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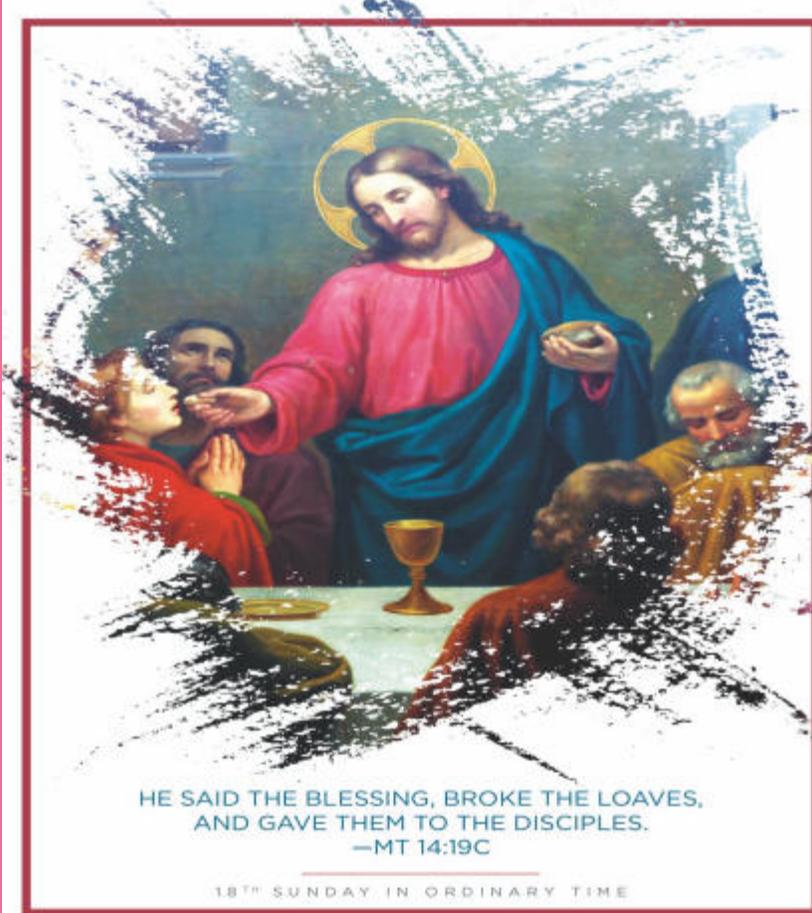
**August 2, 2020**

**18th Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**



*St. John the Evangelist*

*St Ann*



HE SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE THE LOAVES,  
AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES.  
—MT 14:19C

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

### St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or 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.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St John's - every WEDNESDAY from 7-8 p.m.  
in the Church.

St. Ann's - First Friday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

**Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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**St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes**  
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**MASSES OF INTENTION ARE CURRENTLY BEING**  
**RESCHEDULED. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY**  
**TO RESCHEDULE A MASS THAT WAS NOT**  
**CELEBRATED DUE TO COVID-19.**

### UPDATES FROM THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekend Masses are being held at both churches, please check the schedule below.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed.

Baptisms are being held on Saturdays at 10 AM & 2 PM & on Sundays at 1 PM.

Please call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Funerals are now allowed within the guidelines of the Archdiocese. Call the Rectory Office for information.

Memorial Masses can be rescheduled or scheduled within the limitations of the four masses between both churches. Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Daily masses are continuing to be celebrated on line until further notice.

### COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (St. Ann's)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. (St. John's)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann's)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. John's)

**TO ATTEND A MASS YOU MUST REGISTER THROUGH THE WEBSITES PRIOR TO THE MASS. PLEASE TRY TO DO THIS BY FRIDAY EVENING. MASSES ARE BEGINNING TO FILL UP AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET A RESERVATION.**

**FOR ASSISTANCE CALL LORRY @ 508-373-4152 OR CHARLOTTE @ 508-369-3196**

**PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES BEFORE MASS TO INSURE YOUR SEATING.**

My Dear Friends in Christ,



“Back in the day”, as they say, one of my favorite bands was the Grateful Dead (yes, I am a “Deadhead”, the collective name ascribed to devotees of this band). One of their most popular (and one of my favorite) songs of theirs is “I Need A Miracle (Every Day)”; in this tune, the singer speaks of the fact that he needs a miracle (in this case, a relationship) every day.

In today’s gospel, Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. There are some modern-day theologians who will say that Jesus didn’t *really* perform a miracle, but that the people were so moved by Jesus that they shared what they had with others and thus, all were fed. I tend to go the “traditional” route and believe that Jesus actually took the five loaves and two fish (the amounts vary between the gospels) and blessed them, multiplying them in such number that all walked away satisfied. Did Jesus really multiply a handful of bread and fish? I believe so, but that’s not the point of the story, really. The key of this biblical event is that Jesus has such power, he has the ability to take a little and multiply it into a lot; if we trust in Jesus, He has the ability to take our little faith and multiply it to do great things.

We live in a culture skeptical of miracles. We live in a society that wants answers to all things, and they want them **now**. They’re not a group to believe in miracles because it takes the control out of their hands and puts it in the hands of an entity that they can’t control – God. I, personally, like the fact that I don’t always have to be in control, in charge, have all the answers. I like the fact that we have a God who can take a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish and feed a multitude. It shows to me that God cares for all of our needs: emotional, spiritual and physical.

Miracles happen in our lives every day. This is how saints come about in our faith tradition. For one to be declared “blessed” two miracles have to be attributed to them; for “sanctification” to occur, three miracles have to be attributed to them (this is sometimes “waived”, as it was in the case of Saint John Paul II). The challenge in this is that all physical, scientific and temporal explanations have to be exhausted. For a miracle to occur, no earthly reason can exist. This is the “driving force” behind the miracles of Jesus – no earthly power can explain them, because they are not rooted in this reality...and neither are we.

My friends, we are God’s greatest miracle. Let us have the courage to live this way. Let us come to realize that we are walking miracles, and that the best way that we can live up to this reality is by giving God glory in our words, deeds and lives.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## Journey to Peace: Mary Magdalene

### **Holiness**

The tomb is empty. It wasn't what Mary Magdalene had expected to find; nor were the angels sitting inside. What a moment of panic she must have experienced! We often panic when an unexpected situation is thrust upon us. And just as her panic blinded her to recognizing Jesus, so can ours blind us to recognizing him in our lives as well.

Once we see Jesus, really see him, as the Risen Lord and the Son of God, we are transformed—and it is that transformation which leads to holiness.

We need to open our eyes to see the holiness of everything around us, for everything is touched by God's hand.

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**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 is causing you to panic.** It could be something that you're worried or unsure about. It could be a problem, a task, or responsibility. It could be anything.

### **A reading from the Word of God:**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her." (John 20:11-18, NRSV).

**Ask yourself:** How is Mary Magdalene finding holiness in this passage? How can you?

**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.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



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Then, in the sanctuary of your baptized soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) **speak to that Divine Spirit**, saying: *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)

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

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

**Place your feelings and thoughts in a package... and hand it to Jesus.**

### Prayer

*Jesus, Divine Master, I adore you as the only-begotten Son of God, come on the earth to give Life, the most abundant life to humanity. I thank you because by dying on the cross, you merited life for me, which you give me in baptism and nourish in the Eucharist and in the other Sacraments. Live in me, O Jesus, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that I may love you with my whole mind, strength and heart, and love my neighbor as myself for love of you. Increase charity in me, so that one day, called to the glorious life, I may be united with you in the eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.* (Prayer of Blessed James Alberione)

**End your time of prayer** with an Our Father, entrusting all your needs and feelings to God.

Mary Magdalene would have wanted to have her Lord as he was before, considering the Cross a tragic memory to be forgotten. Henceforth, however, there was no longer room for a merely human relationship with the Risen One. To meet him, we must not turn back but relate to him in a new way. We must move ahead! St Bernard underlines this: Jesus "invites us all to this new life, to this passing.... We will not see Christ with a backward glance" (Homily on Easter).

This is what happened with Thomas. Jesus showed him his wounds, not to make him forget the Cross but to make it unforgettable in the future, too.

It is towards the future, in fact, that we now turn our gaze. The disciple's task is to witness to the death and Resurrection of his Master and to his new life. For this reason Jesus invited his unbelieving friend to "touch him": he wanted him to witness directly to his Resurrection.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too, like Mary Magdalene, Thomas and the other Apostles, are called to be witnesses of Christ's death and Resurrection. We cannot keep this important news to ourselves. We must convey it to the whole world: "We have seen the Lord!" (Jn 20: 25).

(Pope Benedict XVI, *General audience*,

ALERT — PLEASE BE AWARE THAT A SOLAR PANEL SALESMAN HAS BEEN USING ST. JOHN'S IDENTIFICATION ON COMCAST. THE NUMBER COMES UP AS ST. JOHN ON THE TV. HE CALLED A PARISHIONER AT 9:00 PM. BE ASSURED WE WOULD NOT CALL AT THAT HOUR OF NIGHT. THE NUMBER WAS 508-378-4545.

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

### 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, , 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.



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As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

- \* In order to limit social gathering and allow time to seat registered parishioners, those attending Mass should arrive no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes before the start of Mass. (Seats will then be offered to those parishioners on 'standby' who arrived without pre-registration.)
- \* One entrance: Entry into church will be front right and left side doors (no entry through middle doors) at St. John's, front door at St. Ann's. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN SEATING PEOPLE (ASIDE FROM THOSE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES), **DUE TO SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A PARTICULAR SEAT IN THE CHURCH.**
- \* All parishioners must wear masks. There are several exceptions, such as: children under the age of two, and people with underlying health conditions. The wearing of masks for children between the ages of 2-5 is based on the parents' discretion.
- \* Parishioners should bring their own hand sanitizer if possible. The church will have limited supply.
- \* Parishioners must maintain 6 feet of social distance between each other at all times. This does not apply to families that live in the same household.
- \* Appropriate social distancing spaces will be designated on the floor/in the aisles. Ushers will provide guidance.
- \* Everyone will enter church using front doors and leave church using side doors. Those closest to the front doors will leave first
- \* There will be no sign of peace, offertory collection or singing during Mass. Baskets for financial contributions will be available as you leave church.
- \* **Special instructions on receiving Holy Communion will be presented during each Mass. (Please be patient; wait for instructions by the ushers — everyone will be served.)**
- \* To prevent close contact, the clergy will employ minimal entrancing in or recessing out of the church. **(Please wait for the Ushers to exit after the Priest and Deacon have exited.)**
- \* Public gatherings before or after Mass are not permitted outside church.

### AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you are uneasy about attending such an event, please remember that the Dispensation from Reception of Communion is still in effect. If you are in the "vulnerable/at risk" category, please remember that you need not (nor would I want you to) risk your health and well-being. It is for this reason that I will still be taping Sunday Mass (broadcast on EB-CAM and posted on Facebook/parish websites) and live-streaming Daily Mass on Facebook.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
Hotline—508-378-3760

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**

**The next Food Pantry will be Monday, August 3rd**

WHILE OUR SUNDAY MASS HAS GONE 'LIVE', THE DISPENSATION FROM COMMUNION IS STILL IN EFFECT. SUNDAY/DAILY MASS IS STILL ON LINE AND CAN BE VIEWED ON:

**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)**

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**Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.**

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