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



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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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: 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.

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 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 Saint Ann's Church 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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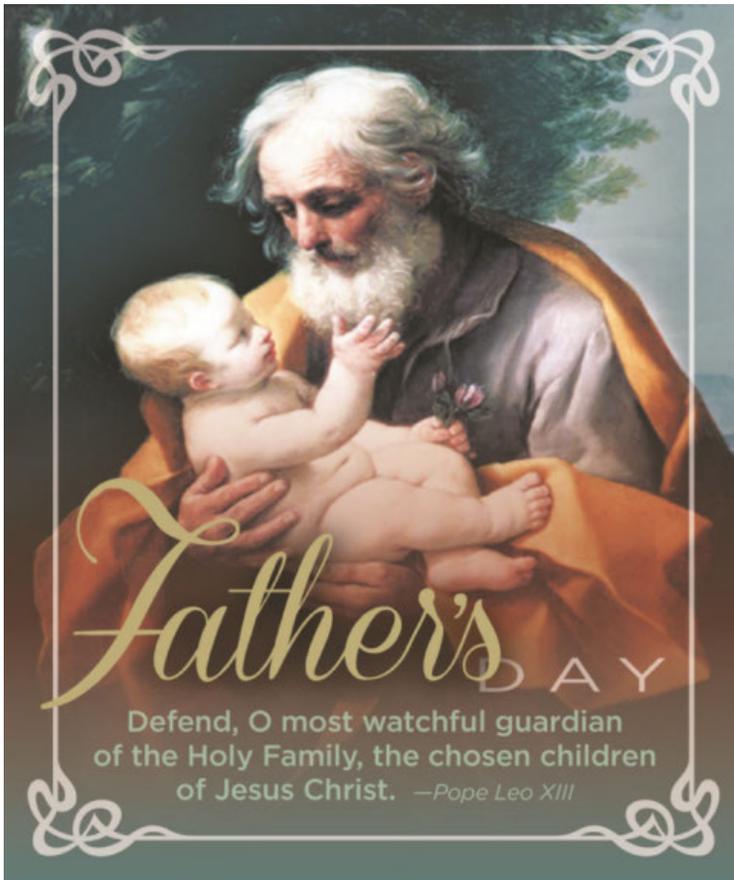
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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



Summer Lunch

St. Ann's and the St. Vincent DePaul Society will again be providing gift cards for groceries to help families with kids who usually get free lunch at school, or anyone who needs help. If you live in West Bridgewater or are a member of St. Ann's, please contact Linda Santry by email at linda@santry.org and arrangements will be made to send you grocery cards twice a month through August.

Other groups in town with lunch support programs are:

First Church of West Bridgewater

508-857-3118

Friday Lunches, 11a.m - 1p.m. beginning in July for anyone who would like one

Call a day ahead to sign up.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

457 Rear South Main St, Suite 1

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 1:45-3p.m. and 5:50 - 6p.m.

508-510-5274

westbridgewaterfoodpantry@gmail.com

Proof of residency required.

Project Bread in Brockton, open to all local residents, link:

<https://www.projectbread.org/summer-eats-program?search=West+Bridgewater%2C+Massachusetts+02379%>



SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH

FOR

**FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES
& THEIR FAMILIES**

**MASS AT 10:30
ST JOHN'S**

**CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS**

**OUTDOORS
11:30—1:30**

JUST A REMINDER

ANYONE WISHING TO HAVE THEIR

CONTRIBUTIONS

DOCUMENTED IN THE PARISH RECORDS

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**USE EITHER THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM
OR THE ON-LINE GIVING PROGRAM**

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TO DO SO

SAINT ANN — 508-586-4880

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 18, 2022

4:00 - Elizabeth Caddell — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, June 19, 2022

8:30 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

6:15 - For the parishioners of St. Ann

Saturday, June 25, 2022

4:00 — Manuel Luz Tavares — 27th Anniv.

Sunday, June 26, 2022

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — Birthday Remem

6:15 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, June 18, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:30 - For the safety and well-being of teachers, students and families

Saturday, June 25, 2022

5:30 — Francisco & Maria Figueiredo & Family — Memorial

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:30—Bill Estes — 1st Anniversary

Please say a prayer for

Fr. Paul Ring & Nancy & Kevin Smith

*As they journey as members of the
Franciscan Secular Order*

*May they following the example set by
Saint Francis*

*Of being simple, humble and pure,
Serving God's people as one of his servants.*

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.....

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today, we in the Church celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is appropriate that we celebrate this feast on a Sunday. For many years, it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (which was this Sunday, past). Because it is not a Holy Day of Obligation here in the United States, it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This was done so that the faithful could develop and grow a deeper appreciation of, and devotion to, the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the “source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC, 1324). It is also seen by the Church as “the efficacious sign of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being” (CCC, 1325). In a nutshell, it is what we are all about in the Church and world. It is, to a great degree, what makes us “Catholic”. Many of our Christian brothers and sisters celebrate Holy Communion, but see it as a symbol of a greater mystery. We in the Catholic Church, on the other hand, see Holy Communion as the Real Presence of Christ: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, found in the offering made at the altar each and every Sunday (if not each and every day). This gift of “transubstantiation”, done in memory of Christ, joins heaven to earth; it links the Kingdom of God created here on earth by God’s grace with the Kingdom of God yet to be seen by us. Furthermore, it makes the sacrifice of Jesus Christ real for us, helping us to remember the power in the words offered by Christ at the Last Supper: “this is my Body...this is my Blood” (Mt 26:26, 28; Mk 14:22, 24; Lk 22:19-20).

This “power” translates into action, the action of the people to carry forth the Presence of Christ into the world. We become, in essence, “living tabernacles” - repositories for the Body and Blood of Christ for our brothers and sisters to see. While they cannot see the actual Body and Blood, the world knows that we have partaken in the Eucharistic celebration by how we live our lives. They know by our words and deeds that we are living the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us until He comes again. The reception (both in demeanor and attitude) of this gift, therefore, is important. One should be as “properly disposed” (i.e. in a “state of grace”) as possible, availing oneself to the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and living in union with the Church and Her ways. One should always strive to be in “right relationship” with God, knowing in their heart that they are committed to the principles which Christ, Himself, established – to love God and neighbor. When one does this, one can receive Holy Communion with an open and loving heart, ready to share that love (which comes from God) with all whom they meet.

Peace and All Good,

Fr. Paul, OFS



THE DEACON'S COLUMN

Communion, Sharing, and Participation

Though the words of consecration are the highlight of the Mass because through Eucharistic Prayer—the bread and wine become for us the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Rite is arguably the culmination of the entire Mass because through reception of holy communion, the faithful are brought into a participation, fellowship, and communion with Jesus Christ, with the Holy Trinity, and the entire faithful are nourished by the same sacred food.

God's desire is for us to be in communion with him and with each other. He created us to be with him so that where he is we are. Sin fundamentally breaks this communion. Yet, God cannot deny himself—he sends his Son to save us and the Holy Spirit to sanctify us. Our salvation and sanctification are gifts from God that restores us to fellowship with the Holy Trinity and with each other.

The physical material of the Eucharist reflects this unity and fellowship. The bread we offer is comprised of individual grains of wheat that are milled together and formed together with water to form a ball of dough that is baked to form a single loaf of bread. The wine we offer is made by taking individual grapes, crushing, and mixing them together, after being pressed into large containers the juice is fermented to form a barrel of wine.

St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians wrote about this bread and participation with these words, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation (or communion) in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (10:16-17)" Each one of us, though individual Christians, are each members of the One Body of Christ. By receiving Holy Communion, we invite Jesus into our very bodies to nourish us so that we can do in our lives what he did in his. By receiving Holy Communion together as an assembly, we are unified into a single community of faith charged with sharing the same faith with the /*-entire world inviting others into the same communion we share.

The Greek word for communion is *koinonia* and is used about 18 times in the New Testament. According to the *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, the word is used to mean three things: "to share with someone in something," "to give someone a share in something," and/or, "fellowship." By our reception of Holy Communion, we are to "come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." By sharing in his life, we are entrusted with a share in Christ's mission to preach the gospel and build up the numbers of the People of God. Our communion in the mission of Christ is unique to each of us but each one of us is called to manifest in our lives some aspect of the Gospel (see Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE, #19). Finally, receiving Holy Communion we are brought into fellowship with each other as Christians. Communion is meant to bring unity—not division. This is why we must always work to heal the divisions among Christian Churches and communities.

In many ways we are what we eat. If we want to be healthy then we eat and drink healthy things. In an analogous way, if we want to be holy then we ought to eat holy things. Yet, the Eucharist is not simply a holy thing, but it is the HOLY ONE—Jesus Christ. Next time you receive Holy Communion make the words of the psalmist your own, "taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. (34:9)"



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

A few weeks ago, I took a huge step in my faith journey when I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) made a lifetime Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order. This has seemingly been a near-four year journey, but really one which has happened over a lifetime. I think I've always had a Franciscan "charism", but it's just been "awoken" over the last five or so years. It began, if you will, on a service pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. It was in Assisi, literally walking in the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Clare, that I (along with Nancy and Kevin, and I suspect a few others) was (figuratively) "bitten by the Franciscan bug". In recognizing the Franciscan "spirit" that (again) I suspect was always there, we began a journey of discovery to find out where and how this charism would take us.

Our next step was to interview with the Minister of the local Secular Franciscan "fraternity" (a group that is definitely NOT what most people think of when they hear "fraternity"!) and to see if this journey was something we would want to pursue. After discovering it was, we embarked on a period of "orientation". It was at this time that we started to figure out if this feeling would take root and grow into something that would ultimately lead to a lifetime commitment. After this period of "orientation", we moved on to the "inquiry" phase of the journey. It is here that we delve more into things such as further discernment, a look at lay spirituality, and history of the SFO. After the period of "inquiry", we moved into the last phase before Profession... "Candidacy", the final stage of initial formation. When all is said and done, we interview and are voted on by the local fraternity council, and (after a positive vote) are given the "green light" to proceed to Profession.

To say that the Profession Mass/ceremony was moving would be an understatement. I would call it transformative, something that not only awoke the charism within but gave it "spirit and life". Like many ceremonies that are similar (Confirmation, graduation) this wasn't just an "ending" but truly a "beginning". It was on June 4th, the day we became fully initiated into the Secular Franciscan Order, that our lives were changed immensely for the better. From the promises made, to the blessings received, and given to the fact that so many people from our many walks of life joined us (many of whom hadn't been to church in years!), the morning of June 4th truly felt like Sts. Francis and Clare were with us and watching over us. They were there, as I felt their presence.

So what does the future hold? While really only time can tell, I think that this Franciscan journey is really just beginning. We will move forward as full-fledged members of the Secular Franciscan Order, bringing to bear in the world all that Sts. Francis and Clare stood for and lived for in this world. It is my fervent hope and prayer that Sts. Francis and Clare continue to guide us into all truth, and lead us to the Father with whom Francis and Clare had a deep and abiding love. As we like to say in (A.A.) fellowship, "if you want what we have, do as we do". May the Good God continue to guide and bless you, and may God's abundant love be yours now and always.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul

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, Karen McSweeney, Joseph Eisenmann, Joe Pigeon, Callum Stetson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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THE FOOD PANTRY

*Monday, July 5— 3:00—5:30 holiday
Monday, July 18 — 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.

BINGO

Please keep checking the bulletin for opening dates.

The Parish Hall is being renovated and has not been completed. We will post the opening as soon as we have a date.

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.



St VINCENT DE PAUL
PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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P O Box 474
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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.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**
TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM
(508) 510-5274.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Fr Paul and Nancy Goggin will be conducting a Collaborative-wide brainstorming session to determine services, ministries, Christian Service opportunities and Social Activities that we will offer going forward.

We want to hear from you. We invite you to come and share your ideas.

We will meet for the brainstorming session on
Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm.
@ Saint John's

Please email Nancy Goggin
directorofministries.tic@gmail.com to RSVP
Your ability to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

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