



Saint John

**Together in
Christ
Collaborative**

**Easter Sunday
The
Resurrection of
the Lord**

April 17, 2022



Saint Ann

EASTER SUNDAY



When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

-Jn 20:6-8

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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.

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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 16, 2022

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday April 17, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, April 23, 2022

4:00— Frank DePaola — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:30 - Joseph M. Utka — 6th Anniversary
Joseph J. Giovanoni — Month's Mind
6:15 - For the people in the Ukraine

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 16, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of the Saint John

Sunday, April 17, 2022

10:30— Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, April 23, 2022

5:30 — For the people in the Ukraine

Sunday, April 24, 2022

10:30 - Kendra Frabetti — 20th Anniversary

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.

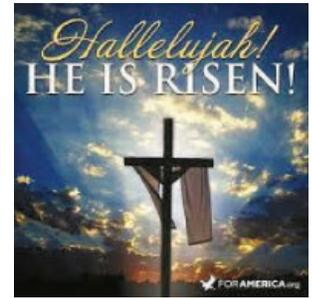
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RISEN CHRIST!!!!



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. 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. 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, then 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. In springtime, we see new life come into the world. How appropriate that our Easter celebration comes at this time. May this day (and season) be for us a time of "new birth." If you're joining us again for another week of worship, welcome back; you're the reason for our loving community! If you've been away from "the family" for a while, welcome home! May you find in us a home where you can put down "roots", planting yourself in the garden of God's loving care. In any event, no matter where you are on your "journey of faith", may you find in our parishes a place where you can grow, flourish and "bear great fruit" for the sake of God's Kingdom and His Holy People!

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

The sanctity of Francis of Assisi is a many-splendored thing. He is an EVANGELICAL saint, for he sought to imitate Christ by living in a most radical way the perfection of the Holy Gospel. He is likewise an ECCLESIAL saint, a man who anchored his mission and his teaching in that of the mystical Bride of Christ, the holy Catholic Church. Nature-lovers claim Francis of Assisi, the friend and brother of creation, as an ECOLOGICAL saint. Those involved in dialogue with other religions hail the Sultan-visiting, peace-promoting Francis as the model of an ECUMENICAL saint. But can the Poor Man of Assisi, who bore on his body the wounds of Jesus Crucified, be rightly called an EASTER saint?

For St. Francis, the spiritual Easter was not a one-time event, but a journey, a process. Like St. Paul, Francis could declare: All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection! This knowledge and power enabled Francis to take the Cross-road which leads to glory: sharing in (Christ's) sufferings by being formed into the pattern of His death, Francis hoped that (he) too might attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Phil 3:10-11). Francis' road to Easter began with a profound encounter with Jesus Crucified. Praying before the crucifix in the church of San Damiano outside Assisi during the first years of his conversion, Francis heard Christ address to him the heart-shaking words: Francis, rebuild My house! The future saint felt a mysterious change in himself, but he could not describe it. This was the beginning of his spiritual Easter.

St. Francis journeyed to Easter transformation by contemplating and imitating Jesus in the mysteries of His poverty and humility. Seraphic love even compelled the Poor Man to ask Christ to grant him to feel in his body the pains of the Passion and to feel in his heart the love which urged Christ to die for sinners. In September 1224, two years before the Seraphic Patriarch's death, God answered his prayer with the imprinting of the Sacred Stigmata, making Francis an icon of the Crucified Jesus. Yet, Francis' immersion in the mysteries of the Passion did not make him sad or somber. Rather, the sorrows of the Lord opened Francis to a deeper, truer joy. The wounds of Christ's Passion which the Poor Man bore were in truth signs of spiritual resurrection, God visibly confirming Francis' passage through death to life.

The Easter life is new life, - life in Christ. Again and again, the 13th century authors hail St. Francis as the new man. In him, new signs of sanctity appear, new prodigies are made manifest. His religious family is a new flock in the Church, a new Order, living a new life. Francis proclaimed even in his body that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature: the former things have passed away. Behold! They are made new! (2 Cor. 5:17) Francis' Easter newness was the fruit of his union with the Crucified and Risen One. This union is the secret of the Little Poor Man's joy, his peace-making skills, his enthusiasm for the things of God, his unique relationship with creation. Illness, disappointment, pain, betrayal and misunderstanding still marked Francis' earthly pilgrimage. But, he saw these sufferings in a new light. He understood that through them, God was making all things work toward an eternal good, an eternal Easter. And so in Francis and through him an unexpected joy and a holy newness came into the world. St. Francis' mission of newness did not end with death. Those present at his funeral services saw his body, adorned with the wounds of Christ, shining with a marvelous brightness. In life, Francis bore in his body the likeness of the sufferings of Christ. In death, his body presaged the glory of the future resurrection: The wounds he has, show forth/ Gifts of a newer kind. The power of this new life was also manifested in the wonders which occurred through his intercession: he shone with the new light of miracles after his death.

Against this backdrop, the Easter references in St. Francis' writings shine with a new splendor. When composing his devotional Office of the Cross, the Seraphic Father included a special Office for the Easter Season. Yet even in the solemn Offices for Holy Week, the thought of Resurrection is present: Arise, my glory! Arise, lyre and harp! I will arise at dawn! I have slept and risen and my most Holy Father has received me in glory. Christ made Francis, the Easter Saint, a singer of the new song of Redemption. In the "Exhortation to the Praise of God," the Poor Man sang as his own the hymn of those who stand before the Throne of God in heaven: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, glory and honor! His song of Easter triumph is likewise that of the Church on earth: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! St. Francis of Assisi shows what can happen when the grace of Easter becomes effective in a Christian's life. He teaches us that every earthly suffering holds the seed of resurrection. For Francis, Easter was a vibrant reality that gave light and hope and even energy for his daily journey with Christ to the Father. He teaches us that the real saints (the Easter saints) are the quite human, quite natural people in whom, through the Easter purification and transformation, what is human appears afresh in its total originality and beauty.

THE DEACON'S COLUMN



By the mingling of the Body and Blood of Christ

On Good Friday in 2004, I went to the movies to watch the film, The Passion of the Christ directed by Mel Gibson starring Jim Caviezel. The film is a graphic interpretation of the three days we just celebrated between Holy Thursday and The Great Easter Vigil. Personally, I was deeply moved by the film and, though the graphic details of Jesus' suffering were hard to watch at times, I was moved to tears as I was reminded how deeply God loves me and that he was willing to suffer terrible things so that I wouldn't need to suffer the pains of eternal loss and death.

One of the film's major criticisms, was that it focused too much on graphic and violent depictions of Christ's sufferings and did not balance the film with the hope and glory of resurrection. Though I understand this criticism, when one reads the earliest version of Mark's Gospel with the "Shorter Ending" one will see that the gospel doesn't end with a resurrection appearance of Jesus, rather it ends with the empty tomb and the hope that the empty tomb suggests for the life of Jesus' disciples.

The Eucharist we celebrate every Sunday is our participation in the passion of Christ. The Eucharist has been traditionally called, "the unbloody sacrifice of the mass." The bread and wine we offer recalls the ancient Passover meal in which the lamb was sacrificed to save God's people from sin. As John the Baptist points out in John's gospel, Jesus is "the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." The central story of the gospels and the central mystery we celebrate every Sunday is the paschal mystery—the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. Where is the memorial of Jesus' resurrection in the Eucharist we celebrate this Easter Sunday, on every Sunday, and whenever we gather to celebrate the Mass? In a very small and quiet moment of the Mass during the Communion Rite there is a ritual action and quiet prayer of the priest celebrant that makes present and memorializes the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Communion Rite, after the sign of peace, the priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece of the host into the chalice filled with Jesus' precious blood, saying the words, "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."

The breaking of the bread symbolizes the death of Jesus in which his body and blood was broken and poured out for the salvation of our souls. This small rite when Jesus' body and blood are gathered together symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus and the life Jesus calls all of us to share by our participation in the Holy Mass and by our reception of Holy Communion. Jesus dies so that we may be brought into communion with each other by grace and life rather than divided by sin and death. When we receive communion we celebrate, not only in the death of Christ, but in his resurrection. Nourished by the same Eucharist, we are sent out into the world to share the Good News of Jesus' victory over death.

Next time you see the priest break the bread during the fraction, be reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made so that we may be made whole. And when he takes a piece of the fractured host and places it into the chalice see too what Christ wishes to do for all of us who share in his body and blood—bring us together in communion with each other as we abide in the grace of his resurrection.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Great progress is being made in renovating Saint Ann's Parish Center: Thank you to all the volunteers.

**Cleaning of floors, walls, & the kitchen are Complete.
Bingo should be able to begin in the up-coming Months.**

The Disciples of Hospitality completed their first event by providing an ice cream party for the second graders after their First Reconciliation and it is due to their efforts that the church looks so beautiful for Easter.

The Religious Education Program is preparing for the First Communions and Confirmation Sacraments.

Confirmations are scheduled for May 10th at Saint Ann's at 6 PM and May 11th at Saint John's at 6 PM

First Communions are scheduled for 10 dates to accommodate all families. The schedule will be available shortly.

Prayer Bags for Bibles is a fundraiser to raise money to be able to provide children with bibles.

Pastoral Council and Finance Councils are beginning to meet again.

A new website for the Collaborative is the process of being designed. We will keep you posted.

The process of finding a new Facilities/Operations Mgr. is underway.

Best wishes to Donna Roderiques in her new pursuits.

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, 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, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, 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.

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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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.

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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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Summer HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

Pantry days will be the **FIRST MONDAY** of the month, except for holidays, from 3 pm to 5:30 pm., and the **THIRD MONDAY from 3 pm—4:30 pm.**, except for holidays. Please check the schedule.

THE FOOD PANTRY

Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

Monday, May 2 — 3:00—5:30
Monday, May 16 — 3:00—4:30

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.

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join us for

Holy Week



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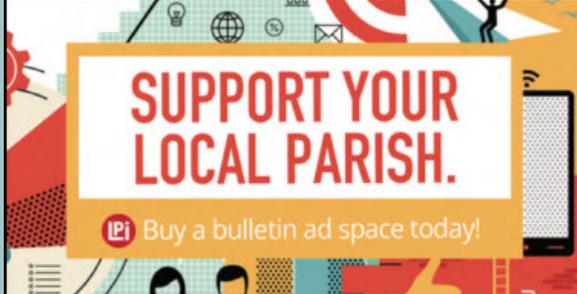
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These Pilgrimages look like a great way to enjoy your summer. Check out this website if you are interested in Traveling.

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