



**Together in
Christ
Collaborative**

**Palm Sunday of
the Passion of
the Lord**

April 10, 2022



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**May the Queen
of Peace preserve
the world from the
madness of war.**

- POPE FRANCIS



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. — Lk 19:36, 37b

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

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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

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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, April 9, 2022

4:00— Roy Piver — Memorial

Sunday, April 10, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

Saturday, April 16, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday April 17, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 9, 2022

5:30 - Dorothy R. Walsh — Birthday Remem

Sunday, April 10, 2022

10:30— Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, April 16, 2022

5:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Monies will be reported when they are available.

Thank you for the increase in offertory.
It is very needed and much appreciated.

ST ANN —Not Available	ST JOHN—Not Available
Online N/A	Online \$
Mail \$	Mail \$
Mass \$	Mass \$
TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$

LENT/EASTER DATES

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ST ANN'S — 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY:

SEVEN LAST WORDS—ST JOHN 3 PM

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION—
7 PM — ST JOHN'S

EASTER VIGIL — 8 PM — ST ANN'S

EASTER SUNDAY

ST ANN'S — 8:30 — ST JOHN'S — 10:30



My Dear Friends in Christ,

If someone were to ask you, “What is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be?

Most, I dare say, would answer “Christmas”...and they’d be wrong! Now, don’t get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, but it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services) with today’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Both read at today’s liturgy serve as “bookends” to our Holy Week services. The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus’ earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul



MY FRANSISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday, or “Passion Sunday” as it is sometimes called due to the fact that the Passion Narrative (that is, the story of Jesus’ suffering and deaths which, ultimately, lead to Resurrection). In this narrative, one of the key elements on which we focus is the depth of Jesus’ love for us in allowing Himself to experience the physical suffering that He did, especially the Crucifixion. In this heinous act, Jesus is nailed, hands and feet, to the Cross. When He is taken from the Cross, the wounds remain open until He is readied for burial. There have been some in our faith tradition (including Padre Pio, a Franciscan Capuchin) who have experienced the Stigmata, that is the bodily manifestation of the wounds of Christ – His hands, feet, and side. Most times, the Stigmata is limited to the hands, but there have been occasions when some have experienced the Stigmata on the other parts of the body as well. Francis was one of those people.

St. Francis was, in point of fact, the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. In 1224, St. Francis and a follower (Brother Leo) were meditating on Christ's suffering during a forty day fast spent in the wilderness of Mount Verna. Francis had a vision of a seraph (a six-winged angel) crucified like Christ. Immediately, there appeared on Francis's body the stigmata, visible marks of the wounds of the crucified Christ that he carried to his grave. So, who does receive the stigmata? Quite simply put, it is a physical manifestation of a desire to imitate Christ in one’s dedication of oneself to the poor and suffering. It also shows the special union a stigmatist has with Christ. One need not be a stigmatist to be have an intimate relationship with Jesus, but one who receives the stigmata can most certainly be considered close to Christ. Following Francis, two more Franciscans received the stigmata: Saint (Sr.) Mary Francis of the Five Wounds (in 1731), who received the stigmata internally – that is, she felt the pain of the stigmata without actually bearing the wounds. St. Pio of Pietrelcina (in 1918), affectionately known as “Padre Pio”, bore the wounds of Christ in the stigmata for the final 50 years of his life. Both of these saints showed an incredible love for Christ in bearing these wounds.

I dare say that most all of us will never receive the Stigmata. However, we are still called to unite ourselves to the suffering of Christ by reaching out and uniting ourselves with the poor, the outcast, the marginalized. In doing this, we bear the sufferings of our brothers and sisters – and, thus, of Christ Himself, who came into the world to serve the needs of all. We do this most profoundly when we lend a hand – physically, spiritually, emotionally – to a brother or sister in need. May we enter into this Holy Week by beginning today, with Palm/Passion Sunday, to walk with Christ and remain faithful to Him to the Cross, the grave, and, ultimately, Resurrection at Easter!

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

THE DEACON’S COLUMN

Can You Drink This Cup?



In Mark’s gospel, the mother of James and John approaches Jesus and says, “When you come into your kingdom, I want my sons to sit at your right and your left.” Jesus asks, “can your sons drink the cup that I must drink?”

As a deacon, this passage speaks to my heart because deacons always sit at the right and left of the presiding priest or bishop. If there are a hundred priests concelebrating a mass, the place beside the presider is always reserved for the deacons who assist the presiding priest or bishop. But in order to sit at the right or the left of the presiding priest, the deacon must be willing to enter the suffering of others. He must be willing to drink the cup of suffering so that he can place into the same chalice the suffering he encounters through his ministry.

Deacons are called to be icons of the servant ministry of Jesus Christ. They are called to minister to the marginalized, the poor, and the forgotten. In addition, they are ordained to help the laity see that their job is to care for the same. Deacons are called to enter the sufferings of God’s people so that when they prepare the chalice at the altar, they are pouring into the chalice the sufferings of God’s people. When I prepare the chalice, I am mindful of all the people I am called to serve during the week and all the prayers I am called to pray. As I pour the wine into the chalice, I think about all the sufferings of God’s people I encounter, and I place them into the sacred chalice. I do this knowing that the priest takes the cup from my hands and raises it up to the Father in heaven so that the cup of suffering becomes for us the cup of salvation.

Indeed, it does because Jesus enters our lives of suffering so that we might be lifted up to share in his life of glory. After receiving the cup of suffering from the deacon, the priest prays over it, lifts it up, and says the words of consecration. The cup of suffering becomes the chalice of salvation. At the end of the Eucharistic prayer the priest gives the chalice back to the deacon, who lifts it up, not as the cup of suffering but as the chalice of salvation that is to be for all who receive it a source of blessing.

During this time of pandemic, we have not been able to extend the chalice to God’s people. However, every time I prepare the chalice, I think about all the sufferings I encounter through the people I serve. Intentionally, I place those sufferings into the chalice as I pour the wine into the cup. Happily, I give the same chalice to the priest knowing that he can offer it up to the Father, consecrate it, and transform it into the cup of salvation.

Every time the deacon or priest prepares the sacred chalice, know that he is placing your pain, sufferings, sin, and hardships into the cup. But know too that this same chalice is given back to you to heal your hearts, to ease your pains, to calm your souls, and to give you peace.

April Religious Ed Schedule

April 3rd: Grades 1, 3 and 4

April 10th:

Grade 2: 9:25 Class, Mass 10:30

Grades 5 and 6: Mass 10:30, Class after Mass until 12:30

April 17: No class: Easter

April 24th: No class: April Vacation

CONGRATULATIONS!

**To all the second graders
Who made their
First
Reconciliation
Last weekend!!!**

**And to the Hospitality Disciples for
providing them with an
Ice cream party afterwards
to celebrate.**



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 Nicoliar, 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, Kenneth McLaughlin, Debbie & Fred Sprague, Baby Ryan & 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

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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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

*Monday, April 4, 2022 1—4 PM
Saturday, April 16— 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
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P O Box 474
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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.

Please

join us for

Holy Week



MONEY IS BEING COLLECTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF EASTER LILIES.

IF YOU ARE PART OF THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, AN ENVELOPE IS PROVIDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LILY IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

IF YOU DO NOT GET ENVELOPES, YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN ENVELOPE AND LIST THE NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE.

The Catholic Women's Club will be starting up again.

The first meeting of this year will be Wednesday, April 13th at 1:00 in the Meeting Room of Memorial Drive

New members are needed and welcome !!!



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