



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
January 26, 2020  
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

# COME



“Come after me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.”

MATTHEW 4:19

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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

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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.

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## 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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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

4:00 - Dolly Morris — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, January 26, 2020 - Parishioners of Saint John**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Robert Hill — 1st Anniversary

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

4:00 - Patrick Abati — 30th Anniversary

Wendell Harrington — 13th Anniversary

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

4:00 - Shirley Brady, Lee Ann Brady — Mem.

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Maddie Bain — 1st Anniversary

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

9:00 - Angelo DiNunno — 1st Anniversary

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

4:00 - Mary Colitti — Month's Mind

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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**PRAYER TO SAINT BLAISE.**



O Blessed **St Blaise**, you received from God the power to protect men from throat diseases and other maladies. ... **St Blaise**, keep my throat free from illness so that I can praise God, my Creator, and thank you, my protector.

Blessing of the throats will be conducted after each Mass on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was discerning a call to priesthood (over 25 years ago!), I prayed about joining a religious order; I thought that I might be called to this, rather than diocesan priesthood (which, ultimately, is where my discernment led me). In this process, I thought about the Franciscans, as I've always admired St. Francis and the way he lived his calling by God. Little did I know that, almost 25 years later, my priesthood would have me involved in the Franciscan life – but in a way I never imagined! Some might say that I was destined to be led to where I am, given my proclivity for sandals rather than shoes! Over the last year or so, I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith, as well as our Franciscan contemporaries) have been walking a path of discernment towards becoming a (professed) Secular Franciscan(s). This journey has included prayer, study, and class time/large group meetings with our local fraternity (which meets each month at The Chapel of Our Savior in Brockton). This is, as you can imagine, a lengthy process of both prayerful introspection and study which gives each individual plenty of time to discern if this is right for them. Outwardly, we as Secular Franciscans don't wear a "traditional" Franciscan habit but are called to wear (as *our* "habit") the Tau (the cross usually worn by, and associated with, the Franciscans) and to model our lives after St. Francis (and St. Clare). It has been an amazing journey, one where "the seed was planted" with a trip to Assisi a few years ago. To say that this trip was life-changing, especially in light of this Franciscan discernment process, is an understatement. I have come to see this journey as a true calling by God, not unlike the one which led me to priesthood and very much like the one we read of in today's gospel.

Jesus, in this encounter by the seashore of which we read today in the Gospel of Matthew, begins to assemble "the twelve". In calling Simon and Andrew, as well as James and John, Jesus call is sure. The disciples' response, for their part, is immediate. What courage it must have taken for them to respond so quickly and surely; what faith it must have taken to leave all that they knew to follow Jesus. Jesus isn't calling us, necessarily, to leave all that we know. Sometimes it's best to "grow where you're planted", responding to God's call wherever you are. In this Franciscan journey, I believe the "radical poverty" which Francis lived is meant to be lived out by Secular Franciscans is done so in mind, body, and spirit – mind by how we think of others, body in how we live simply and austere, spirit in how we relate to others. Ultimately, our response, whatever our path or state of life, must be as bold as the disciples' was, for it is a bold thing to profess one's faith publicly. May we have the openness to hear God's call. May we have the boldness to respond with surety. May we speak to others about our faith with courage and conviction. May all come to know, through our words, given to us by the Holy Spirit, what we have come to know: that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death, and won for us newness of life!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

### The Next Second Collection JANUARY 26, 2020 — Churches in Latin America

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget		St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>			<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	1/4-1/10/20	\$2,853	\$3,412		\$ 5,204	\$ 5,333
	1/11-1/17/20	\$2,656	\$3,412		\$ 3,599	\$ 5,333
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 1/3/20		\$14,210	\$20,000		\$15,391	\$20,000

#### SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT – FROM THE VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Our ministry is dedicated to trying to create a “culture of vocations” in our Together in Christ Collaborative since we are all called to work on discerning our vocations throughout our lives.

No matter what our age or what we are currently doing with our lives, we should be asking what God is calling us to do next. We all belong to God and everything we have is from God. So we should always be asking Him what He desires us to do with this gift of life he has given us.

The Archdiocese is offering the invitation to young men who are in high school (along with their parents and Father Ring) to attend one of their upcoming St. Andrew Dinners. These are evenings to join in food, conversation, and prayer with Cardinal Sean and seminarians – a night of casual discussion about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. The upcoming dates for these dinners are February 11 and March 31 (6-8PM). Please contact Father Ring ([fr\\_plrstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net)) if you might be interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity.

#### Let Your Voice Be Heard—Again!

Thank you to everyone who has already contacted State Senators and Representatives expressing opposition to the proposed laws that would dramatically expand abortion rights in Massachusetts. Now as the state legislature enters its final six months of the session, it is time to speak out again.

The bills under consideration (H 3320 and S1209) would : Expand abortion access, including late-term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason. Eliminate requirements that late-term abortions be performed in a hospital. Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt. Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts. Expand state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

To be clear — these bills would significantly change Massachusetts law. This is not about Roe v. Wade.

Please contact your legislators. Or log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) to find contact information to you Senators and Representatives. For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 6-7-746-5630.

**Fr. Stephen Lusiba wrote to give an update on the progress of the dormitory in Uganda, St. Benedict's School. All is going well and the windows have been installed. He sends his sincere thanks.**



## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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### *Divine Mercy for the Unborn*

For all helpless little children who die in the womb of their mother, I pray that all of these little souls will be given eternal life by Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through His Divine Mercy and I beg Jesus that I be allowed to spiritually baptize a little soul born dead and I do so by saying: I baptize you (Give name, preferably a Saint's Name) in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... 'I have called you by your name, you are Mine!' (Is. 43:1)

Prayer of Divine Mercy Apostolate  
Capuchin Friary, Dublin

### *Prayer to God the Father of all Life*

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

### The Life of Our Parishes

**In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst" (MT 18:20). In that same way, when we gather to minister to God's people, Jesus is there with us.**

### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

The Family Life Ministry is committed to creating a supportive atmosphere for the growth and development of family life by addressing the spiritual and social needs of families in our parish and community. Members of this ministry monthly provide activities to the patients at Sachem Nursing Facility, donate money to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, bring communion to the patients at Sachem, organize and run both the annual picnic and Easter Egg Hunt, and maintain the lending library in the basement of the church near the CCD Office. They meet once per month on the 2nd Tues of each month and are always looking for new members. If you think this ministry might be a good fit for you, please call the Rectory.



### 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](mailto:linda@santry.org). If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday  
Adoration — First Friday of the month following  
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at  
10:30 a.m.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is on Tuesday, February 11th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.

Saint Bridget School in Abington, MA offers a strong Early Childhood Program consisting of Preschool (3-yr olds) and Pre-Kindergarten (4-yr olds), full-day Kindergarten and Grades 1 - 8.

Please consider joining us for our Enrollment Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 9:30 - Noon. Learn more by visiting our website at [www.stbridgetschool.us](http://www.stbridgetschool.us)



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle  
Saturday, February 23, 2020  
1—3 PM  
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

### 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, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Karen Parento, Alice Keymont, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Benedictis & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The Pro-Life Committee is hosting the annual parish Baby Shower. Donations will be collected until Sunday, January 26th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen LIFE for their babies. The following items are needed:

Disposable diapers (sizes Newborn and 1)  
Diaper bags  
Crib sheets  
Baby towels  
Sleep n Play sleepers  
Nightgowns  
Baby Bottles  
Blanket Sleepers (0-3, 3-6 and 6-9)  
Receiving Blankets  
Crib sheets  
Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers  
Toiletries (ie... Wipes, rash ointment, baby shampoo, baby soap,  
Baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers)

Please do not wrap the items. Items can be placed in the "crib" in the front corner of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Schrader :  
508-350-0017 missyschrader73@gmail.com.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**

**Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.**

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
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January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

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.

***Don't forget the need will be there for January and February !***

White tuna, cereal, and soups are always needed.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Collaborative hosted it's Christmas Open House January 10th.

We were joined by a wonderful group of parishioners from both St. Ann's and St. John's. Everyone had a good time closing out the Christmas Season by meeting new people, sharing laughs and enjoying good food.

**About the Archdiocese of Boston:** The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).



**TEEN MASSES**  
**6:00 PM**

**February 9th**  
**@ St. Ann's**

**March 8th**  
**@ St. John's**

**February 29th — 8:00 - 12:00**  
**9th Grade**  
**Confirmation Retreat**  
**St Ann's Parish Center**