



*SAIN'T JOHN*

***Together in Christ  
Collaborative***

***Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time***

*January 23, 2022*



*SAIN'T ANN*

**MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."  
- Lk 4:18a*

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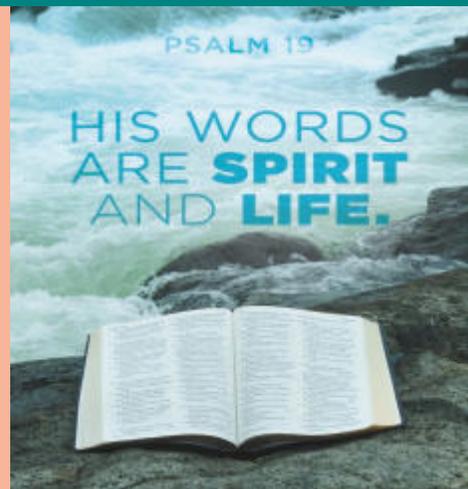
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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. These 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

**3:00—3:30 at Saint Ann's Church or**  
by appointment during the pandemic. 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**

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday January 23, 2022**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 8th Anniversary

6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

10:30 Mark Hutchins — 1st Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in January of 1981, my brother and I (along with a friend of ours) travelled down to Washington, D.C. to take in the inauguration of (the re-elected) President Ronald Reagan. Regardless of one’s politics, if you’ve ever been to an inauguration you know that there is something interesting, unique, even spectacular about such an event. At the centerpiece of this event is the Inaugural Address. It is an opportunity for the President to “set a course” and to “lay the foundation” for the work that they hope to accomplish over the next four years. One remembers (either through personal memory or history lessons) the famous charge laid out by President Kennedy in 1961, that one should “ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” Stirring words, indeed!

In today’s gospel, Jesus puts forth what is, in essence, His “Inaugural Address”. The words that Jesus reads, from the prophet Isaiah, are not only spoken by Him, they are about Him. These prophetic words, spoken at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry and fulfilled in the hearing by the people that day, would be lived out and fulfilled by Jesus in His public ministry and ultimately by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus isn’t just “talking the talk” here; He is letting those who would have ears to hear know what the reign of God is all about, both here on earth and in the Heavenly Kingdom. It is not just poetic words that will bring about the Kingdom. It is the action of Jesus, in bringing “glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives....sight to the blind” (Lk 4:18), as well as those who would choose to follow Him (read: you and me), that will usher in a new day, a new way of living.

At first, the people are taken with and amazed by Jesus prophetic way. They are amazed that this “native son” could have all of this command and power. Ultimately, however, they will find Him altogether too much, driving Him out of the town and attempting (unsuccessfully, of course) to put an end to Him. I think we can all relate to this, to a certain degree. How many times have we tried to correct a loved one, close friend or co-worker, only to be rebuffed and rejected? Just like Jesus, however, this should not keep us from speaking the truth about our faith. Just like Jesus, the rejection we feel/face will be nothing as compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom.

May we have the open ears and hearts to hear the Word of God touch us and change our lives. May we have the courage to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. May we know that the Word of God, bringing us challenge and hardship at times, will ultimately lead us to know Christ, to live Christ and to follow Christ with our whole heart, soul and life.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

**THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE**

**Weekly Offertory**

**Dec 28, 2021 - Jan 3, 2022**

<b>ST ANN</b>		<b>ST JOHN</b>
Online	N/A	Online \$ 822
Mail	\$ 570	Mail \$ 1,125
Mass	\$ 1,930	Mass \$ 1,838
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>	<b>TOTAL \$ 3,785</b>

**MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY**



One of the images which has stayed with me since my pilgrimage to Assisi in 2017 is the crucifix upon which Francis was contemplating when he was told by Christ to “rebuild my church”. Mistakenly thinking he was being told to literally rebuild the Chapel at San Damiano, Francis came to realize that Christ was telling him to

restore the Church (as Institution) to what it once was, what it was meant to be. The San Damiano Crucifix, also known as the Cross of Saint Francis, was probably painted some time during the 12th century by an Umbrian artist. The artist is unknown, though a strong Syrian influence is indicated. Francis would have beheld Our Lord on this Crucifix some time in the early part of the 13th century. The Crucifix remained there for several decades more, until 1257, when the Poor Clares moved to nearby Santa Giorgio (Saint Clare), taking it with them. There, they have lovingly kept the cross for over 700 years. A replica remains in San Damiano. The first public viewing was held during Holy Week in 1957, in San Giorgio’s Chapel in the Basilica of Saint Clare of Assisi. (con’t next page)



The San Damiano Crucifix is an icon, meaning it is an image with a religious content and meaning. The purpose of an icon is to teach meaning where it is seen, and in turn, strengthen the faith of the viewer. The San Damiano Crucifix is incredibly rich in this regard - truly a treasure of information and meaning...

Our Lord and Savior is represented as both wounded and strong. He stands upright, rather than hanging, resolute and clearly alive on the cross. His eyes are open. His wounds are present, though the sources of His suffering - the nails and thorny crown - are gone. Because He has conquered death, He is crowned with a halo, His glory apparent in this image, the shape of the cross incorporated into His halo. Above Him "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" is printed in Latin.

Just under the hand of God, the Ascension is depicted. Christ moves upward, holding the cross which He has transformed to His Royal Scepter. His scepter and garments are gold, a sign of His royalty and victory. His red scarf is a sign of His Dominion and Sovereignty, exercised with love. An angelic host welcomes Him into Heaven.

Directing your gaze to the very top of the cross, you will see a semi-circle. Within the semi-circle, the right hand of God is poised in benediction. The thumb, middle, and index fingers are commonly used in a blessing and symbolizes the Holy Trinity.

Six angels, gathered along the beam of the cross, are gesturing with their hands, suggesting that they are discussing the momentous event of Christ's Crucifixion.

The Major Witnesses are the five witnesses of the Crucifixion pictured standing below Christ's outstretched arms. On the left, we see Mary, Mother of Jesus, standing next to John, the Beloved. Mary is dressed in dark red and purple, indicating deep love and the Ark of the Covenant, respectively. John points toward Christ, but casts his gaze to Mary. Jesus has handed her into John's care. On the right, we see Mary Magdalene standing next to Jesus. Her hand is on her chin, indicating a confided secret: her Lord has risen. Mary Clopas, the mother of James, is dressed in a light earthen color and pale green, representing humility and hope. The final of the Major Witnesses is the centurion of Capernaum, a piece of wood grasped in one hand indicating the building of the synagogue. Just beyond the centurion's shoulder, the face of his little boy who, was healed by Jesus, can be seen. The original painting also reveals three more faces, thought to be the family who also accepted Jesus. The Minor Witness are the smaller figures pictured on either side of the Major Witness. Longinus stands on the left, holding the spear used to pierce Christ's side. On the right, Stephanos is ready to offer his sponge soaked with vinegar.

One tiny detail, a rooster (sometimes included on reproductions), can be seen on the right side of the image, next to Jesus' left calf. The rooster recalls Peter's betrayal of Jesus as well as the new dawn of the Risen Christ and the hope it brings.

Though debatable, the row of figures at the base of the cross are said to be the Patron Saints of Umbria. The original San Damiano Crucifix is somewhat damaged in that area. Scholars suggest the saints are Saint Damian, Saint Rufinus, Saint Michael, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. In addition the the images of familiar figures, embellishments throughout the cross convey meaning. Scrolls in the pattern encircling the cross may signify the mystical vine. A section resembling a rock is the symbol of the Church. The seashells are symbols of eternity. They represent the vast and timeless sea of eternity. May this eternal imagery, found in the seashells and throughout the images of the San Damiano Crucifix, be ours now and forever.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



## THE DEACON'S COLUMN

### God's Word in Human Language

"Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." Cardinal Sean O'Malley recited these words as he placed the Book of Gospels in my hands. Since my ordination into Holy Orders, it has been my privilege to proclaim the Gospel every Sunday for the last ten years. Upon arriving at the ambo (the place where the readings are proclaimed), I say, "The Lord be with you." And after the people's response, I say, "A reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John." Then after proclaiming the Gospel, I conclude it by saying, "The Gospel of the Lord."

The dialogue between the deacon/priest and the people at the beginning and end of the Gospel reveals a profound truth concerning scripture. The Church teaches in her official teachings that there are two authors of Scripture, divine author, and the sacred authors. The divine author is God and the sacred author is the inspired human author. After stressing the importance of reading scripture to discern what God wishes to reveal, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us that "in order to see clearly what God wanted to communicate to us, (we) should carefully investigate what meaning the sacred writers really intended, and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words." (*Dei Verbum*, #12)

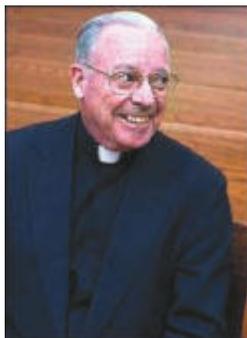
The Sunday Lectionary is divided up into three cycles and each cycle is given a name: Year A, Year B, and Year C. During Year A the gospel reading generally comes from Matthew, Year B from Mark, and Year C from Luke. Though there isn't a designated Year where the Church reads through the Gospel of John, John's Gospel does appear at different times during the year, particularly during the Easter season.

How rich it is to have four gospel accounts. Though each reveal the Good News of Jesus Christ, they do so from various points of view. Matthew's gospel reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament promises and is full of lessons on how to be a disciple. Mark's gospel speaks about the suffering messiah and the urgency to accept the Gospel for our salvation. Luke's gospel is full of passages that reveals the universal nature of Christ's mission and the hospitality we are to show people in need of grace. John's reveals in very poetic and imaginative ways the divinity of Jesus and the invitation to abide with him.

The gospel writers wrote to particular human communities facing very different challenges and needs. Through their gospel's, the evangelist helped their communities "see" Jesus clearly and correctly. Though the Gospels are "according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John," they are all "the Gospel of the Lord."

Anyone interested in becoming or rejoining as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, Please contact the Office.

508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880



Fr. Edward C. McDonagh will be celebrating his 60th year of Ordination on February 2 of this year.

Fr. McDonagh was the Pastor of Saint Ann's Church From 1991 until his retirement in 2011.

We cordially invite you to send your warm wishes by either dropping off a card at the Saint Ann Rectory (please use the mail slot in the front door) or by sending one yourself To:

Rev. Edward C. McDonagh  
5705 Crooked Stick Dr.  
Sparks, NV 89436

We thank you for your service Fr. McDonagh.  
God Bless.

3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THANK YOU TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO OFFERED TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN UP OF SAINT JOHN'S HALL.

WE WILL BE CALLING SOON.

Happy New Year!

January Religious Ed Schedule

January 9<sup>th</sup>:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30 at St John's

Grades 3 and 4: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm at St John's

Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 16<sup>th</sup>: off MLK Holiday

January 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

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Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 30<sup>th</sup>:

Grade 2: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

Grades 5 and 6: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm St John's

Grades 7 and 8: Class: 5:00pm-6:00pm, Mass 6:15pm at St Ann's

Grade 10: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm St Ann's

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 1, 3,4 and 9

For those doing Asynchronous work, your work will be sent via email. If you do not receive the work, please email Nancy Goggin at:

[directorofministries.tic@gmail.com](mailto:directorofministries.tic@gmail.com)

and I will send you the work.

## 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 Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, 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, Helen Conrad, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Karen Parenteau, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Claudette Rochefort, Frank McCarthy, Joan Thompson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

### The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333

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

**Winter dates and hours** will be in effect from **November thru April**, pantry days will be the **first Monday** of the month, except for holidays, from 1pm to 4pm., and the **3rd Saturday**, except for holidays, from 10am to 11:30 am

### THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

*Monday, February 7, 2022 1—4 PM  
Saturday, February 19, — 10—11:30 AM*

*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 that large sums., ie \$100

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

### 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.



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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.

**In-person daily masses have  
Returned!!! To be Live-Streamed as well**

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AT SAINT JOHN  
THURSDAY & SATURDAY AT SAINT ANN**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE AT SAINT ANN'S  
BETWEEN 3:00—3:30 OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH  
ONE OF THE PRIESTS AVAILABLE.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**REMEMBER THE 6:15 PM MASS IS LIVE-  
STREAMED WITH A DRIVE-UP OPTION-  
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SAFE BUT  
RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST.**

**PLEASE PARK ON THE RECTORY SIDE OF  
THE PARKING LOT.**

### What is a Drive-Up Option?

The 6:15 Sunday evening Life Teen Mass has a drive-up option which means that you can sit in the parking lot and livestream the mass from the St. Ann's Facebook page on your electronic devices., like your iPad or cell phone or lap top. (St. Ann - WB)

You are able to receive the holy eucharist by getting out of your car and lining up for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to distribute the hosts to you or you can signal that you would like to receive from your car.

Please park on the Rectory side of Saint Ann's Church.



Our choir is looking for additional Members. No musical background is necessary; just a love of God and Singing!

PLEASE CONTACT RICH CESARINI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

richcesarini@gmail.com

**MASK ARE REQUIRED IN MASS MADATED BY THE CARDINAL and has been extended until March 3. We will keep you updated as information comes in from the Archdiocese.**

**PLEASE BRING A MASK TO MASS.**

*Let's start the New Year off with Love!*

For the month of January our Collaborative is focusing on God's Immense love for us as we take a

**"Journey to Discover God's love."**

Each day we will send out email messages that focus on God's love with scripture verses that support that message. these will also be posted each day on St Ann's and St John's Facebook pages. Some of the daily messages will have links to video talks which are teachings on God's love.

These teachings will be on messages Jesus gave to various Saints regarding God's love for us and on talks given by Pope Beneditct XVI on God's love. We will also have daily challenges to share God's love through daily **"Acts of Love."**

If these messages have not been coming to you through Constant Contact, please check your Spam Folder or Junk Folder. We have discovered that we have been having some issues with Constant Contact and are researching the use of a different communication vehicle.

You can also find these on the Facebook pages.

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