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Collaborative***

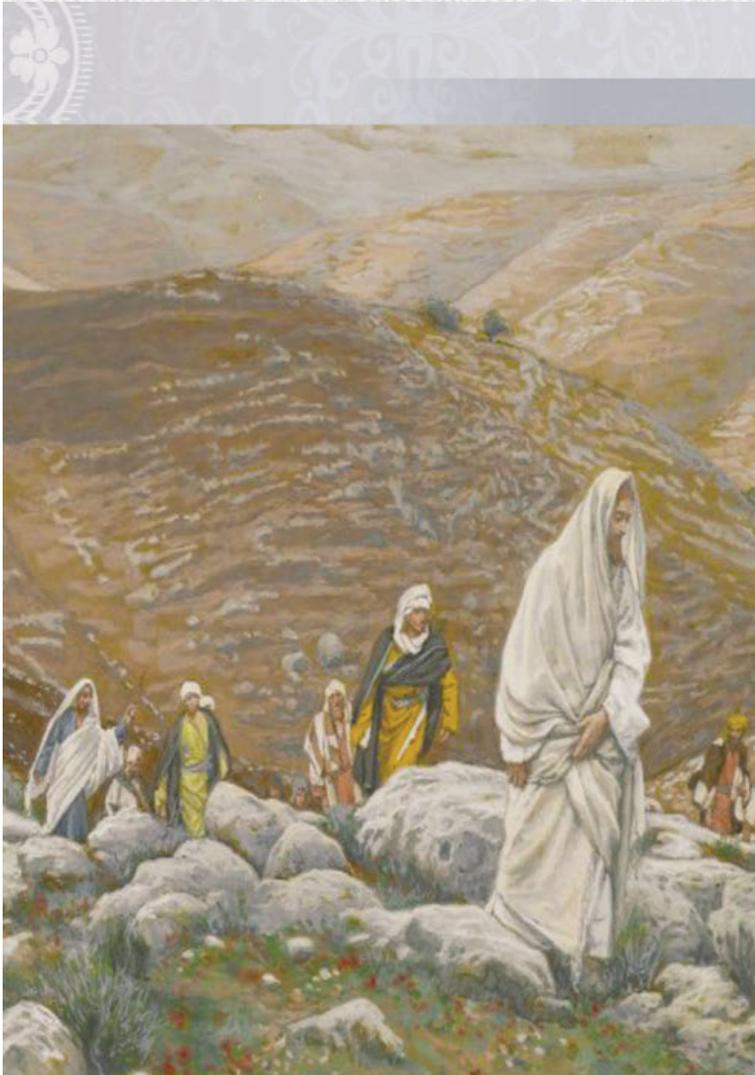
***Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

January 30, 2022



SAIN'T ANN

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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**Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th
For both Churches**

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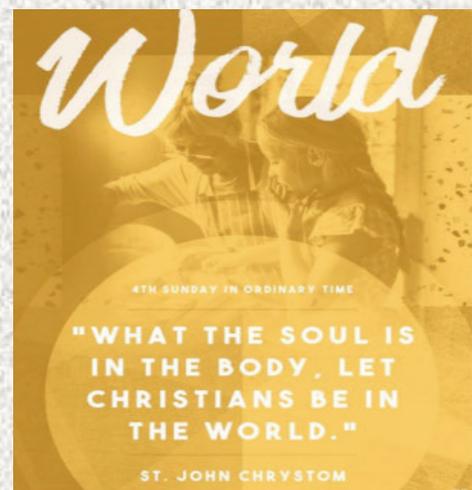
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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.

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano
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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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday February 6, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 29, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30 Mark Hutchins — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, February 5, 2022

5:30 - Theresa & Robert Mason & John & Mary Doherty — Memorial

Sunday, February 6, 2022

10:30 - Nancy McLaughlin — Month's Mind

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

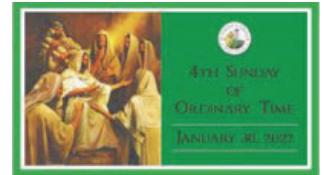
Jan 11, 2022- Jan 17, 2022

ST ANN		ST JOHN	
Online	N/A	Online	\$ 737
Mail	\$ 135	Mail	\$ 1,185
Mass	\$ 1,502	Mass	\$ 1,509
TOTAL	\$ 1,637	TOTAL	\$ 3,431

formed you in the womb I knew you..." (Jer 1:5). It is God who truly knows us, and it is God who calls us into being, creating us to be who it is HE, and no one else, calls us to be. I believe that it was God (using Ss. Francis and Clare) who called me to explore this latest "chapter" in my life of faith. I believe it is God who calls all of us to be the people He desires us to be. May we be open to God's call to each one of us. May we have the courage to discern that call to know what it means for each of us. May we continue to be open to the promptings of the Spirit. May God bless us when we answer that call.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

My Dear Friends in Christ,



In today's gospel, Jesus is in danger of being "pigeonholed", caught up in the preconceived notions that people have of Him. They feel that they know him ("Isn't this the son of Joseph" (Lk 4:22)), which they do to a degree but Jesus does not allow that to stop Him from fulfilling His prophetic mission ("But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Lk 4:30)). There are times in our lives when others can "box us in" with preconceived notions as to who they "think" we are. There are other times when we can limit ourselves by falling prey to those nagging voices in our head (that are not of God, by the way) which limit our potential to be who we are meant to be.

Approximately three years ago I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) began a journey towards becoming Secular Franciscans (originally known as Third Order Secular). It is a journey that really has its roots in our service pilgrimage to Italy, specifically Assisi. Upon returning from that journey, I think that while we left Assisi it never really "left" us. In a very real way, I think that God, through the intercession of Saints Francis and Clare and with the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we began our exploration of the Secular Franciscan Order back in Italy. The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) has its roots going back to 1209 and has embraced the spirit of St. Francis. It has made many movements in its history, but at its core it brings the spirit of Francis to the 21st century and beyond. If you'd like to learn more, you can go to www.secularfranciscansusa.org

So what does this mean? "Am I becoming a Franciscan?" as one person asked. Rest assured that while I might favor their footwear, I am, and remain, a diocesan priest, incardinated to the Archdiocese of Boston, so...no. In embracing the SFO, I believe I am following the lead of Jesus, and not allowing myself to be boxed in (or even to box myself in) to what (even I feel) a diocesan priest should be. I believe that I have been led to this "chapter" of my spiritual journey by no less than Ss. Francis and Clare and the Holy Spirit themselves. In exploring the SFO (and I am truly in the beginning stages of this lifelong journey), I believe that I am following the promptings of that same Spirit that led Jesus to engage all people, even those who disagreed or did not understand Him and His mission. For the most part, when I let people know, they react with what I call a "curious wonderment".

This causes me to look back on the words of Jeremiah (in today's first reading), in which he tells us that "before I





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

In today's gospel, Jesus proclaims the scripture He has just read to be "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21), This is challenging to many in the congregation because they think that they have Jesus all figured out. They know Him to be "the son of Joseph" (Luke 4:22), so they feel that they know all that they need to know about Him. How many times have we been "put in a box" by people who feel that they know us and have us all figured out? I'm sure St. Francis felt that way as he embarked on this new venture of religious life.

Francis had to venture out, move from Assisi to establish the Franciscan Order. He and his brothers were "itinerant preachers", if you will, going from town to town preaching to people in the cities and towns surrounding Assisi. This came after giving away all that he had to his father, who wanted him to become a textile merchant (as he was). When Francis rejected this life, he was rejected and chose to spend the rest of his days doing God's work which he felt called to do. By 1209, Francis of Assisi had attracted a small band of followers, about ten, whom he called the "fratres minores" or 'the little brothers'. This is from where the term "OFM", or "Order of Friars Minor" comes.

In establishing the Franciscans, St. Francis chose (as you've often heard me say) "to be 'in the world, but not 'of the world'". He followed Jesus' charge to His disciples, as He sends them forth, that they are to "take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them." (Luke 9:3-5). Francis of Assisi heard this message, decided that he was going to live it to the letter and that this was, indeed, the sort of life that he wanted. He dressed in a simple habit and decided to become a traveling preacher, rather than a repairer of churches.

We ourselves are called to live this way, as well. Most of us are called to be "in the world" (rather than living a hermit-like or monastic life), but we are called not to be "of the world". We do this as Franciscans when we see God in all divinely created things – people, animals, nature. We are called, as Francis was, to see the hand of God at work in the world and to see the handiwork of God as something beautiful, to be nurtured and cared for by us as "stewards of creation". May we strive to see God at work in all people, places, and things. May we care for creation with love, not rejecting anyone...or anything...but strive to love all with the love God has for us, and (in turn) that Francis had for all.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

Pray Without Ceasing: The Responsorial Psalm

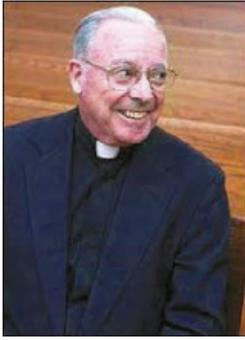
As a young child I learned my prayers from my mother. She taught me how to pray the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. With those prayers, she taught me to pray the prayer her mother taught her, the Holy Rosary. In my fifty plus years of life, I cannot recall a day when I have not prayed the prayer, Jesus taught his disciples to pray—the Our Father. It is impossible to estimate how many times I have prayed the Lord's prayer over the course of my life. This prayer is recited in the rosary, in the Liturgy of Hours at morning and evening prayer, and at the Mass. As I reflect on how often we pray this prayer, I am reminded of St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thes 5:15-17).

During the Mass we pray a collection of prayers that are thousands of years older than the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Yet, these same prayers, are the prayers of God's only Son. These prayers are the prayers that Mary taught Jesus to pray as a young child and these are the prayers that Jesus makes his own during his life and most importantly from the cross.

When describing the use of parables, Jesus quotes Psalm 78:2, "I will open my mouth in a parable, unfold the puzzling events of the past." When Jesus says in Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" one is reminded of Psalm 37:11 that says, "But the poor will inherit the earth, will delight in great prosperity." In John's gospel (15:23-25), Jesus states that those who hate him hate his Father. This is a clear reference to Psalms 69:5 that says, "More numerous than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause." There are many others, but we cannot ignore Psalm 22, the psalm Jesus quotes from the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me."

The Book of Psalms were the prayer book of the Hebrews, Israelites, and Jews. The psalms are the prayer of God's people as they reflect on their own lives considering the covenant they live with God. Just as life has its ups and downs, its highs, and lows, so too do the psalms. There are psalms of thanksgiving and praise. But there are also psalms of lament that reflect the pain, anguish, doubt, and fear of God's people. The psalms reflect the totality of human experience as it is lived in relationship with God.

From ancient times, the psalms were not only individual prayers, but they were also community prayers offered to God in response of the Word God speaks to us his people. The psalms we pray every Sunday are the same psalms that God's people sang in the Temple David's son, Solomon built for the Lord. The psalms we make our own have been sung in liturgy for over 3000 years!!! Consider that when you are invited to sing the response to the Sunday Psalm!



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MCDONAGH

In 1991, you, the people of Saint Ann’s, became the center of my life as your new Pastor. This February, I will celebrate my 60th year of Ordination to the Priesthood. Twenty of those years were spent sharing with you our joys and sorrows.

I thank you for the memories, most importantly, when we went through difficult times and the wonderful support you gave me with the weekly prayer vigils and the “yellow ribbons ‘round the old oak trees”.

My hopes are always that the new relationships between Saint Ann’s and Saint John’s will create a community of love and service with one another.

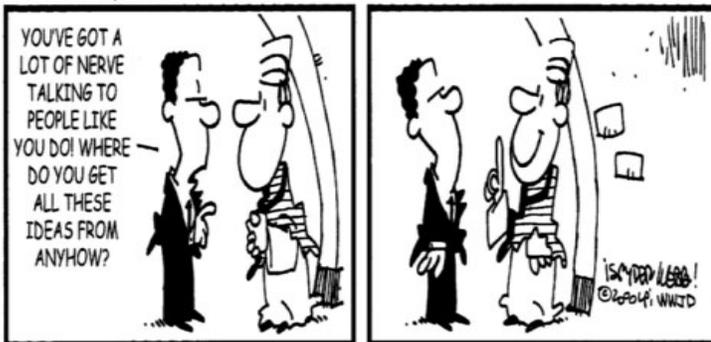
A MASS CELEBRATING FATHER MCDONAGH’S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 1:00 P.M. (OUR TIME) BY THE BISHOP WITH FATHER MCDONAGH CONCELEBRATING. THE MASS CAN BE SEEN ON LIVE STREAM ON **YOUTUBE** BY TYPING IN:

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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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



February Religious Ed Schedule

February 6th: Grades 1,3,4 and 9

Grade 1: will meet at St John’s at 9:25am, followed by 10:30am Mass. Students will attend Mass as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children are welcome to sit with their Parents at Mass.

Grades 3 and 4: will attend 10:30am Mass at St John’s as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children may sit with their parents at Mass. Class will follow Mass and go until 12:30pm

Grade 9: will attend 6:15pm Mass at St Ann’s, followed by class until 8:30pm.

February 13th: Grades 2, 5,6,7 and 8

Grade 2: will meet at St John’s at 9:25am, followed by 10:30am Mass. Students will attend Mass as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children are welcome to sit with their Parents at Mass.

Grades 5 and 6: will attend 10:30am Mass at St John’s as a class. If parents choose to attend the Mass, the children may sit with their parents at Mass. Class will follow Mass and go until 12:30pm

Grades 7 and 8: will have class St Ann’s from 5:00pm until 6:00pm, followed by 6:15 Mass.

Grade 10: No class due to Super Bowl.

February 20th: No Class due to February Vacation

February 27th:

Grade 10: will attend 6:15pm Mass at St Ann’s, followed by class until 8:30pm.

If your child is registered in the Religious Education Program, you should be receiving notices by way of Constant Contact. A program designed to email-blast all participants. If you are not receiving these messages, please contact Nancy Goggin, our Director of Ministries at directorofministries.tic@gmail.com or at 617-639-4815.

You may also find information on the St. John and St. Ann Facebook pages

St. John the Evangelist –EB
St. Ann—WB

Or notices are also in the bulletin or on the web pages each week.

www.stjohnneb.org or stannswb.com

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

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.

The Together in Christ Collaborative is delighted to see the number of parishioners returning to mass. In order to have the mass run at peak performance, we would love to return to pre-Covid style using:

Greeters — people to meet parishioners at the doors

Collectors — people to pass the baskets during the Offertory

Lectors — people to read the word of God at Mass

Eucharistic Ministers — people who assist the priest at the distribution of Communion

If you are interested in helping with any of these Activities, please call Debbie at Saint John's or Arlene at Saint Ann's.

We currently have people, but we could use more. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes.

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.

FYI

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING, SO:

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 2, 2022

GOOD FRIDAY IS APRIL 15, 2022

AND EASTER IS APRIL 17, 2022.

AS SOON AS WE KNOW

THE MASS SCHEDULES, WE WILL POST THEM.



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