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Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
June 14, 2020  
Corpus Christi Sunday*



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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that  
I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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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.

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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.

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in the Church.

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Ten weeks...TEN! This is how long our local church went without public celebration of the Eucharist. When we came together on Trinity Sunday, it was as if a great weight had been lifted off of our shoulders. While we still have the restrictions of capacity and social distancing (a phrase, I am convinced, which will be the “Word/Phrase of the Year”!), we are now able to join in public worship to share in the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic People, people whose lives as Catholic-Christians centers on the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This, above all else, makes us who we are. In celebrating the Eucharist, heaven and earth are joined and the angels and saints share this moment of faith and worship in which we commemorate the Real Presence of Jesus alive in our Church, our world, and our hearts.

Today, we as a Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known to us as “Corpus Christi”. This is one of my favorite Holy Days, one that is powerful both in its complexity and simplicity; complex due to its “mysterious” nature and simple due to it being present here and now. I love this solemnity not only because of its centrality to our faith (which gives said faith credence and strength), but because it brings, to the forefront, our belief that Jesus is still with us today. Jesus promised His disciples (and us) that He would not leave us abandoned. The Eucharist is proof of that promise. When we gather as a Eucharistic People around God’s altar at Mass, at the heart of that liturgical and sacramental moment is the “transubstantiative” moment when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and Jesus is *truly present* in that moment.

The Body and Blood of Christ are food for our journey of faith, and give us strength to face the challenges that life might present. Jesus, in the gospel, tells us that His “flesh is true food... (His) blood is true drink” (Jn 6:55). I know I wouldn’t be able to have the level of strength I do in facing the challenges of life without Jesus being “at the heart of it all”, giving me/us that “true food...true drink” (ibid). Jesus suffered in this life and so do we; Jesus overcame suffering (and even death) and so can we – because He is with us! May we know Jesus’ Presence in Eucharist, may we believe in that Presence, and may we share that Presence with all whom we meet!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

**Readings for the week of June 14, 2020**

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58  
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30  
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Observances for the week of June 14, 2020**

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Flag Day  
Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:  
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; World Refugee Day  
Next Sunday: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father’s Day

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# 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	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual</i>			
Thank you to all who contribute to our offertory through your weekly offering and other gifts! It is very much appreciated! For more information on Online Giving, please contact us.				
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$20,000

### Interesting Flag Day Facts

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the [Articles of Confederation](#) and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

In 1916, [President Woodrow Wilson](#) marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about "Old Glory."

Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made and helped design the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. It was not until her grandson William Canby held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role.

In the 1950s, when it seemed certain that Alaska would be admitted to the Union, designers began retooling the American flag to add a 49th star to the existing 48. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Ohioan named Bob Heft student borrowed his mother's sewing machine, disassembled his family's 48-star flag and stitched on 50 stars in a proportional pattern. He handed in his creation to his history teacher for a class project, explaining that he expected Hawaii would soon achieve statehood as well. Heft also sent the flag to his congressman, Walter Moeller, who presented it to President Eisenhower after both new states joined the Union. Eisenhower selected Heft's design, and on July 4, 1960, the president and the high school student stood together as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time. Heft's teacher promptly changed his grade from a B- to an A.

Jennie Cohen

<https://www.history.com/news/95-years-of-flag-day>



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

#### The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— 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.

**We can be a missionary from home.**

**Pray** – set time every day to have a conversation with God. Throughout the day talk to Jesus. Simply say an Our Father or even the prayer the angel taught the children in Fatima, “My God I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you!” These little prayers will draw our hearts and minds closer to God.

**Bring love and joy to the family**– spend time with your parents, brothers, and sisters! Pray together, eat meals together, play games together, laugh together, etc.

**Make holy the work that God has given each of us** - All the work we do throughout the day at home whether it be work, schoolwork, chores, games, etc., do it with love and offer it to God. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “Do small things with great love



**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.**

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John’s Conference  
PO Box 544  
East Bridgewater MA 02333**

**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 only requirement to access the Pantry is to be an East Bridgewater Resident. All religions are welcome.**

**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 and can be mailed to the address above. **Gift cards are also a great help.****

**\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100**

**Anyone sitting at home bored who would like to help; call the hotline. The Food Pantry could use all the help it can get. Please make sure you have a mask and gloves. They will put you to work and keep you as safe as they can.**

**The next Food Pantry will be June 15th**

**Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, etc. are always great.**

**Thank you for your generosity, as always.**

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

- Go to [www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.org)
- Click on tab across the top “Giving”
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**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.”**

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### 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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**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  
ST ANN'S FACEBOOK PAGE - St. Ann - WB**

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)

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



### FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS THANK YOU!

Venturing Crew 29 is doing a Food Drive for our local Food Pantries, at St. John's Church and the Union Congregational Church, on Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. We will be at the St. John's Church parking lot. If you would like to make a donation of food or other contribution to help out, please stop by or get in touch with Venturing Crew 29 at this email address: [venturingcrew29@gmail.com](mailto:venturingcrew29@gmail.com) and we will be able to make arrangements to pick up your donation! You can also call Frank at 508.241.4597. Thank you for your help as we work to help our Food Pantries to help others!

### REST IN THE LORD'S LOVE TONIGHT

**Take a few moments to become aware of God's presence.** Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths, remembering that in this very moment you are under the gaze of God, who knows and loves you totally.

**Bring to mind something that you will face in this upcoming week.** It could be something that you're excited, worried, or unsure about. It could be an event, a relationship, a problem, a task, or responsibility. It could be anything.

### A reading from the Word of God:

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own [will], is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor. 13:1ff)

**Ask yourself:** How is God inviting me to live this week?

**Notice what arises within you.** It could be a feeling, an image, a word, a memory, anything.

**Slow down and wait** for this feeling, image, or word to become clearer for you. Become fully aware of it and sit with it for a few moments.

Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) **speak to that Divine Spirit**, saying to Him: O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.  
(Cardinal Mercier's Prayer to the Holy Spirit)

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**After a few moments of stillness, return to the situation** under consideration and see how it may have shifted, even subtly.

**Again, slow down and gently wait** for an image, word, or feeling to come into awareness that perfectly expresses what is at the core of your present experience.

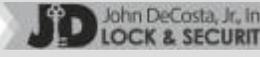
**Place this in a package and hand it to Jesus.**

**End your time of prayer** with an Our Father, entrusting to God all that will happen during this upcoming week.

**Prayer**

O Lord, Jesus Master:  
Let your desires be our desires.  
Let your thoughts be our thoughts.  
Let your actions be our actions.  
Let your pain be our pain.  
Let your attitudes be our attitudes.  
Let your words be our words.  
Let your joy be our joy.  
Let your prayer be our prayer.  
Let us be completely fused to you,  
so that it is no longer we who live  
but you, O Christ, who live in us and love through us. Amen.

*Blessed James Alberione*

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