



SAINT JOHN

***Together in Christ
Collaborative***

***Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time***

February 6, 2022



SAINT ANN

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED



5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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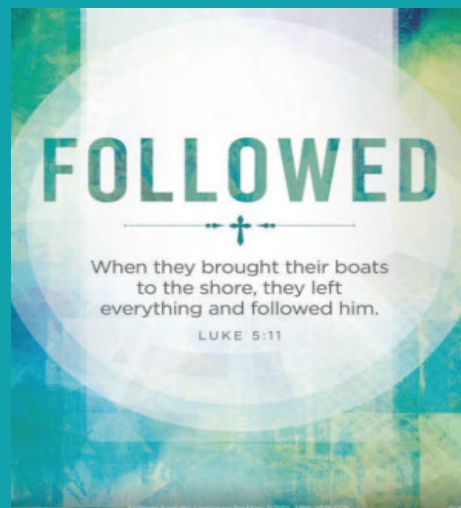
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCHARISTIC 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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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, February 12, 2022

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:30 - Lyndsey Pelligrino —15th Anniversary

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 5, 2022

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

Sunday, February 6, 2022

10:30 - Nancy McLaughlin — Month's Mind

Saturday, February 12, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, February 13, 2022

10:30 Kim Russo — Birthday Remembrance

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Jan 11, 2022- Jan 17, 2022

| ST ANN | | ST JOHN | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Online | N/A | Online | \$ 1,072 |
| Mail | \$ 475 | Mail | \$ 391 |
| Mass | \$ 1,941 | Mass | \$ 1,611 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,416 | TOTAL | \$ 3,074 |

Family Healing and Recovery Ministry

Please join us at St. Joseph the Worker church, 1 Maquan Street, Hanson, MA. This will also be Live Streamed at holypostlescatholic.org and our Facebook page at "Holy Apostles Parish".

We will continue with food and fellowship after our 1st Saturday gatherings and 4th Saturday Mass. Mass is-celebrated by Fr. Mike Hobson. Please note that the Archdiocese of Boston has mandated that masks are required in all churches until March 3rd, 2022.

For more information, visit our website for faith witness videos and for updates-
rosary4recovery.org



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A man went out fishing one day and, much to his dismay, caught nothing! Realizing that he couldn't face his wife without at least one fish, he went to the fish market and approached the counter. He picked out a beautiful fish, and proceeded to ask the "fish monger" to throw him the fish over the counter. When asked why the man would want this, the fisherman replied, "this way, I can honestly tell my wife that I caught a fish"!

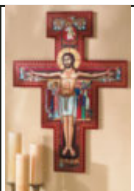
The disciples who Jesus approaches are fishermen, by trade. In fishing "the Lake of Gennesaret" (Lk 5:1), which is the Greek name for Galilee, they were plying their trade in a fish-rich area. The body of water in question is thirteen miles long and seven-and-a-half miles wide and, in Jesus' day, had ten prosperous towns along the coastline. Needless to say, it was a great place to fish and it must have been both frustrating and nerve-wracking for Simon Peter and his mates not to have caught anything. As Jesus approaches, He asks them to put out to sea once more; at first, Peter is skeptical but then gives in to Jesus' request. In doing so, Peter shows his trust in Jesus – a faith that will serve him well in future years. Of course, there is such an abundance of fish that it didn't take Peter long to "get the point": if one trusts in Jesus, there will be an abundance of "riches" - not necessarily material ones, but ones that will serve us well as we work as disciples of the Lord.

The "abundance" miracle that is seen here is repeated many times over in scripture. In Exodus 16, we have the manna in the wilderness; in 1 Kings 17:8-16, we have the widow's never-empty oil jug; just a few weeks ago, we had the wine supplied by Jesus at the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). In all of these, we see two things at work: 1) God provides for the "human" needs of His people, and 2) they show forth the immense power of God. This particular miracle also shows a few other things. In providing, in a miraculous fashion, for the needs of the disciples, there is recognition by the disciples of Jesus' power. There is then a response by those disciples of a confession of the unworthiness of these same disciples. Finally, there is an assurance of success when we follow God's word.

May we have the courage to recognize God's call for us. May we have the openness to respond to that call for us with our whole hearts. May we be assured that when we do this, we will have an abundance of "riches" – not in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Recently I got word that my request for Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order was voted on and accepted. What this basically means is that, pending an interview, I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) will be among the latest group of men and women to become Secular Franciscans. I have to say that the news was both a relief (that it's "official") and a confirmation (that I'm on the right path in following the call to the OFS).

You may wonder why I say it's a "relief". I say that in light of my vocational journey to priesthood. When I was in seminary, we have a process of getting "voted on" by the faculty members of the seminary. This is usually a "slam dunk", but there are times when challenges come in this process. Such was the case for me after my 2nd Theology Year (which was technically my third year in the seminary). After writing a self-evaluation, and an interview with the faculty, the result was a "negative" vote (11 members, with five voting for my continuing, six voting against). To say I was surprised would be an understatement. I felt called to seminary, to priesthood, and this was a big blow against that. After speaking with my faculty advisor and my spiritual director, I decided to forge on. A few months later, in another vote, the result was actually worse...4-7...somehow I LOST a vote along the way. Well, now I wasn't upset...I was angry. But I channeled that anger into prayer and good work, mostly thanks to a letter of encouragement from my mother! In the end, the final vote was...11-0. I had done it! I could move on! The rest, as they say, is history. Two more years of seminary, an Ordination, and here I stand – almost 27 years later, a priest of God.

So, as I reflect on this vote, I look to the future with the Secular Franciscans. I don't know what that journey will look like, as it hasn't been officially "started" as of yet. But I do know that this is what...who...God is asking of me and inviting me to enter into at this point in my life. I pray that God will continue to reveal Himself to me through the writings and example of St. Francis. I pray that this journey with the Secular Franciscans will benefit me, the Secular Franciscan Order, and the People of God. May God bless me, Nancy and Kevin Smith, and all who have chosen this path of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

The Formation of the Gospels

Over the past several weeks I have focused these reflections on the Liturgy of the Word. We now come to the heart of the Liturgy of the Word, the proclamation of the Gospel. I wonder if many Catholic Christians consider how the Gospels were developed? Jesus Christ is the Good News of our Salvation. Through Jesus Christ, God continually offers us the forgiveness of sins and the grace to live his life. This is the Good News and Jesus is its incarnation and embodiment. And this is the message that the apostles shared with others after witnessing Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension; and after receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is these aspects of Jesus' life and mission that form the first part of the development of the Gospel.

For the first thirty years after Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles engaged in a preaching ministry to share with as many people they could the Good News of Jesus Christ. The apostles preached the Good News and invited others to repent and believe in the Gospel. The twelve apostles did not write anything down about Jesus Christ. Yet, their memory of Jesus Christ forms the heart of the Gospel. Though all four gospels are not written by an eyewitness of Jesus' death and resurrection, they do record the apostolic memory of those mysteries. This was to preserve their memory, preaching, and teaching. As the apostles grew old and died, it was important to record their witness of the gospel for future generations. This is the second stage of the Gospel's development—the writing of the gospels to share with others the apostle's preaching and memory of Jesus Christ.

If you have ever played the game "telephone" then you know why the third stage of the gospel's development is important. The game "telephone" begins with one person telling another a short tale and then that tale is told, by word of mouth, from one person to the next, and to another, and to another . . . At the end of the game, the last person to receive the oral message reveals what they have heard to all those who have played the game. The final story rarely resembles the first. In order to preserve the authenticity of the apostle's memory the gospels have been edited to ensure that what Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wished to convey was in fact communicated. This editing stage is the third and final stage of the gospel's development.

As I conclude this reflection, remember that the Holy Spirit is the divine author of sacred scripture. We believe that the Holy Spirit is guiding the proclamation of the Gospel, its composition, and its editing. And though the gospels are already written, you and I are called by the same Spirit to proclaim to others the Good News the Father in Heaven is doing for us in his Son Jesus Christ. The words I heard when I received the Book of Gospels, I share with you and invite you to make your own, "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."



Saturday, April 30, 2022
Growth through Grief

Wellness Day for Grieving Mothers

For mothers who have lost children to substance use disorder (SUD)

Our Lady of the Lake Church
(Holy Apostles Parish)
375 Monponsett Street, Halifax, MA 02338
10:00am to 4:30pm
9am Mass available before retreat

Cost Per person \$ 25.00 (Includes morning refreshments and lunch)
Space is limited, please register early
Limited scholarships are available upon request

For more info, contact:
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"O My Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage."

— SAINT BERNADETTE —

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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.stjohnsb.org or stannswb.com

FEBRUARY



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 Nicolai, 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 than 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
@ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com
P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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