



*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 April 12, 2020
 Easter Sunday
 The Resurrection of the Lord*



HAPPY EASTER FROM THE PRIESTS , DEACONS AND STAFF OF SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT JOHN'S



EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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 For both Churches

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

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m.**

In the Chapel

**Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.**

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED
ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR
GROUP GATHERINGS.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus’s last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life’s seemingly opposing experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering’s loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.

Cardinal Seán is dispensing all Catholics in the Archdiocese from the obligation of abstaining from meat during the remaining Fridays of Lent.

CHANGES TO INSURE YOUR PROTECTION FROM THE COVID 19 VIRUS.

- MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
- NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- NO BIBLE STUDY**
- NO CCD**
- NO BAPTISMS**
- CATHOLIC TV DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS**

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel. Channel 268 (Comcast)

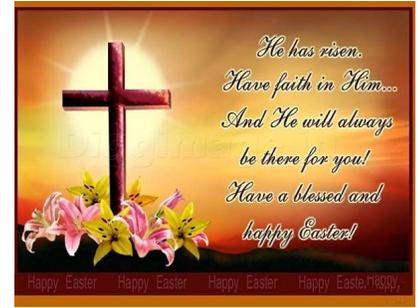
Daily mass aires live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at www.WatchtheMass.com

Visit <http://www.catholicstv.org/>

MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AS WELL AS FR. PAUL’S & ST JOHN’S FACEBOOK PAGES.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

He is risen! Alleluia! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Today’s solemnity brings about

a joy that no power can attain, no money can buy, and no “social distancing” can thwart! Today, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, true to His Word, has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life. What a glorious day this is for all God’s people.

I can remember growing up that Easter had a different “feel” than the other holidays/holy days. Family gatherings were a part of each of these times (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), and going to Mass was part of many of them (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), but Easter stood out for me. Perhaps it was when I came to the realization of what the day was about. Christmas was (and still is) a beautiful time of year, but often times the “commercialization” gets the better of even the best of intentions; I can’t recall any “commercialization” ever being associated with Easter. The other thing about Easter which brings it to the “top of the list” for me is the gift of resurrection.

Don’t get me wrong – I’m eternally grateful that God thought enough of us to give His Son for us at Christmas. Easter, however, is when one like us in all things (save for sin) gave His life for the world, so as to rise from the dead and win for us Eternal Life. Scripture tells us that “no greater love hath one, than to lay down their life for a friend” (Jn 15:13). This is what Jesus does for us in the Easter miracle – He lays down His life so that He might pick it up again, winning for us new life.

Easter comes at a time of new birth..and, boy, do we need a rebirth! In this time of social distancing and quarantining, let us join together in prayer. May we not let this time of isolation; even if it means separation in body let us come together and be united in spirit, the Spirit that rose Jesus from the dead and won for us newness of life!

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection

April 10 — Good Friday — Holy Land Shrines; April 12 — Easter — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings

St. Ann's Budget

St John's

Budget

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual

OFFERTORY PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS YOUR WEEKLY GIVING THAT KEEPS OUR CHURCHES AFLOAT!!!! IT'S A GREAT TIME TO START AN ON-LINE ACCOUNT.

What to do when you can't go to confession

by Sr. Marianne Lorraine Trouvé, FSP

The old saying “you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone” rings especially true in this COVID-19 pandemic. Many Catholics feel the loss of not being able to attend Mass and to receive Holy Communion due to the shut-downs. But many of us also miss the Sacrament of Penance, or Confession, especially since it’s Lent.

Some priests have found creative ways to offer the sacrament, such as drive-thru confessions. But if you don’t have this available, don’t despair. Here are some steps you can follow in prayer in case confession is not available in your area:

Contrition—Be sorry for your sins. This is the essential act of the penitent when going to confession. Take some quiet time and make an examination of conscience. Consider how those sins have harmed yourself or others and then think about Jesus’ great love and mercy. You can look at a crucifix and think about his incredible love in giving his life to save us from our sins. We should never think of our sins apart from the mercy of Jesus. Jesus told Saint Faustina that he is love and mercy itself.

When we are sorry for our sins because of the love of Jesus and not just because we fear some punishment, this is called perfect contrition. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about perfect contrition:

“When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called ‘perfect’—contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible” (no. 1452).

An act of perfect contrition brings the forgiveness of sins, even mortal sins, outside of the sacrament of Reconciliation. You should also resolve to confess any mortal sin when the sacrament is available again. Even though reconciliation with God can happen before confession, by confessing our sins we are reconciled with the Church community, which has been damaged by our sin.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Come to Christ

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Life is perhaps God’s greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn’t take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Prayer for a Pandemic

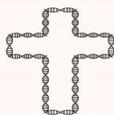
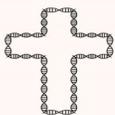
May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving
their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult
of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to
our neighbors.

Amen.

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia has written a special novena prayer for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The text of the nine-day prayer is below.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son's throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.

The last few weeks have been difficult for many of us living in the new reality brought on by COVID-19.

In past times like these when people have felt a crushing powerlessness, the faithful have found hope, help, and even miraculous cures through the intercession of the saints.

The saints remind us that we are not facing this crisis on our own; we have the Lord and His glorified souls who stand ready to intercede for those who call upon them.

Meet St. Corona, patroness of epidemics.



She witnessed the martyrdom of St. Victor, a soldier who was executed by his brothers-in-arms for his faith.

While Victor was undergoing his martyrdom, the brave 16-year-old Corona cried out comforting words and encouragement as Victor held fast to his faith and gave up his life for the Lord.

Victor's persecutors then turned on Corona and took her life as well. And likewise, the young saint never surrendered her faith.

As the Coronavirus wreaks havoc and vexes us all, St. Corona gives us an opportunity to lean into our faith and cling to hope, no matter the turmoil around us.

**St. Corona,
patroness of epidemics,
pray for us!**

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher, Dr. Irfan Francis, Kenneth O'Neil & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

[Boston Pilot: Archdiocese issues liturgical directives for coronavirus prevention](#)

PLEASE READ THE CARDINAL'S BLOG AT:

Cardinalseansblog.org and our websites.
(Addresses on Cover of bulletin)
For continuous information

Heavenly Father, we lift up our grandparents, our parents, our aunts and our uncles, as well as those we love who might be immunocompromised in our communities – for those who have undergone treatment for cancer, for those with diabetes, or who suffer from asthma or heart disease. Please place your hedge of protection around them and instill within us a sense of just how important it is to look out for the most vulnerable among us during this pandemic. Ease the fears and worries of those who are at higher risk of infection and fill them with supernatural peace

For those who would like to join the On-line Giving Program for the convenience of their Offertory:

- Go to www.stjohneb.org
- Click on tab across the top "Giving"
- Go to "Click Here to Give Online"

We recommend setting up an account by selecting "Sign In" at the top. This way we can track donations for your tax purposes. If you prefer a one-time donation without signing in, select "Give Now."

Rosaries lost in chapel. My sons are on 3 of the decades: James, Stephen, Brendon. Only important to me. If found please return to the sacristy. Thank you.

Hope all are well!

Anne Owen

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Pantry is working to make food available for all in need while at the same time keeping within the guidelines of the pandemic. Please contact the Pantry if you need help.

A MILLION FAMILIES **A MILLION ROSARIES**

During Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution
Our Lady said to Sister Lucia,
"When a million families pray the rosary,
the revolution will end."

What if a million families joined hands
NOW to pray the rosary
for a cure to the coronavirus?

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY EVERYDAY FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC!

Sign up NOW at www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org to join us and commit yourself and/or your family to imploring Our Lady to intercede on behalf of all humanity at this moment of crisis.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org

EASTER



A“90-Days Now - For Your Parish” Initiative Launched

First of its Kind Initiative in the Archdiocese of Boston

The desire to take care of one another during the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 and the inability to join together at local Catholic churches for Masses has inspired a grass roots movement for parishioners to rally around their local parishes. “**90 Days Now – For Your Parish**” is a newly launched three-month campaign spearheaded by a member of the laity to help support parishes while Churches are temporarily closed but while the need for parish services continues.

The Archdiocese of Boston has supported the movement by creating an easy-to-use, on-line payment mechanism whereby donors can make a gift directly to the parish of their choice. This 90-day program offers support now by providing a way to make a daily commitment in addition to regular weekly donations. This simple link, available by clicking [here](#), is especially helpful for parishes that do not currently have the ability to accept online donations.

THE LINK ABOVE IS ON OUR WEBSITE AND WILL TAKE YOU TO THE EASY-TO-USE FORM.

Parishioners who give online using the 90 Days Now – for Your Parish link should know that the funds they give will go directly into their parish’s savings account and will be promptly available for their parish’s needs.

“This is a remarkable effort in support of our pastors and parishes and we are truly grateful for the response,” said Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM Cap. “In particular we extend our gratitude to John Corcoran, the Tocci family and the many lay leaders who are helping our parishes with this initiative. This pandemic presents serious challenges to our local communities and the essential work of our social service agencies because of the increased demand and financial stress. Also, many of our parishes are facing very significant need for assistance that will continue even after are able to reopen our churches.”