

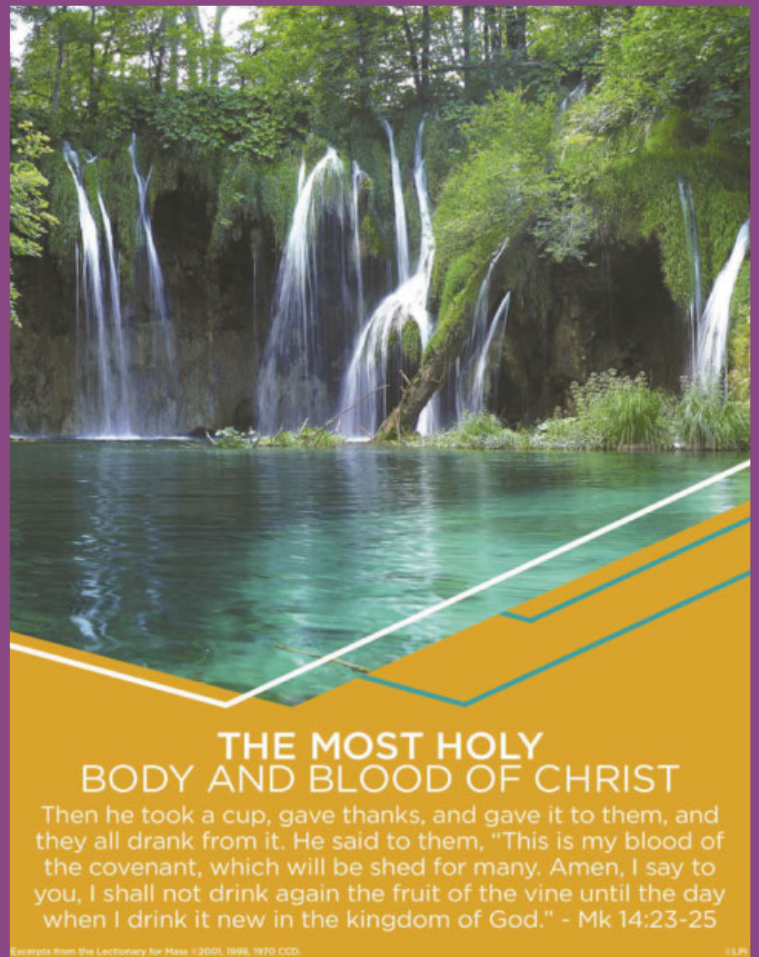
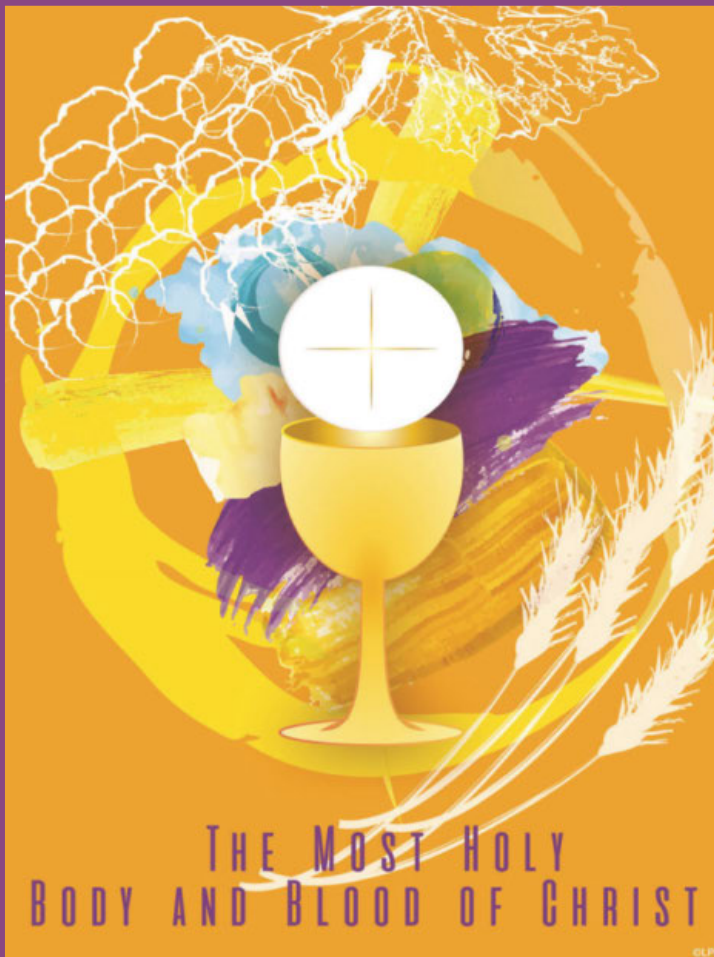


Sunday, 8:00 AM
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 Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 June 2, 2024
 The Most Holy Body & Blood
 Of Christ (Corpus Christi)*



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



**THE MOST HOLY
 BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen. I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

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

6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass

w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass

Thurs & Sat.

9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Wednesday & Friday

9:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 2, 2024

- 8:00 - Diane Ribeiro — 1st anniversary
- 11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, June 9, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative
- 11:30 - Thomas Garvey, 8th Anniversary
- 6:15 - Parishioners of the T.I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 1, 2024

- 4:00 - Children receiving their First Communion

Sunday, June 2, 2024

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

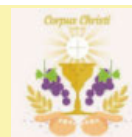
Saturday, June 8, 2024

- 4:00 - Francisco Figueiredo & Family — 29th Anniversary

Sunday, June 9, 2024

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This celebration, more commonly referred to as Corpus Christi (the Latin name for the aforementioned solemnity) speaks to one of our most central truths, namely the Eucharist. It is Jesus, whose body, blood, soul and divinity we receive on this day and who brings us together as a Eucharistic community, who we focus on today.

In today's readings, blood is of central focus. As a people of faith, we see the progression from ritual (read: blood) sacrifices to the ultimate and unique sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. While there may be a connection between the two, they are unique in who is at the heart of that sacrifice. We move from animal sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross; we move from a sacrifice which had to be offered over and over to one which was offered once, and for all. This movement is not to be missed, to be trivialized. The ritual sacrifices of Moses and the people were rooted in the people's need to be "cleansed" from impurity, whereas the sacrifice of Jesus cleanses us from sin and brings healing (which is why we pray, in preparation for receiving Jesus in Eucharist, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"). The sacrifice is brought to another level, from the human to the divine (found in Christ).

This solemnity, which has its roots in late 13th century tradition, is meant as a parallel to Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Eucharist. It was marked by processions, adoration and like celebrations. I often wonder on days such as this if we still hold the same reverence as in past generations, past traditions. Have we, with our modern "sensibilities" lost a sense of reverence, of solemnity which we are called to hold. Now, please don't take this as a "rant" against that which is good about new ways of living (which, certainly, can have its benefits), for it is not meant to be that. I have come to and do, however, witness how some approach to receive Jesus' Real Presence. There is a "casualness", which is sometimes evident in said reception, which we would do well to avoid. There is also a recognition of WHO (not "what") it is we are receiving that we would do well to keep in the forefront of our minds. These avoidances and acceptances are all part of what it means to receive Eucharist. They bring about a sense of true reverence and awe in God's presence.

Corpus Christi is a wonderful opportunity to "connect" in a real way with Jesus. It gives us a distinct chance to reflect on the Real Presence, as well as what it means to be one Body in Christ. The "oneness" we are meant to share is rooted in Christ, has its origins in Christ and finds its fulfillment in Christ. It is something which the world cannot give (or even offer), this lasting and abiding Presence. May we always have the reverence and awe worthy of reception of Christ. May we never lose sight of WHO it is we are receiving. May others, as we have, come to see Jesus in Eucharist – that it is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in which we are partaking. May this sharing give us the courage to "be Christ and to see Christ" – to be Christ for others and to see Christ in others. May this movement of the heart cause us to put into action the cry of the psalmist: to "take up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord" (Ps 116).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



Please welcome the following children into our Collaborative.

Pray that this is the first step in a wonderful journey with God.

*Olivia Jean Vinton
Natalie Mae Curtin
Madison Lee Fairburn
Ella Ann Charron
Travis Paul O'Brien
Hadley Rose Miggins
Hallie Jo Lynch
Kathryn Kane D'Alssandro*

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

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

June Sandwiches for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

June 17th at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Parish Center

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome!

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

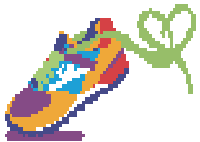
The Teen Mass will resume in the fall.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

A Christian ministry of social service and education

14th Annual Family Walk



**Saturday, June 8th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

A short walk around the Stonehill College campus will be followed by family fun activities including inflatable bounce houses and slides, obstacle course, climbing wall, live entertainment, and food vendors.

NO registration fee. FREE t-shirts for all who register online by May 27th.

Registration and event details:

www.MyBrothersKeeper.org/FamilyWalk

JUNE 20TH

**World Refugee Day
(June 20) helps us
remember our global
family that has been
displaced by crisis.
Let us pray:**





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

St. Francis is perhaps best known for his appreciation of nature and animals. He should however, be recognized even more for his love of Jesus in the Eucharist, as that was one of the most important aspects of his spirituality and a major theme of his writings. Because of Saint Francis' devotion to the Eucharist, he wanted churches to be clean, in good repair, and beautiful to honor Jesus. After his conversion, he donated money and sacred vessels to poor churches in honor of Jesus' Presence there. He spent much of his time in prayer in the Church of San Damiano, and one of his early works of charity was to repair churches. Although he greatly valued poverty and did not spend money on himself, he wanted the best, most beautiful sacred vessels to be used in churches. He wrote in his "Testament", "Above everything else, I want this most Holy Sacrament to be honored and venerated and reserved in places which are richly ornamented."

Catholics may assume there was great reverence toward Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Middle Ages, but there were problems then as well. In his "Letter to All Clerics," Saint Francis wrote that priests "should realize that the chalices, corporals, and altar linens where the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ are offered in Sacrifice should be completely suitable..." He spoke of the scandal of priests who "reserve the Blessed Sacrament in unsuitable places or carry It about irreverently, or receive It unworthily, or give It to all-comers without distinction.... Surely we cannot be left unmoved by loving sorrow for all this..." In Saint Francis' "Letter to All Superiors of the Friars Minor," he entreated them to ask the clergy "to have the greatest reverence for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." Saint Francis had great respect for priests because they celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass, and give people Holy Communion. He encouraged his brother friars and lay followers to honor priests, and not to judge them, but leave their judgment to God. He tried to encourage priests to be faithful and holy, and addressed them directly in two of his letters. In his "Letter to a General Chapter," he told the priests of the Franciscan Order, "Remember your dignity, then, my friar-priests, you should make and keep yourselves holy, because God is holy (Lev. 11:44). In this mystery God has honored you above all other human beings, and so you must love, revere, and honor him more than all others." Saint Francis was not a priest himself, but was ordained as a deacon. He tried to attend Mass at least once a day, whenever possible, and his biographer, Thomas of Celano, wrote that Saint Francis received Holy Communion frequently, and "he did so with such devotion that he made others also devout." Saint Bonaventure wrote in his biography of Saint Francis, "He burned with love for the Sacrament of our Lord's Body with all his heart, and was lost in wonder at the thought of such condescending love, such loving condescension."

Saint Francis wanted priests to celebrate Mass with reverence and devotion. In his "Letter to a General Chapter", he asked friars who were priests, friars who would be ordained as priests, and friars who wanted to become priests "...to be free from all earthly affection when they say Mass, and offer single mindedly and with reverence the True Sacrifice of the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, with a holy and pure intention, not for any earthly gain or through human respect or love for any

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR
Heat Fund**

**NEXT WEEK WILL BE FOR
EXPENSES**

human being, *not serving to the eye as pleasers* of men (Eph. 6:6), with the help of God's grace, their whole intention should be fixed on Him with a will to please the most high Lord alone, because it is He alone who accomplishes this marvel in his own way. He told us, *Do this in memory of me* (Lk 22:19), and so the man who acts otherwise is a traitor like Judas, and he *will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord* (1 Cor. 11:27)." Saint Francis was also concerned that all Catholics should know and truly believe in Jesus' Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. In his "Admonitions", he explained, "He shows himself to us in this sacred bread just as he once appeared to his apostles in real flesh. With their own eyes they saw only his flesh, but they believed that he was God, because they contemplated him with the eyes of the spirit. We, too, with our own eyes, see only bread and wine, but we must see further and firmly believe that this is his most holy Body and blood, living and true. In this way, our Lord remains continually with his followers, as he promised, *Behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.* (Mt. 28:20)."

Saint Francis encouraged the friars to receive Holy Communion worthily in his Rule of 1221. He wrote, "And when they have confessed their sins with due contrition, they should receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with great humility and reverence, remembering the words of our Lord himself, He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life everlasting (Jn. 6:55), and, *Do this in remembrance of me* (Lk. 22:19)" Saint Francis gave similar guidance to all Catholics, advising them of the necessity of receiving the Blessed Sacrament. In his "Letter to All the Faithful, Saint Francis wrote: "...we should confess all our sins to a priest and receive from him the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The man who does not eat his flesh and drink his blood cannot enter into the kingdom of God (Jn. 6:54)." It was Saint Francis' intention that his friars should preach devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. He asked the superiors of his order to do this in his letter to them. "In all your sermons you shall tell the people of the need to do penance, impressing on them that no one can be saved unless he receives the Body and Blood of our Lord. When the priest is offering sacrifice at the altar or the Blessed Sacrament is being carried about, everyone should kneel down and give praise, glory, and honor to our Lord and God, living and true."

Saint Francis of Assisi's great love for Jesus and his understanding of the importance of the Eucharist in the lives of Catholics can inspire us to have greater love and reverence for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament too. We can also ask for Saint Francis' intercession for priests in their celebration of Mass, and for all Catholics to truly believe in Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

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, Patrick McCormick & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. ...

Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. ...

Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition.

Amen



Please remember in your prayers:

*William Grant
Ann M. Coates
Kevin Francis Harrington
Jane Gilbride
Virginia Peart*

May they rest in peace, and may their Families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.

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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.

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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: June 11th @ 6:30 p.m. St. Ann's Hall.

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

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, June 3 2024
Monday, June 17, 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

Novena to end Human Sex Trafficking



www.RoadToPurity.com

By signing up to this novena, you will receive prayers for each day of the novena through your email.

The mission of the Road to Purity apostolate is awareness, education, and healing from pornography and sex addiction. As sex trafficking is heavily linked to pornography, it impacts our mission in a core way. To embrace this truth, **each day of this 9-day Novena, we help demonstrate the connection between pornography and sex trafficking.**

Over the next nine days, you will receive a daily email containing the Novena prayers, followed by some statistics, some facts of the relationship between pornography and sex trafficking, and then a concluding true story of a trafficking victim. At the end of Day 9, we include a list of links and resources.

By participating in these Novena prayers, you will...

- (1) receive the gifts of Hope, Prioritization, Commitment, Perseverance and Devotion,
- (2) as well as knowing that you have honored the victims of this horrific experience and put

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