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JULY 4, 2021

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SUNDAY IN
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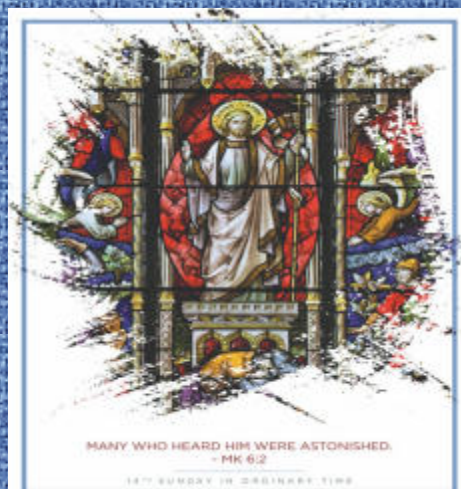
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.*

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday

9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

In the Chapel

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Outdoor Mass – 6 p.m.*

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.

9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

***Alternating between the two worship sites, refer to website for details.**

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 can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required.

Alternately you may opt for celebrating the Baptism at the 6 PM Outdoor Mass.

Prep classes will take place before the Baptism.

Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is by appointment during the pandemic. 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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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 3, 2021

4:00 - Hernan Dacaret & Robert Maher —
Healing

Sunday July 4, 2021

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, July 10, 2021

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:30 - Gerald A. Bean — Memorial

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, July 3, 2021

5:30 - Clara DiFalco — 22nd Anniversary

Sunday, July 4, 2021

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, July 10, 2021

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, July 11, 2021

10:30 - Susan Puffer — Month's Mind

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

**Your continued support is very much appreciated.
Weekly Offertory**

June 15 - June 21, 2021

ST JOHN

Online \$ 734

Mail \$ 728

Mass \$ 2,159

TOTAL \$ 3,621

ST ANN

Online N/A

Mail \$ 1,770

Mass \$ 1,559

TOTAL \$ 3,329

DONATIONS FOR ROOF REPAIRS:

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\$5,500

\$100



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a newly ordained priest, I spent a lot of time with family and friends at events at which I would be asked to offer a blessing/prayer. One such occasion was the first family holiday spent together after ordination, Thanksgiving Dinner at my parents' home. After giving what I thought was a genuine, heart-felt blessing, my brother asked me where I had come upon said blessing (assuming, of course, that I had read it somewhere and taken it from that source). When I informed him that I had come up with it myself, he responded (as only an older brother can) with the further inquiry of "YOU?!" incredulous at my ability to pray in such a "freestyle" manner! So I can tell you with some authority that I know how Jesus felt!

When Jesus arrives to His "hometown crowd", you might think that the people would hang on every word and "eat up" everything He had to say. While they certainly showed amazement, it was more along the lines of incredulity rather than happiness. They felt that they knew Him — they knew His origins, His background, His family history. What they failed to see was Jesus as Messiah; they couldn't get beyond seeing Him as "the carpenter, the son of Mary" (Mk 6:3). This, while not a "fatal flaw", was something that kept Jesus from fulfilling His mission among His own people.

How often in our own lives do people feel that they "know" us? How often do family and friends have us "pegged", thinking that we are "this way" or "that way", that they know us? How often has that kept us from achieving goals, reaching for the next "rung" on the "ladder of success" or doing what we are called (by God) to do? If it happened to Jesus, it can happen to us. Like Jesus, we must move beyond what people think of us; like Jesus, we must believe that God has a plan for us, a mission that we must accomplish.

May we never let others dictate what it is, who it is, that we are call do or be. May we know and believe that God has a plan for us. May we always look to God to fulfill that plan, never letting the naysayers inhibit who we are meant to be. May this summer be a time of reflection, rest and renewal for us, so that when we need to do this work God is calling us to do, we may do it with a renewed energy. May we be confident that God is calling on us to do great things, to fulfill our baptismal call...whatever it may be.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today, as our nation celebrates the Fourth of July, our thoughts naturally turn to the concept of “freedom”. This is a very unique concept to each one of us, and it is largely dependent on our personal circumstances. For the youngster who doesn’t have many, if any, worldly responsibilities (save for school and some activities and chores), the idea of freedom takes up a lot of their thoughts about how to use so much free time. As one gets older, and takes on more responsibility, freedom becomes more precious as it becomes more fleeting. For a parent, much of one’s freedom is tied up in children’s activities. For the prison, it becomes dependent on the system in which they find themselves and their freedom really isn’t their own. For those of us in clerical or religious life, freedom hinges on our assignments, our manner of life, or the community to which we belong and in which we labor for the Lord.

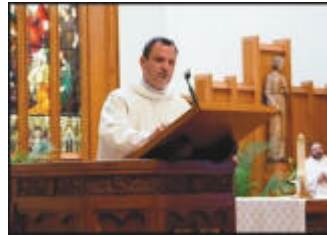
St. Francis knew freedom – worldly freedom – because of his and his family’s standing in society. As part of the “nobility”, Francis had “the world as his oyster” (as they say) with any opportunity available to him. In choosing the life of nobility, he had the power to come and go as he pleased, using his status to amass friends, popularity, and this freedom led him to consider the life of a knight. In this way, Francis felt he was living out his true calling. This vocation would take a drastic turn around 1202, however when he was taken prisoner at Collestrada, where he spent a year imprisoned. An illness also caused him to re-evaluate his life. He remained in Apulia for a time and enlisted in the army, but a strange vision caused him to return to Assisi. And lose interest in the earthly life. It was here that he first encountered “Lady Poverty” a thought which would have been anathema to the younger Francis. As he moved forward in life, he ultimately ended up in San Damiano, where the Francis who most of the world knows was “born”.

In San Damiano, where he was told by the Lord to “go and repair My house which, as you can see, is falling into ruins. He took this to mean the church in which he was praying but would later come to realize that he was being told to reform the (Universal) Church. It was at this moment that Francis experienced true freedom, for he was no longer going to be dependent on the world, nor on himself, but on God alone. It will be God Himself who will lead Francis to experience the true freedom one feels when one becomes dependent on God, alone. This is a freedom which most of us don’t experience, even those of us in clerical or religious life. For Francis, freedom comes in nature where he most profoundly encounters God. Freedom, for Francis, also comes in serving the poor, for to see as God sees, to feel as God feels, and to love as God loves. To do this, we must put God first, like Francis did, freely and of our own accord. It is only in this way that we can know the freedom which Francis knew. Francis, in his love for the poor came about by embracing poverty freely, become one with them so that he knew what they knew and felt what they felt.

As we celebrate this Fourth of July, the first breath of freedom for our land, let us look upon freedom not as something to be “earned” but, like Francis, something to be sought after and embraced. When we live in this way, we are living as Francis lived and we can get a sense for ourselves who it is God is calling us to be.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



The Deacon’s Column

Deacon Chris Connelly

“and with blessed Joseph, Her husband”

On May 1, 2013 a major change was made to the priest’s prayer that is used to consecrate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Changing any of the words of Mass are not taken lightly because the “Church prays what it believes and believes what it prays. Saying the wrong words can have dramatic consequences. For example, if a deacon or priest does not use the names of the three persons of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or says, “We baptize in the name of . . .” instead of “I baptize in the name of the . . .” the sacrament is invalid. Words matter! So, when Pope Benedict XVI proposed, and Pope Francis promulgated, a change to the Eucharistic Prayer—liturgists took notice and the people of God paid close attention.

What was the change?

In the intercessions of the Eucharistic Prayer that unites the Churches offering on earth to the offering of the saints in heaven, the words, “with blessed Joseph, Her spouse” were added between the faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and the faith of the blessed Apostles. Though Saint John XXIII added St. Joseph’s name to the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1) in 1962, his name might be lost along with the double listing of Saints in that prayer. It is hard to image that the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus was omitted especially since he was the one God chose to be the husband and earthly father to Jesus. Though Mary is the model of all Christians, she was born without sin through a special grace given to her by the Father, in her Son’s name, by the Holy Spirit. Though Jesus is true God and true Man—like us in all things but sin—he is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. St. Joseph was like all of us—even born with original sin. Like us, Joseph relied on grace to not only to make him holy, but a grace that allowed him to be faithful to his vocation as a son of Israel, husband to Mary, and foster-father to Jesus.

In the decree adding St. Joseph to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as a model for all of us ordinary human beings called to live extraordinary lives of grace when he writes, “He (St. Joseph) stands as an exemplary model of the kindness and humility that the Christian faith raises to a great destiny, and demonstrates the ordinary and simple virtues necessary for men and women to be good and genuine followers of Christ.” Joseph was an ordinary man, husband, and father. He struggled to do the right and proper things in life. Yet, he trusted in God and lived his life with faith, in hope, and love. Therefore, we can turn to St. Joseph when we find ourselves struggling with difficult decisions. We can turn to St. Joseph when we find it challenging to care for our families and friends. We can turn to St. Joseph when we need a living example of how to faithfully protect, teach, and nurture those entrusted to our care. Without St. Joseph there is no Holy Family and without St. Joseph there is no full communion of saints. Next time you hear the words, “and blessed Joseph, Her spouse” give thanks to God for St. Joseph’s loving service to Mary and Jesus. When you say Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, try to emulate his faithful discipleship in your own lives.

This Week in Ministry

7.5.21-7.12.21

Thank You, Volunteers!

Over the past few weeks, some amazing volunteers have participated in our clean up days at St. John's and St. Ann's. From outdoor raking and weeding to indoor scrubbing and decorating, these wonderful people dedicated hours of their weekend to preparing the parishes for the fall. Thank you so much for all your hard work!



First Communion Masses Next Week!

Our second graders have been working hard preparing for this very special sacrament. They've been attending classes on Zoom all the way through June, have attended in-person rehearsals, and have just created their personalized pew banners to hang at First Communion Mass! As they practice in this final week, let us keep them in mind by praying:

Lord,

Help these children feel connected to you
as they prepare to receive the Eucharist.

Let them know your love, peace, and blessings,
and feel the joy of closeness with you
as they approach First Communion.

Amen.



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"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only; Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" (James 1:22; 2:18)

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, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dana DeBenedictis, Harry Evans, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Rene Pearson, Linda Joy, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Karen Parenteau, Casey L'Italien & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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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PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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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.

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

THE FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

The Food Pantry has changed its hours for the Spring.

Our pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the every month April through October, 2021. When days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will be the Tuesday of that week.

First Mondays = 3:00—5:30

Third Mondays = 3:00—4:30

The schedule is as follows:

*July *Tues the 6th and 19th*

*August 2nd and 16th
September *Tues the 7th and 20th
October 4th and 18th*

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

Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.



Camp COASA

Join us for a week of
learning, healing and fun!



COASA (Children of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) at Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps and the Labour Center are co-hosting a week-long summer program for children living with the stress of alcohol and/or other substance use disorders at home or within the family.

August 2 - August 7, 2021

Julie's Place

**133 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127
Children, ages 8-16**

Morning sessions include meditation and reflection, workout and educational support groups teaching children about alcohol and/or other substance-use disorders, how to express and deal with their feelings and how to develop coping skills. Afternoons will be spent on fun surprise adventures. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

* There is a required Family Night registration on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm for all those who wish to participate in the program. Pizza will be served.

For more information or to sign up for the program, please contact Maureen McGlame at (617) 272-5039 or mmcglame@rfkchildren.org ASAP. There is no cost to attend this program.

RFK Children's Action Corps is an affiliate of the Doctor Franklin Perkins School (Perkins).



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 bi-weekly through August.

Other groups in town with lunch support programs are:

First Church of West Bridgewater

508-857-3118

Friday Grab-n-Go bag lunches.

Call a day ahead with request.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

Spring Street School

2 Spring Street

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

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