



Saturday, 4:00 PM
 Sunday, 9:30 AM
 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 May 12, 2024
 The Ascension of the Lord
 (Mass Schedule changes
 May 25 & 26)*



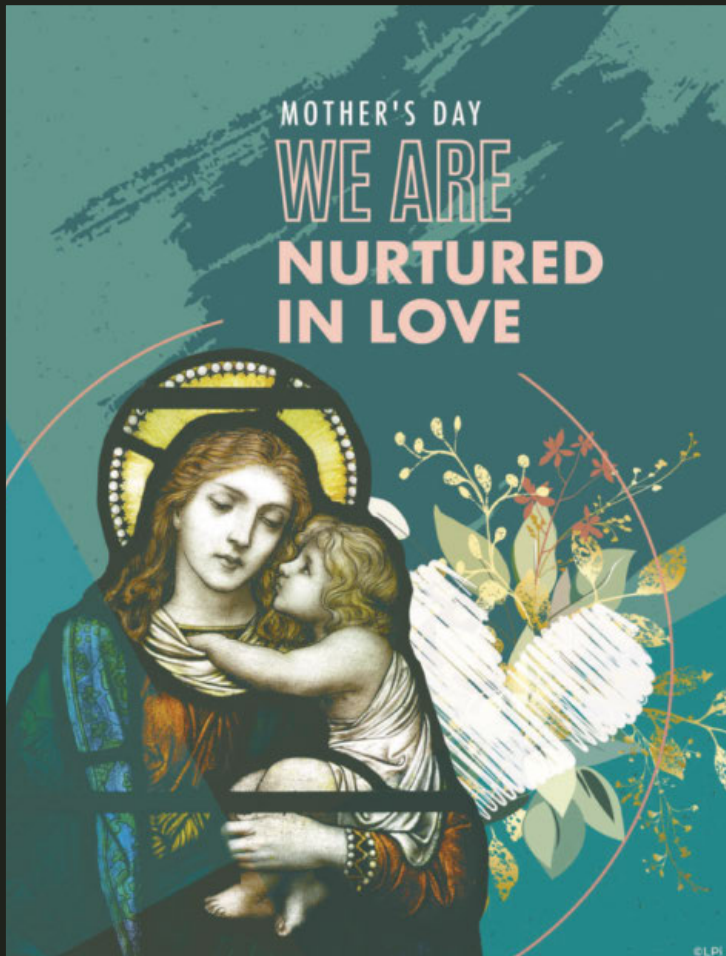
Sunday, 8:00 AM
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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." - Jn 17:18

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

**6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option**

Daily Mass

Thurs & Sat.

9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are private and not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass

Or by appointment.

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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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 11, 2024

4:00 - John L. & Geraldine M. Sullivan & Family Memorial

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:30 - David Asiaf — 1st Anniversary

6:15—All Mothers of the Collaborative

Saturday, May 18, 2024

9:00 - Mamie Marichino — Memorial

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

6:15 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:00 - All Mothers of the Collaborative

11:30 - All Mothers of the Collaborative

Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

11:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

THE MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE CHANGING

**THE WEEKEND OF
May 25 - 26**

ST ANN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, — 8:00 & 11:30 AM
6:15 PM**

ST JOHN'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday — 4:00 PM
Sunday — 9:30 AM**

**This schedule will be in effect
for 1 year.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a poem, the origin of which is attributed to that great poet, "Anonymous" and it goes like this:

"To dwell above with saints we love,
That will be grace and glory.
To live below with saints we know;
Well, that's another story!"

Today, Jesus speaks of the unity that Christians are called to have both with God and one another. It certainly "will be grace and glory" to share in oneness with God in the Kingdom at the end of our earthly days. In order to get there, however, there is the struggle to "live below with saints we know". This was a gift which my mother had, a trait I always admired. As we celebrate Mother's Day on this day, I think of her in particular, and how she had a gift and grace to see the "saint" in everyone (even the most heinous sinner!).

We are, I believe, "saints in training" (a term I first heard, interestingly enough from my mother!). We are being called, constantly, to live out the call for unity not only by God but also by one another, in how we live our lives. In working with the interfaith groups with which I have had the privilege to work over my near-seventeen-year life as a priest, I have come to know some fine men and women who struggle, strive and (more often than not) succeed in living the Christian ethic. Jesus, in today's gospel, reminds in His prayer that we do not belong to the world - we belong to God. If we are to see the Kingdom, it will be by the grace of God, the God who calls us to strive for unity, for oneness, for opportunities to forge bonds with those with similar "goals" as us - the salvation of souls and entrance into the Kingdom.

May we strive to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. May we, in this striving for unity, reach out in love and dialogue to our brothers and sister who seek fullness of life found in the Kingdom. May God continue to place on our hearts His call to "love one another as God has loved us".

A Blessed Easter to you All (and a Blessed Mother's Day to all our Moms),

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers among us! In honor of this special day, please find a gift for you at the doors of the churches.

Music at the 6:15 Mass

As faith formation ends for the summer, we will no longer have our monthly Teen Mass, but we will continue to have music monthly at the 6:15 Mass on the following dates:

May 19th (Pentecost)
June 2nd (Corpus Christi)
July 14th

The Teen Mass will resume in the fall.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 52 young people who will be Confirmed in our two parishes this week! May the Holy Spirit be with you and help you grow closer to Jesus.





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

A very Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all of our Moms! May your prayers and intentions be answered by our Lord through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. When we celebrate Mother's Day as a Church, we can't help but think of Mary, the Mother of God, who is universally regarded (by virtue of her life as the Mother of Jesus) as the "Mother of the Church". This is something with which St. Francis of Assisi would wholeheartedly agree.

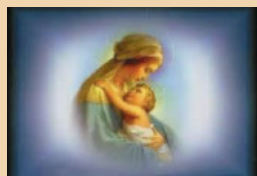
St. Francis was born in Assisi to Peter Bernadone and Pica de Boulemont, a French noblewoman. By every account of Francis' life, what faith he had as a youth could be credited to his mother, Pica. While his father was caring for the family by running a textile business, his mother was in charge of his education, including his spiritual formation. Pica had a deep faith, and was an ardent practitioner of said (Catholic) faith, something she tried to instill in young Francis. While she was unsuccessful at forming Francis into a like practitioner, one could safely say that it was this foundation which Pica gave Francis that was the catalyst which caused Francis to act upon his faith when in front of the Crucifix at San Damiano and on the road when he encountered the leper.

After his conversion, Francis took what his mother taught him and used it to form the Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans). Pica was also doubtlessly influential in Francis' decision to place the Order under the protective and loving mantle of Our Blessed Mother. As "Mother of the Church", Mary was seen by Francis as "alter mater" (or, "another mother"). This is something to which I can certainly relate. As a priest, we are called to place our priesthood at the service of God, in the model of Jesus, and under the protection of Mary, the Blessed Mother. Among the many titles of Mary is that of "Mother of Priests". While my relationship with Our Blessed Mother has grown over the years, it really blossomed when I lost my own (biological) mother. It was then that I saw Mary as "alter mater", and have developed a great devotion to her as one who could most profoundly lead me to her Son, Jesus.

May this Mother's Day be a time when we honor not only our earthly Mothers, but our "Spiritual Mother"...Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Priests, Mother of the Church, Our Mother.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul,OFS



THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR REPAIRS

NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR REPAIRS

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Everyday Stewardship-- Tracy Earl Welliver MTS

In the Church, we observe a liturgical calendar that takes us through the life of Jesus and highlights fundamental doctrines of our faith. Starting with this Sunday, our observance of the Easter Season continues for one more week until the celebration of Pentecost. While many outside of the Church only see Easter as a one-day celebration, we celebrate for an entire season, much like we do during Christmas as well. Of course, this calendar only serves to remind us and point to greater realities.

We are not called to be more generous at Easter or Christmas than we are on other days. We do not choose to love more during one time of the year. The fact is that Jesus is alive right now and at all times is calling us to give of ourselves.

When we make an intentional decision to follow Jesus and adopt a stewardship way of life, we commit ourselves to this journey 365 days a year. We are an Easter people at all times. The high and low points of our journey are not tied to a liturgical year, but instead to our own experiences of life and shortcomings. A season or holiday may make it easier to have a giving attitude, but we need to do the same when little around us is pointing us in that direction. It is sometimes when few are paying attention that love and generosity are most needed.

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



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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Karen & Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchill, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Eileen Doherty, Louise Ferrari, Dan, Christine Staples, Candice Frabetti & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



• Prays for Mothers Day.

- Heavenly Father, I lift up to you today my mother and all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. Help my mother and all mothers feel our gratitude and truly know their impact. May we honor them today and on all days as vessels of Your love. In Your name I pray. Amen.
- God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day. Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day—in the mundane that sometimes we can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives. In Your name we pray. Amen.
- When our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light. At times in our lives, our mothers are everything to us, meeting our every need. We ask You to provide them today with whatever gift they need. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.
- Mary, full of grace, I ask for your intercession today for my earthly mother. Pray for her, and pray that her example of love draws me closer to Your son, not only on Mother's Day but on all days. Amen.

Prayers from Hallow

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
peanut butter, Progresso soups, pasta sauce & brownie mix are needed.

Cash donations also accepted

St Ann — ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
P O Box 474 West Bridgewater MA 02379

To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SDVP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's church.

To Join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony 508-245-5481

Next meeting: May 14th @ 6:30 p.m. St. Ann's Hall.

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

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME **THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

Monday, May 6, 2024
Monday, May 20, 2024

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier

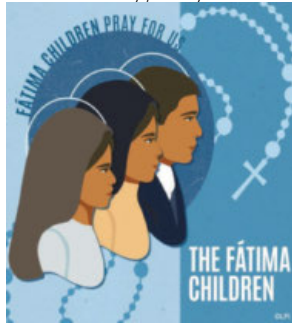
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Monday, May 13



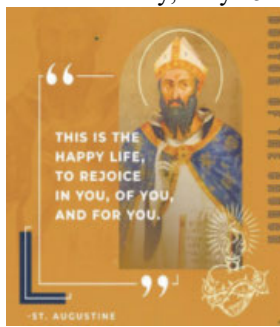
Today is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the anniversary of Mary's apparition to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Tuesday, May 14



The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

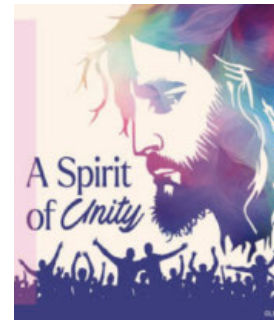
Wednesday, May 15



Prayer of Mission —

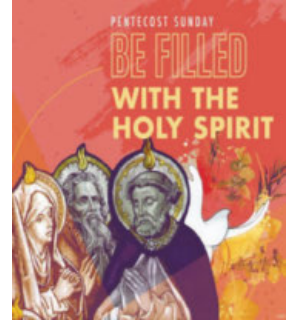
Dear Lord, Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need. Amen.

Thursday, May 16



Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for you?

Friday, May 17



This weekend we celebrate Pentecost! In the Gospel readings this Sunday we hear that Jesus taught his disciples that He would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to guide them and offer them divine gifts. What guidance are you currently seeking from the Lord?



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