



**Together in Christ
Collaborative**

August 9, 2020

**19th Sunday
In Ordinary Time**



St. John the Evangelist

St Ann



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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For both Churches**

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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.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice
In the Chapel
Divine Mercy every Thursday
After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

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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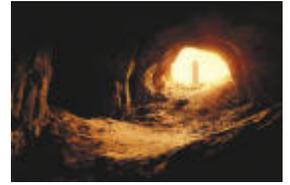
Assistant Music Director: Matt Cunningham

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John and St. Ann are Stewardship Parishes

**MASSES OF INTENTION ARE CURRENTLY BEING
RESCHEDULED. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY
TO RESCHEDULE A MASS THAT WAS NOT
CELEBRATED DUE TO COVID-19.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Oftentimes when we think of God, we think of the grandeur of the Almighty, the One who created everything out of nothing, the One who is before all time but who is with us in time. We think of a God who took human form, who was both human and divine (never losing a bit of either “nature” at any point in time). It is these thoughts which we bring forth when hearing of encounters such as the one in today’s gospel. Jesus, in today’s gospel, walks on the water, invites Peter to do the same, rescues Peter when he doubts and calms the sea. In all of this, we see the divinity of Christ, we see the immensity of God.

The challenge with all of this, however, is that we often fail to see the humanity of Christ, the fact that God is “one with us”. We miss, perhaps, the beginning of the gospel when Jesus goes off by Himself to pray. Jesus often felt the need to go off to deserted places to pray, rest and “recharge”. In these moments, the humanity of Jesus is there for us to see. More often than not, the “larger” moments of Jesus’ public ministry were preceded by private moments of prayer and refreshment. Isn’t this the case with us, that we take a little time of reflection before undertaking a large task? We evaluate, assess and calculate before taking on something which will change our lives (hopefully for the better).

This is the case with Elijah in the first reading. Elijah, a prophet, was about to have an encounter with God and took shelter in a cave. If one was to speculate, I think it could be safely said that Elijah did so to reflect on what was about to happen. What *did* happen, however, was most interesting. First came a might wind – but God was not there. Next came an earthquake – but God was not to be found there, either. Next, Elijah encountered a fire – but God was absent from this phenomenon as well. Finally, there was a tiny whispering sound - which is where God was.

How often in our lives do we go searching for God in great and grand events, only to be mystified that He isn’t apparent in these times (n.b. God is there, but He may not want us to find Him there)? We forget that God is in all things, even the small, seemingly insignificant, ones. Let us never waste an opportunity, even a small one, to seek out God. Let us, further, not be surprised when God is found in these small events. It happened for/to Elijah – it can happen for/to us!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW
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Journey to Peace: The Holy Spirit

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Presence

The hardest thing of all had to be losing Jesus not once, but twice. He was crucified and died; but he returned from the dead. The disciples had his presence with them longer than they had dared dream. And now here he was, leaving them. Again.

But not leaving them alone. Not leaving them bereft. Jesus promised to always be with them, and promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to be their guide. Keep my word, he said, and you will be with me and the Father.

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 some way in which you are feeling lonely and alone. It could be a problem, a task, or responsibility. It could be anything.

A reading from the Word of God:

“If you love me, you will keep[a] my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. (John 14:15-32, NRSV).

Ask yourself: How is Jesus comforting his disciples? responding to Martha? How do his words calm them?

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

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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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

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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 feeling of loneliness 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

Lord, I offer you all out of love. You are my All! You are with me in times of joy and in times of loss, in times of clarity and in times of confusion, in times of apostolic success and in times of apparent failure. You supply peace, grace, and strength at all moments. I hope in your promises and offer everything to you in gratitude for your holy will.

Right now I find the work I carry out, both internally and externally, to be hidden in you. Help me to remember that the foundation of a house is hidden from view, yet it sustains the entire building. Strengthen me in virtue and humility. Amen

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

And the Holy Spirit does not come to us in a transitory manner. Infinite Love is not a passing visitor who pays us a call and then goes away. He establishes in us his permanent dwelling and lives in intimate union with our souls as their eternal Guest. Jesus promised this to us on the last night of his mortal life: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you" (Jn 14:16-17).

(Luis Cardinal Martinez, The Sanctifier)

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 Maclsaac, Diane Nicolar, 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 — YOU MUST REGISTER FOR MASS. USE OUR WEBSITE TO DO SO.

- * 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
 Saint John's Conference
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 Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
 Hotline—508-378-3760

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd 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 17th

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.

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