



*St. John the Evangelist*

***Together in Christ  
Collaborative***

***August 16, 2020***

***20th Sunday  
In Ordinary Time***



*St Ann*



**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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.**

**Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA**

**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.**

**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 being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required.

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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**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 ON PAGE 7.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed.

Baptisms are being held  
on Sundays at 1 PM. through the month of August.  
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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“I can't tell you how excited I am to be part of the collaborative  
and it is my most sincere hope that you always feel I am serving  
you well. “

“I hope that if you are at mass and I am playing you will  
introduce yourselves. “

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I know all about begging dogs. Those of you who know me know my faithful canine companion, Nellie (the “parish pup”, as she was once called). She is a master at “puppy dog eyes”, that look that a dog can give that will make you “cave in” to anything! She will sit patiently (for the most part) waiting for any little scrap or morsel to fall from your utensil, ready to grab it (often before it hits the floor!) and claim it for his own.

Jesus uses the image of a dog begging for scraps to describe those people who, initially, He wasn't called to save. Jesus even goes so far as to openly deny them a “place at table”. In the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He made it clear that He came to save “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt 15:24); it, seemingly, wasn't in the plan of salvation to save anyone else. In this encounter with the Canaanite woman, Jesus' mission takes a different sort of turn. The woman (whose faith is evident) doesn't seem afraid to challenge Jesus in His thought process; she doesn't move Jesus from this analogous thinking, but gets Him to “expand” His thoughts and, perhaps, His heart.

There are times in our lives when we might feel, to some degree, like that Canaanite woman. We may feel the need to reach out to Jesus but, unlike this bold woman, might be afraid of approaching the Lord, fearful of rejection. We must know in our heart that we have a God who loves us fully, One who knows us to the core of our being, One who can move us from a place of doubt and fear to surety and confidence. The Canaanite woman approaches Jesus fully aware of whom He is; when she refers to Him as “Son of David”, she is acknowledging Jesus' place in the kingly lineage of Joseph's ancestor, King David. She not only knows *about* Him, she knows *Him*. It is this knowledge, and Jesus understanding and acceptance of the Canaanite woman's faith that brings about this moment of healing.

May we have the courage to approach the Throne of Grace upon which Jesus sits. May we come to trust that we, despite our own unworthiness, are made worthy by the One who calls us to relationship with Himself. May we believe that healing, in whatever way needed, will be ours. May we share this knowledge with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

This is the last day of our Strength for the Week summer retreat. Thank you for joining us on this amazing journey to peace!

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## Journey to Peace: Peace

### **Finding peace**

And so the journey is complete. We started with anxiety and distractions, learned that we must stop and regroup, and determine what it is we consider the most valuable. We saw how Jesus is present with us even in the stormiest of situations, when we learn to trust him. We studied Scripture, reflected on humility, repentance, and holiness. Jesus assured us of his forever presence through the Holy Spirit

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.

All that has brought us to the end of this journey: to peace. But what kind of peace? What does that even mean?

Jesus himself tells us. Don't be troubled, he says; don't be afraid, because I am giving you peace. It may not be a peace you recognize: it will be filled with anxieties and disappointments, long hours and constant demands; not the world's peace, but it is peace all the same: *my peace*.

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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 some way in which you are troubled and not at peace.** 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:**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. (John 14:32-35, NRSV).

**Ask yourself:** What is the peace that Jesus is offering? How can I keep that peace in my heart?

**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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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 situation** in which you felt a lack of peace 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

*O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. Fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit and give your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to you so that your will may be my will.*

*I become quiet and focused on the Spirit of God. Alone with the presence of God, I feel great serenity. I rediscover how refreshing it feels to be calm and at peace. I feel as if waves of peace are washing over me and clearing away any tenseness and anxiety. I know that I am eternally one with God. Amen.*

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

But from the time you surrender yourself to God without reserve, without conditions, letting him act as he deems best and preferring nothing but his will, then you will find joy and peace. Every event is a gift from the hand of God, and it will shape your interior being according to the will of the Father. "When you have done your best, then all that happens is agreeable; this is the last word in human wisdom and holiness." When you have abandoned yourself to God, every event, whether good or bad, transforms you from within and brings you closer to God.

Jean LaFrance, *Pray to Your  
Father in Secret*)



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated August 15th. It is not a holy day of obligation this year and therefore, no Masses are scheduled except the regular Saturday Masses.

## 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 Nicolcar, 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, Angela McDevtt & 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.

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Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance  
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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.

In the months from March 1 to June 30th, the Pantry has fed more than 400 families due to the enormous generosity of the parishioners of St. John. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.**

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**

## 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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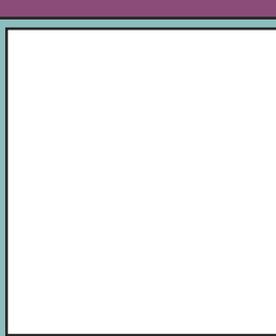
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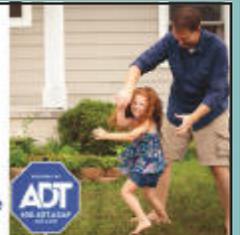
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