

SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough, MA 01772

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish. If you would like to join our faith community, please call the Parish Office to register: 508-485-0141

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Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! Romans 11:33

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2020

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

(Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship.

We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all.

God made everything.

All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him.

Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week?
Please send an email to:
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org
with "St. Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm Sunday ~ 8:30 am and 10:30 am,

The Sunday 5:30 pm Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am First Fridays: 9:00 am

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month suspended until further notice.

<u>Please see Reopening Guidelines</u> <u>in bulletin for protocols for</u> Sacraments.

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm, or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Call the Parish Office to schedule
a Baptism. For the time being,
baptisms are will be celebrated
outside of Masses, rather than
during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements with a priest
required at least one year prior to
the wedding date.
Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is
pleased to bring Holy Communion
to parishioners who are unable to
join us for weekly worship. Call

the Parish Office to arrange a time.

PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses:

Continued livestream offerings of 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through our parish website!

Occasional technical issues are being researched. Rebroadcast of earlier Masses are always available on demand.

- Go to parish webpage: www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down to "ECatholic Live: St. Anne Southborough". *See logo on right*. Or click on Quick Link in box on the right of web homepage.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 10:30 a.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.





An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

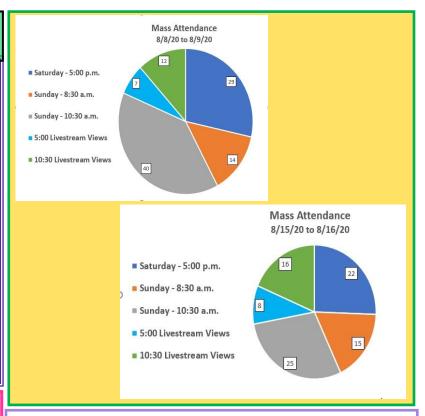
Liturgical Minister Schedule

August 22 & 23 ~ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT

5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
	Communion Ministers	Doris Campero
10:30 am	Lector	Doug Parent
	Communion Ministers	Joe Cruciani

August 29 & 30 ~ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN OT

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5:00 pm	Lector	Nick Paganella		
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon		
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo		
	Communion Ministers	Julia Denardo Roney		
10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden		
	Communion Ministers	Steve Buttiglieri		



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Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer shawl members are once again meeting every Monday from 10:00 to noon in the Parish Hall knitting and crocheting for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed and comforting

prayer shawl. Please call the Parish Office if in need to arrange a shawl pickup or delivery.

Annette Buhsmer, Chair

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS (August 22 to August 30

with MASS IN	ITENTION	S (August 22 to August 30)
SATURDAY 22	5:00 pm	For the parishioners of St. Anne
SUNDAY 23	8:30 am	For Chris Zakielarz by Andrea Furtado
	10:30 am	For Jean Webb (61st Anniversary) by Sandra Callinan
MONDAY 24	9:00 am	For Marie Martin (Healing)
TUESDAY 25	9:00 am	For Margaret Ann Hostage
WEDNESDAY 26	9:00 am	For John Callinan (61 st Wedding Anniversary Memorial) by his wife Sandy Callinan
THURSDAY 27	9:00 am	For Van Hegel by Andrea Furtado
SATURDAY 29	5:00 pm	For the parishioners of St. Anne
SUNDAY 30	8:30 am	For Victor Lopez Ramirez by Andrea Furtado
	10:30 am	For all those names who are in the Prayer List of our bulletin (Healing)

PARISH INFORMATION AND DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



TEXT/EMAIL SCAM ALERT!

Please be on notice that someone is using a fake email address and text messaging to attempt to run a scam. The sender poses as Father Albert to request that the recipient purchase iTunes/gift cards for a "sick parishioner" or to ask a favor.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS SCAM AND DO NOT FALL VICTIM TO IT.

If ever in doubt about an email/text message, please call the Parish Office at 508-485-0141 or email Father directly at fralbert@stannesouthborough.org to confirm its validity.



Green Day Recycle a Bicycle

Drop off your unwanted old or new bicycle to St. Anne parking lot on **Saturday**, **August 22 from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.** so it can be reused again.

The aim of Green Day Recycle a Bicycle is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused. A portion of the proceeds will go to Saint Anne Parish.

Bicycle pickups available if you cannot get them there.

Please contact Dennis Wood at 508-277-7513 or at denwaynewood@yahoo.com to arrange for a pick up.



Religious Education Secretary Wanted

St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish in Sturbridge, supervised by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is seeking to fill a Religious Education Secretary position. The applicant must

have knowledge of Excel, Microsoft Word, Publisher and is willing to learn how to use ParishSoft and Trumba, who can work with minimal supervision, and with good communication skills. This is a part time position at 13 to 15 hours per week (10 to 12 hours per week during this phase of the pandemic).

Working experience with grade school children is an advantage.

Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Alex A. Castro, AA, Pastor at <u>stannestpatpastor@gmail.com</u> or call 508-347-7338 for more information.



Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called *Restore – Rekindle – Renew*.

This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26** from 7-9:30 p.m.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

Catechists Needed for Religious Education

Do you love sharing your faith with others? Do you enjoy working with children? Then we have a great volunteer opportunity for you. This year in our Religious Education program we have a few openings for Catechists and Assistants for a few different age



levels. For anyone who might be interested in helping in any way, please contact Dan Doyle at (508) 485-0181 or dan@stannesouthborough.org.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL REOPENING INFORMATION

School ¹	City/town	Туре	Model at opening date	First day of school for Grades 1 – 122	Website
All Saints Acad.	Webster	Parish	In-person	Aug. 26	allsaintswebster.org
Assumption Elem.	Millbury	Parish	In person	Sept. 8	assumption-cs.org
Holy Family Acad.	Gardner	Parish	In-person	Aug. 31	holyfamilyacademyma.org
Nativity School (G 5-8)	Worcester	Private	Online until Oct. 30	Sept. 3	nativityworcester.org
Our Lady of the Angels Elem.	Worcester	Parish	In person	Aug. 31	ourladyoftheangels.us
Our Lady of the Valley Elem.	Uxbridge	Parish	In-person (online option)	Sept. 8 (early dismissal until Sept. 18)	ourladyofthevalleyregional.com
St. Aloysius Elem.	Gilbertville	Private	In-person	Sept. 2	staloysiuscatholicschool.com
St. Anna Elem.	Leominster	Parish	In person	Sept. 8	stannaschool.org
St. Bernadette Elem.	Northborough	Parish	In-person	Sept. 2	stb-school.org
St. Bernard Elem.	Fitchburg	Parish	Hybrid (2 days on- site/3 home)	Alternating Sept. 8/10	stbernardselementary.org
St. Joseph Elem.	Webster	Parish	In-person	Sept. 8	sjs-webster.com
St. Leo Elem.	Leominster	Parish	In-person	Aug. 31	st-leoschool.com
St. Mary Elem.	Shrewsbury	Parish	In-person	Sept. 8 orientation Sept. 14 classes	stmarysparish.org
St. Peter Central Catholic Elem.	Worcester	Diocesan	In-person (e-learning if at-risk)	Sept. 14	stpetercentralcatholic.com
Trinity Catholic Acad.	Southbridge	Parish	In-person	Sept. 8 (1-8)	trinitycatholicacademy.org
St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S.	Worcester	Diocesan	Hybrid	Sept. 8 orientation Sept. 14 classes	saintpaulknights.org

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

"Finding God in All Things"

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life Information Night

A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer.

Information Nights explaining the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday
Life will be held at the following:

- on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church, 44 Temple Street, Worcester;
- on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester, in the lower church;
- on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Road Ext, Charlton.

Starting on September 29, 2020, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, adjacent to Clark University.

Information and an application form is available on the website: <u>ignatianspiritualexercisesworcester.com</u> or contact the team by email at <u>worcspex19@gmail.com</u> or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.



MINISTRIES AND STEWARDSHIP



United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

A HUGE thank you to everyone who continues to support the Southborough Food Pantry. You truly put into action Christ's message to "feed the hungry" and to "give comfort to my people". Thank you so very much on behalf of the Southborough Food Pantry.

As of August 14, the Pantry is in need of:

- Ziploc Baggies (Sandwich and Quart sizes)
- Tin Foil
- Dish Detergent
- Kleenex tissues
- Napkins
- Shampoos and **Conditioners**
- Pet Food—wet and dry
- Kitty litter
- White Tuna in Water
- Boil-in-bag White Rice
- Boil-in-bag Brown Rice
- Idahoan Potato Mixes
- Boxed Stuffing Mixes
- Beets
- Peanut Butter -(creamy and crunchy)

- Condensed Milk
- Cranberry Juice
- Small Fruit Juice boxes
- Capri Sun drinks
- Ketchup
- Relish
- Brownie Mix
- Chocolate Cake Mix
- Individual Snacks (Cheezits, Goldfish, protein bars, granola bars, Nabisco Classic Mix, Kind bars, Z bars, Bo-Bos, Lance and Nabisco cheese and peanut butter crackers, Cheetos cheese flavored snacks)
- Jello Pudding Snack Packs
- Jello Gelatin Snack Packs
- Crackers

As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

Donations may be left in the foyer of St, Anne Parish Hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, especially during this time of Covid-19, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry. Please see the precautions in place outlined in a letter sent to the Pantry clients on a following page..



Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for **CLIENTS** are

Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and Fridays from 9:45-10:15 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Donations also can be left in bins outside the pantry door at Pilgrim Church anytime other than client hours listed above.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator



We Reached Our Partners in Charity Goal

In fact, we surpassed our 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal parish goal of \$76,000 with a gift of \$78,460.00 from 86 parish donors.

The diocesan ministries supported by this appeal "serve tens of thousands of people in Worcester County, from families in (y)our parish to those on the fringe of society." Thank you for living out this year's theme of "Faith in Action: Called to

be Merciful" by your generous and compassionate support.

The appeal diocesan-wide is currently at 77% of its funding goal for all these important ministries. Additional contributions are still being accepted at www.partners-charity.net.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR Through August 16, 2020

Regular Weekly Offering	2,177.00
Capital Improvements\$	110.00
Aid for Church in East/Central Europe \$	35.00

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with WeShare for online giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

St. Anne's Website: With our website we have an additional resource for online giving and online CE registration. St. Anne Parish partners with eCatholic and BluePay for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

St. Anne Campus Planning Committee

The St. Anne Campus Planning Committee asks that you check your email, postal mail, or our parish website for more information about their kickoff initiative to gather every parishioner's input in the future plans of our parish campus.

Please review the short presentation and answer the survey

questions to have your voice heard as to how the parish should shape its future.



Responses can be emailed to campusplanning@stannesouthborough.org, mailed to the Parish Office, or dropped off at the church anytime.

"Let's Build a House Where Love Can Dwell"



John Mauro

May his soul rest in peace. We also pray for his family as they grieve the loss of their loved one.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirburse F. Millot, Katie Kulik, Elaine Arrison, Jackie Di Buono, Rachel Attaway, Matthew, Susan Cioppa, Anne Comcowich,

Lillian Franco, Mary Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia, Michele Fuller, Dr. Malgorzata McMasters (Covid-19 Healing), Tom Livingstone (Healing), Bob Seariac (Covid-19 Healing), Charlie Flathers, Nancy Denardo, Pat Fitzgerald, Anne Meek, Paul LeDuc, Marie Martin, Sheila

Want to add your name or the name(s) of others to the Prayers for the Sick listing? Please email the names to the Parish Office at stanne403@stannesouthborough.org.

(Names appearing on the list for more than a year are unposted unless a continued need is known. To have a name restored to or removed from the list, please email the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING I Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station.

On that day I will summon my servant

Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;

I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash,

and give over to him your authority.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;

when he opens, no one shall shut

when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.".

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,

for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

READING II Romans 11:33-36

A Letter from St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?

Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?

For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

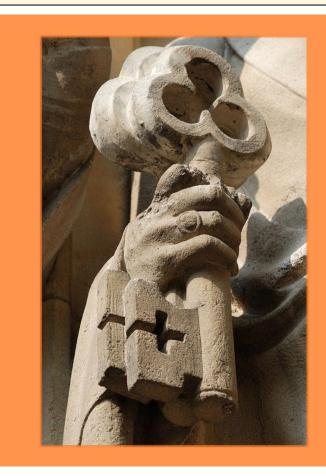
The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 16:18

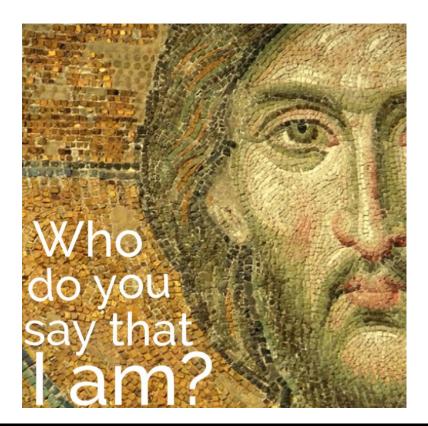
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,

still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;

and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples

to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.



A Rocky Character Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A August 23, 2020 Ann Naffziger

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Reading II: Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel reading picks up on images of keys and a key holder from the first reading from Isaiah. Keys signify ultimate power over the palace; the one with the keys has the authority to decide who is allowed in and who is kept out. When Jesus promised Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven", he raises him to a place of high authority as well. This is the Gospel passage that gives us the image of St. Peter guarding the "pearly gates" and controlling access to heaven.

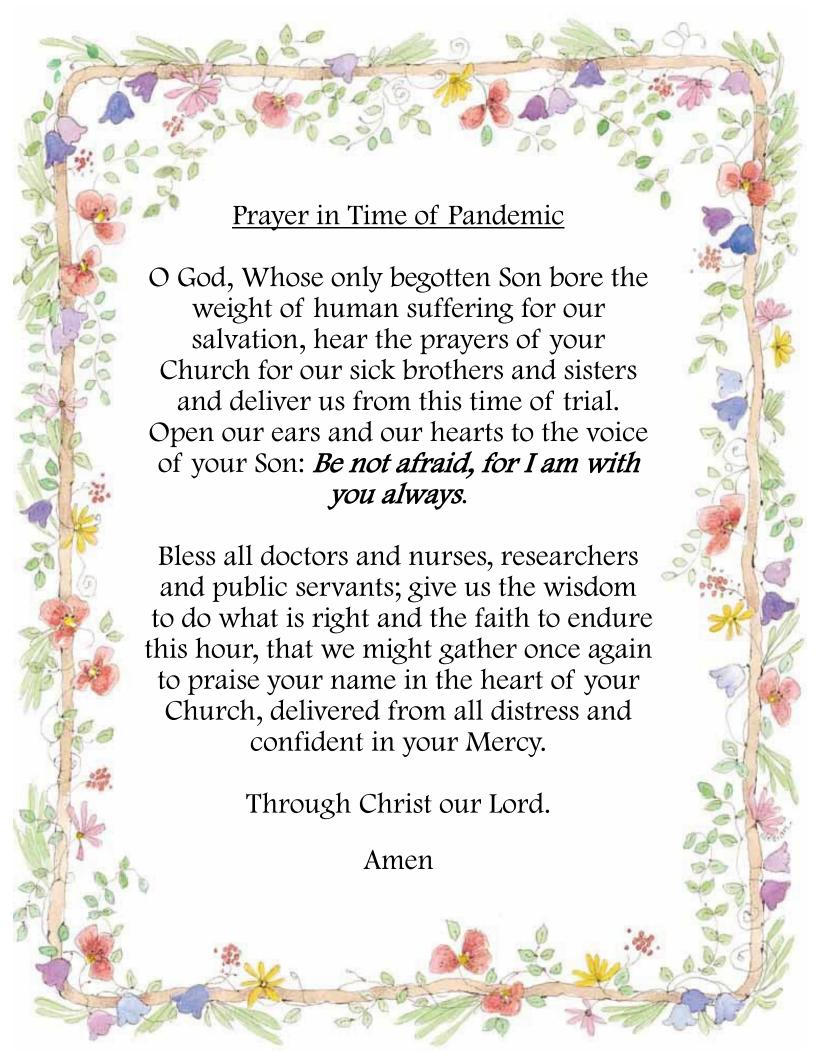
Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include this Gospel story of Jesus asking his disciples who the people think he is. They all include Peter's correct answer that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. It is only Matthew's Gospel that incorporates the next few verses upholding Peter as the foundation of the church and the "keeper of the keys" to the kingdom of heaven.

Catholics look back to this story as the basis for their belief in Peter as the first pope and the idea of apostolic succession. Traditionally it has been understood that in this exchange, Jesus made Peter the primary apostle. Later, Peter transferred his authority to another man, who transferred it to another, and so on, down through all the bishops of Rome, the successive popes. Other Christians do not accept Peter's primacy or the idea that the pope's authority can be traced back in an unbroken line to Peter.

Regardless of whether one believes to the idea of apostolic succession, it is good to note the play on words in the nickname Jesus gave to Simon. Peter in Greek is Petros, which is related to the word petra "rock". This story suggests Peter's ability to be a rock-solid foundation for the church. Just a few verses after this reading, though, Jesus orders Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me" (Matthew 16:23), another play on Peter's "rock" nickname. So Peter, like all human leaders, has the potential to be a solid foundation for God's kingdom in the world, and the potential to be in opposition to that kingdom. Even though Jesus praises Peter in this story, Peter will always remain human. The same can be said for every pope we have ever had.

Questions of the Week

- 1. If Peter had a 'rocky' nature that had the potential for greatness, but also could pose as a stumbling block, what characteristic(s) do you have which has potential for good but also the potential for harm?
- 2. In thinking of church leaders in your lifetime, who has demonstrated the ability to be a strong foundation for you and the greater church? How so?

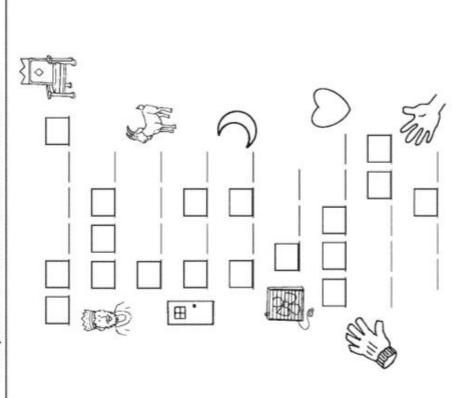


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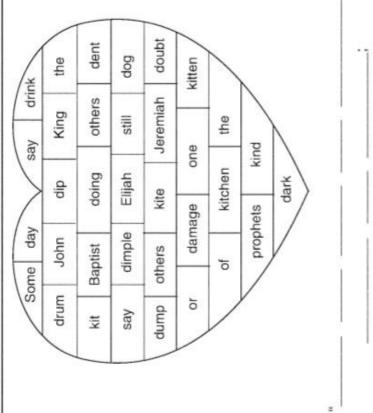


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Jesus Is the Son of God

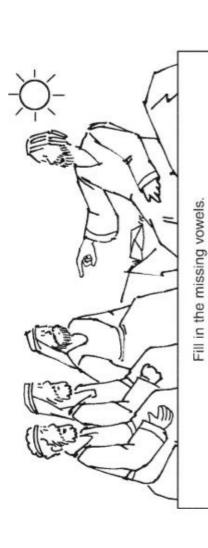
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Cross out every word that starts with "d" or "K." Write the remaining words on the lines below.



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How did Jesus respond to Peter?

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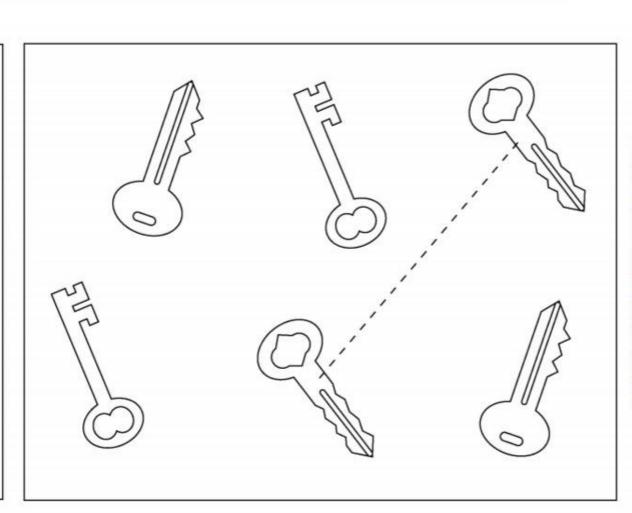
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Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom."

Match the keys.

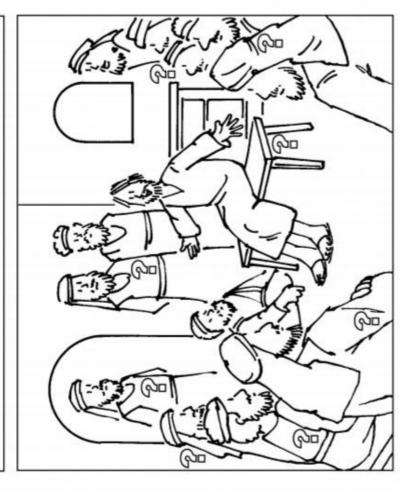


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"You Are the Christ"

Jesus asked His disciples a question.

Find and count the 2° 's. 6, 7 or 8?



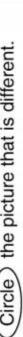
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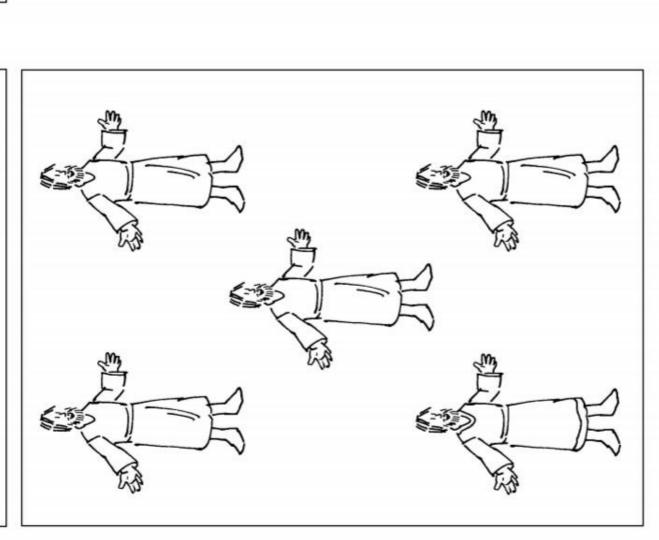
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Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"

Circle) the picture that is different.





Simon Peter answered, ...



the Son of the living



United Parishes of Southborough, Inc. Food Pantry

c/o Pilgrim Church P.O. Box 281 15 Common Street Southborough, MA 01772

southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com 508-485-4847

Dear Food Pantry Clients,

In this changing environment, due to the increased impact of the Corona Virus, we are once again implementing a new procedure effective immediately for your safety as well as the safety of all our volunteers. We will continue this procedure as long as we are able.

The new schedule for the Southborough Food Pantry will be: Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. (Clients only, please!) Friday mornings from 9:45-10:15 a.m. (Clients only, please!) Please note: we will not be open on Tuesday evenings.

By 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, please provide us by e-mail (southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com) a list of your needs, being as specific as possible. Give us a preference for the meat you would like. We will fill it if we have it or when you pick up your order, we will offer you an alternative meat selection. If you do not have access to an e-mail, please call us at 508-485-4847, wait for the Pantry prompt and then leave your name and phone number. We will call you back to get your order.

When you come to the Pantry on Thursday evening or Friday morning, please park adjacent to the building. Remain in your car. Pop your trunk or leave your rear passenger side door unlocked. We will bring your order to your car.

IMPORTANT: This pick up service is for all clients unless you are sick or personally unable to get to the Pantry. For these clients, we will deliver to your outside door or patio.

We thank all of you for your cooperation. We pray that the impact of this virus will quickly come to an end.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Coordinators

Please keep these times for Pantry Clients only. Donations can be made at any other time by leaving items in bins by the pantry door at Pilgrim Church (or at local parish collection sites). Please secure donation bin lid, especially during inclement weather.

SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

we are still here to serve

While our building is closed to the public, SYFS is still available to the residents of Southborough.

Our need-based services are here to help all families affected by Covid-19. If you are worried about a bill, heat, a car payment or food, our Emergency Fund may be able to help you.

For more resources, check our website: https://www.southboroughtown.com/youthand-family-services

For questions about how to apply for help, please call/text Shannon at (978) 310-1182 or email skinayman@southboroughma.com





St. Anne Response to Phase One of the Reopening

St. Anne Parish is committed to the health and well-being of our people and community. Please find the guidelines that are intended for use in the first phase of lifting the suspension on public celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy, as announced by Bishop McManus on May 18, 2020.

Restriction on the size of Public Gatherings: In his order of May 18, 2020, Governor Baker has mandated a strict limitation of forty percent of the building occupancy permit of any public gathering during the first phase of the reopening. Any public celebration of the Liturgy or public devotions should be limited to forty percent of the capacity of the Church, as recorded on the occupancy permit, including liturgical ministers, the faithful and all support personnel. Keeping this forty percent policy in mind, our church can hold only 30 parishioners. Once there are 30 parishioners in the church, an usher will direct the faithful to the Parish Hall abiding by the same restrictions in the church.

Continuing Suspension of the Sunday Obligation: Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will remain in force until December 31, 2020.

Protocol Education: Parishioners will be reminded of the continuing necessity of social distancing and what they is expect when they return to Church with the appropriate educational materials in the form of bulletin inserts, Flocknote, social media and parish websites. There will be reminders at the start of the Masses too.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

Holy Water: All standing Holy Water will be removed from all fonts. Small individual bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners at their request. Holy Water is also kept in larger closed container in front of the altar, from which the faithful might draw a personal supply.

Hymnals and Missalettes: Hymnals and Missalettes are removed from the pews and are stored for possible future use. Please use online sources for the daily readings, etc. which may be accessed on their cell phone.

Marking the Floor: The floor will be marked with removable tape at six-foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching the rest rooms in the parish hall.

Cleaning: Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces will also be disinfected daily. We would appreciate volunteers soon after the Mass to sanitize pews.

PEOPLE ARRIVING AT CHURCH

Masks and Social Distancing: All members of the congregation should be masked and required to observe a minimum of a six-foot social distance. Liturgical ministers are not masked, except for the isolated instances noted below. People with medical/disabling conditions are exempted. We request them to go to the cry room or foyer at the main entrance of the church. It is mainly to avoid the unnecessary anxieties that would create among other parishioners.

Seating: In order to promote social distancing, we have taped every other pew. As you enter the church, you will notice blue taped pews which should not be occupied. Please occupy the ones that has small blue square tape. We recommend that only three people should be seated in a pew, unless it is a family.

Ushers: We would like to have two ushers for every Mass and would appreciate if you could volunteer. We hope to have younger and healthier parishioners. Their tasks would be:

- Wear a mask and assure that everyone entering the church has a mask or other suitable face covering;
- Direct those entering the Church to observe social distancing;
- At the time for Distribution of Holy Communion, direct communicants to leave their pews one row at a time while observing the requisite social distancing.

One Entrance: There will be only one entrance to the church in order to reduce the overflow of parishioners. The door near the ramp will be open and all other doors will be locked.

THE MASS

Singing: A cantor and organist may lead the music. No congregational singing is allowed, with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei. The Opening and Closing music are instrumental or sung only by the cantor/organist. All the other parts of the Mass are recited.

Seating of Liturgical Ministers: Liturgical ministers should be seated at a minimal distance of six feet from each other. The first pew in front of the ambo is reserved for lectors and Extra ordinary ministers. Please find acnearby seat if someone comes with a wheel chair.

Processions: Entrance and recessional processions will be suspended. The Priest will be entering the sanctuary directly from the sacristy.

Collection: Instead of passing collection baskets, please place your weekly donations in the basket, kept near the entrance of the church.

Offertory Procession; The offertory procession is suspended.

Preparation of the Gifts: The priest will take care of the preparation of gifts. In case we have altar servers, they will be asked to keep a social distance of six-foot. Servers bringing the gifts to the Priest or washing the hands at the lavabo should wear a mask. This is the only time during the Mass when the servers will wear a mask.

Reception of Holy Communion in the church: Hand sanitizer will be kept in the middle of the church, approximately at the fourth pew near the sanctuary. As each person leaves their pew to come for Communion, use the hand sanitizer to sanitize one's hands before receiving Holy Communion.

Reception of Holy Communion in the Parish Hall: The extra ordinary minister will bring Holy Communion to you and so you do not need to stand in queue. The usher will give you the hand sanitizer before you receive Holy Communion.

All Physical Contact Avoided: The invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace and the shaking of hands with parishioners at the end of Mass are suspended.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Both Species: The distribution of the Precious Blood to all is suspended.

Communion on the Tongue: We encourage all the parishioners to receive Holy Communion on their hands. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, the priest and extra ordinary ministers will **not** refuse.

Ministers of Holy Communion: Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be masked but not gloved. They will use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Holy Communion;

During the Distribution of Holy Communion: While the distribution of Holy Communion takes place in the usual manner, care should be taken to avoid all contact with the hands or tongue of the communicant. To this end, a small table should be placed in front of the altar with an unfolded corporal and a bottle of hand sanitizer. Whenever the minister of Holy Communion senses that he/she has touched the hand or tongue of a communicant he/she stops immediately, places the ciborium on the corporal, purifies his/her fingers, and returns to the distribution of Holy Communion.

Cleansing Vessels: All Communion Vessels should be thoroughly washed after each Mass once they have been purified.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Confession: Traditional confessionals are unsafe due to the closeness of the Priest and penitent separated only by a grill not designed to prevent virus transmission. Likewise, the transmission of the virus from one penitent to another is possible via the surfaces touched and the dangers from aerosolization of the virus in a small space. The small size of most "Rooms of Reconciliation" present similar potential dangers. We will use our **cry room** as confessional room for time being. If the weather is good, we might have it near the ramp of our parish office. Whether the confession is heard in the cry room or near the ramp, both priest and penitent should wear a mask or face covering. The confession should not last longer than **three to five minutes**, in order to limit exposure of both Priest and penitent.

The confession will be heard from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. You are welcome to call and make appointment at any other time.

Anointing of the Sick: The priest will begin to return to administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to their parishioners. He will discuss with the person or family with regard to Covid+ and non-Covid+ patients before going to anoint.

Funerals: Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. The family should be seated by the Funeral Director upon arriving in Church. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the funeral. If there are more than 30 people, the Parish Hall will be set up with closed circuit TV.

Weddings: The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the wedding. The Parish Hall will also be available.

Baptisms: Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew, with the exception of the moment of Baptism, when either the parents or godparents approach the font while carrying the child and then, after the explanatory rites, return to their pew. All who are present wear masks throughout, with the exception of the Priest and the child to be baptized. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the baptism. All baptisms will be celebrated **outside** of the Mass until further notice.

Confirmations: Additional information will be forthcoming concerning the Sacrament of Confirmation as civil restrictions on crowd sizes are further modified.

First Holy Communion: Our Religious Education Director and First Holy Communion teachers are discussing with the First Holy Communicants' parents about the possibility of having the First Holy Communion this year. We will update plan taking into account family responses and best health practices.

Adoration on Wednesdays: We are planning to resume Holy Hour on Wednesdays. We will reach out to those who usually sign up for the Adoration to check their availability. We will update the parish community once this is confirmed.

Parish office will be open: The Parish Office will be open from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please remember to wear a face covering and to follow social distancing rules. We encourage our parishioners to come and be seated in the couch placed at the entrance of the Parish Office rather than walking in to the secretary's office.

Seminarian for pastoral exposure: We are happy to announce that we will have a seminarian for this summer to have pastoral exposure. Please read the bulletin for more information.

Masses: We have regular Mass at 9:00 am from Monday to Thursday. We will accommodate only 30 parishioners for the weekday Mass. We also have weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, and 10:30 am. The Sunday 5:30 pm. Mass will be suspended until the fall. The 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Live Streaming: Regular Masses and Weekend Masses will still be live streamed and so our parishioners who are unable to participate in the Eucharist physically, will be able to have spiritual participation.



Additional Questions on Phase I Re-Opening

In the course of the first week of reopening, priests and other pastoral leaders have worked assiduously to faithfully implement the guidelines mandated by Bishop McManus in his decree of May 18, 2020. As many of these priests have also sought the guidance of the Office for Divine Worship in implementing these guidelines, the following clarifications are offered for the benefit of our readers.

Should bulletins be distributed at the end of Mass?

Epidemiologists caution against the distribution of printed materials to the faithful at Mass. The risk if such materials are left on a table or in a box is that repeated accidental contact with surfaces may leave traces of the virus. The risk if ushers pass out bulletins at the end of Mass stems from the additional violation of social distance between the usher and members of the Congregation and the interruption of an ordered and socially distant exit from the Church. Therefore, we continue to distribute bulletins by emails only. If you would like to receive a bulletin, please inform the office.

How should hosts for the faithful be safely consecrated?

A ciborium or other vessel with hosts for distribution to the faithful should be placed on a corporal at some distance from the breath of the celebrant. The ciborium should be covered with a pall except from the epiclesis through the words of consecration.

Is the true maximum capacity of a Church always forty percent of building capacity? No. The true maximum capacity should be the number of seats possible while maintaining a minimal social distance of six feet up to a maximum of forty percent of building capacity.

Can the family provide readers for funerals?

Reservations concerning the use of readers or other ministers seated in the congregation grow from the repeated contact with surfaces on the pew and ambo. Priests may choose to discourage ministers from sitting in the congregation or find a way to wipe down the pew and ambo immediately after their service is completed.

