mother the Church, and pray the words Jesus teaches us to pray, “Our Father . . .”

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, Joan Thompson, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan, Joe Pigeon, Barbara Gothage, Nancy McHugh, Jeannette Arruda, Gerry Penney. Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Jeannette Shalginewicz & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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THE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, November 7, 2022

Monday, November 21, 2022

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St. Vincent de Paul at St. Ann's is looking for donations for a calendar raffle — any gift cards (store, Amazon, restaurants or whatever you want to donate) wine baskets, movie baskets, just a few ideas, if you want to donate a monetary amount, please put it in an envelope labeled for the raffle and put it in SVdP boxes at the sides and back of St. Ann's Church. Any help you can give is extremely appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless

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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
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It's time to think about the Christmas Flowers!



Due to our current financial situation, we are only able to afford as many flowers as we receive donations for. So, we ask that you send in your Christmas flower donation as soon as you can so we can buy the flowers and be fully decorated!

This year we will be posting the names of your loved ones for whom you made the donations. This will be similar to the Easter Flower posting. If you are using an envelope from Waltzco, there is a space for the names. If you are not on the envelope system, please use a plain envelope, mark it Christmas Flowers and list your name and in memory of: your loved ones on the back.

Please get your donations in by Dec. 11th



MINISTRY NEWS

Family Mass Dates

This month we started a new tradition of Family Masses at the 9:30 Mass. These Masses will continue on the first Sunday of each month. Here are the full dates:

12/4

1/8

2/5

3/5

It's not too early to sign up to help with the Mass on 12/4. We need readers, gift bearers and ushers, and someone to sponsor the coffee and donuts. If interested, please email Matt Brady.

High School Faith Formation Time Change

In order to better fit the needs of our families, the time of the grades 9 and 10 classes are changing to 7:15-8:15 starting with next Sunday's (11/27) grade 10 class. All 9th and 10th grade parents should have received an email this week about the change. Even though it's only a 15 minute difference, we hope this change will encourage all our high school families to come to the 6:15 Mass and get the kids home a little earlier.

BINGO IS IN FULL SWING



Thursdays — St Ann's Bingo
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