



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
 Saint Ann & Saint John  
 April 19, 2020  
 Divine Mercy Sunday*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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**St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes**  
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**MASSES OF INTENTION WILL BE RESCHEDULED**  
**ONCE THE CHURCHES ARE OPENED FOR**  
**GROUP GATHERINGS.**

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES -

Readings for the week of April 19, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**MASSES ARE MOVED ON LINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MASSES CAN BE VIEWED ON:**

**CATHOLIC TV - CHANNEL 268 IS BROADCASTING DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS**  
**EWTN — CHANNEL 238 is also broadcasting masses.**

**Fr. Paul is conducting daily masses and a Holy Hour/Rosary on Facebook Live.**  
**FR. PAUL'S FACEBOOK PAGE — Paul Ring**  
**ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PG — St. John the Evangelist—EB**

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

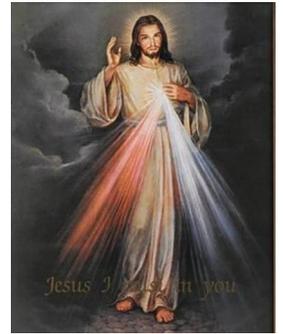
**Daily mass aires live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.**

**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](http://www.WatchtheMass.com)**

My Dear Friends in Christ,

While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, “Jesus, I trust in You”. When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.



Jesus, in today's gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, “my Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn't approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn't have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we “take it on faith” that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who “have not seen and have believed” (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection

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.**



### Resources for Celebrating the Easter Season at Home

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/sites/g/files/zjfyce871/files/2020-04/EasterResourcesV2.pdf>

Following the *celebration of Holy Week*, the resources included here are available to aid in the celebration of the Easter season at home. In this current period of uncertainty, “social distance,” and distance from our Lord in the Eucharist, the Resurrection of Christ at Easter provides for us all a sign of great joy and hope. Let us live “the joy of the Gospel” this Easter, which, as *Pope Francis reminds us*, “fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” Let that be our testimony to the world in a time of trouble not only on Easter Sunday, but as we celebrate each of the *8 days of Easter Week* (Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday) and throughout the 50 days of the *Easter season* that follow

#### For families with younger children:

- Downloadable and printable [Easter Calendar](#)
- Three simple ways to celebrate from [GetFed.com](#)
- Six creative ways to teach the Easter story from [Catholic Icing](#)
- Catholic All Year has a [blog post](#) with great ideas for gifts, decorations and activities at home for this year.

#### For families with teens:

- yDisciple series on the [Creed](#), especially episodes 4-7
- Life Teen:
- Virtual “[Life Nights](#)”
- Small group [Bible studies](#)
- [Video series](#) on Sundays of the Easter season
- YM360: [Youth Group at Home](#)
- Find Easter themed playlists like [this one](#) to help elevate your celebrations with joyful Christian music.

#### For adults:

- Bishop Barron on [the meaning of Easter](#) and [Podcast Q&A](#)
- Loyola Press: [Jesus is Alive](#) and [Why Easter is On Different Days Each Year](#)
- [Why is Easter Called Easter?](#)
- [Easter Prayers](#) from Catholic Relief Services

## 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.

When things fall apart, we can easily feel overwhelmed, anxious and depressed. It can be stressful when we don't know what the future holds. And we have a lot of time on our hands, so taking steps for our own wellness and spiritual growth is a perfect next step.

**I invite you to join me on Facebook Live  
on [Ask a Catholic Nun](#) on Tuesdays at 1pm ET.**

In our Facebook Live meetings I'll lead you through meditations for inner peace, discussion of my book *Surviving Depression*, guided prayer, the wisdom of the saints, and more. So I hope I'll see you there!

Sr Kathryn Hermes, FSP

(You do not need a Facebook Account to view the program. You do need one to comment.)



### 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.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 & 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:  
Cardinaleansblog.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.stjohne.org](http://www.stjohne.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.”

# IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Womens’ Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed.

Thank you for your generosity, as always.

## PRAYER AT THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus, Who promised to remain with us always,  
When information overwhelms us  
And fear overtakes us,  
Speak to us again those comforting words,  
“Peace be with you.”

Though we cannot be physically close to others,  
Give us the ability and courage  
To love as well as we can,  
Since “perfect love casts out all fear.”

Direct your caring gaze on doctors and nurses,  
researchers and safety personnel;  
Come to strengthen the sick, the vulnerable,  
and comfort those who are grief stricken.

And when the pandemic has passed,  
And this frightening crisis is resolved,  
Teach us to know You more certainly  
As our dearest Friend and our only Hope.

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Glory be...)

Our Lady, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

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**“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”**

**Peace,**

**Fr. Paul**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.