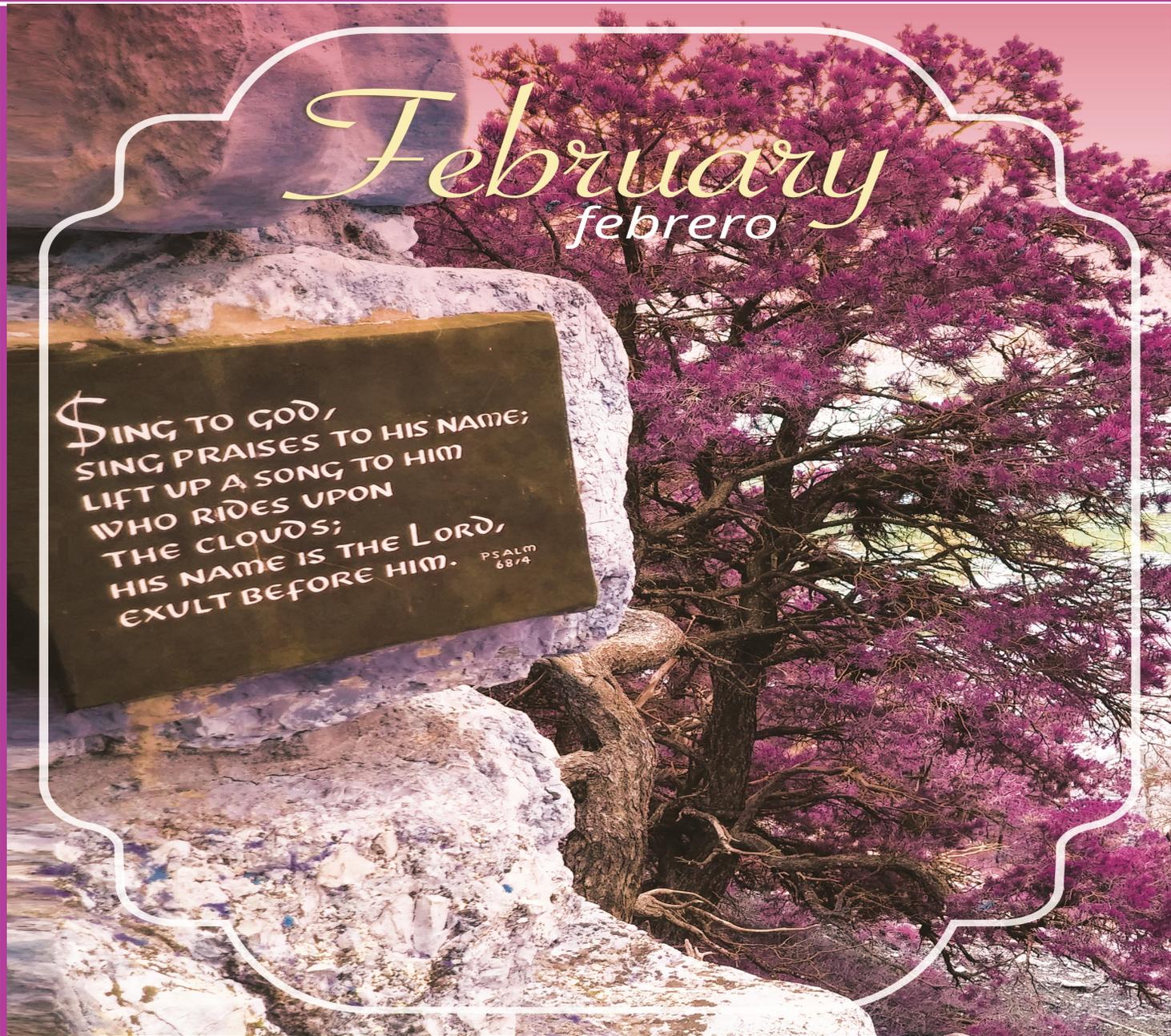




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*February 3, 2019
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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—6:30, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at St John's and the 4th Sunday of the month at St. Ann's. 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 2, 2019
 4:00 - Parishioners of St. John
Sunday, February 3, 2019
 8:30 - Patrick Abati — 29th Anniversary
 Wendel Harrington — 12th Anniversary
 10:30 - Ann Murray — Memorial
Saturday, February 9, 2019
 4:00 - Parishioners of St. John
Sunday, February 10, 2019
 8:00 - Robert & Theresa Mason — Memorial
 John & Mary Doherty — Memorial
 10:30 - Christopher Thompson — 22nd Anniv.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 2, 2019
 4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann
Sunday, February 3, 2019
 8:30 - Arthur & Marilyn Pigeon — Memorial
 10:30 - The poor and suffering in the world
Saturday, February 9, 2019
 4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann
Sunday, February 10, 2019
 8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — 12th Anniversary
 10:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 5th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In today’s gospel, Jesus is in danger of being “pigeonholed”, caught up in preconceived notions that people have of him. They feel that they know him (“Isn’t this the son of Joseph” (Lk 4:22)), which they do to a degree but Jesus does not allow that to stop Him from fulfilling His prophetic mission (“But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away” (Lk 4:30)). There are times in our lives when others can “box us in” with preconceived notions as to who they “think” we are. There are other times when we can limit ourselves by falling prey to those nagging voices in our head (that are not of God, by the way) which limit our potential to be who we are meant to be.

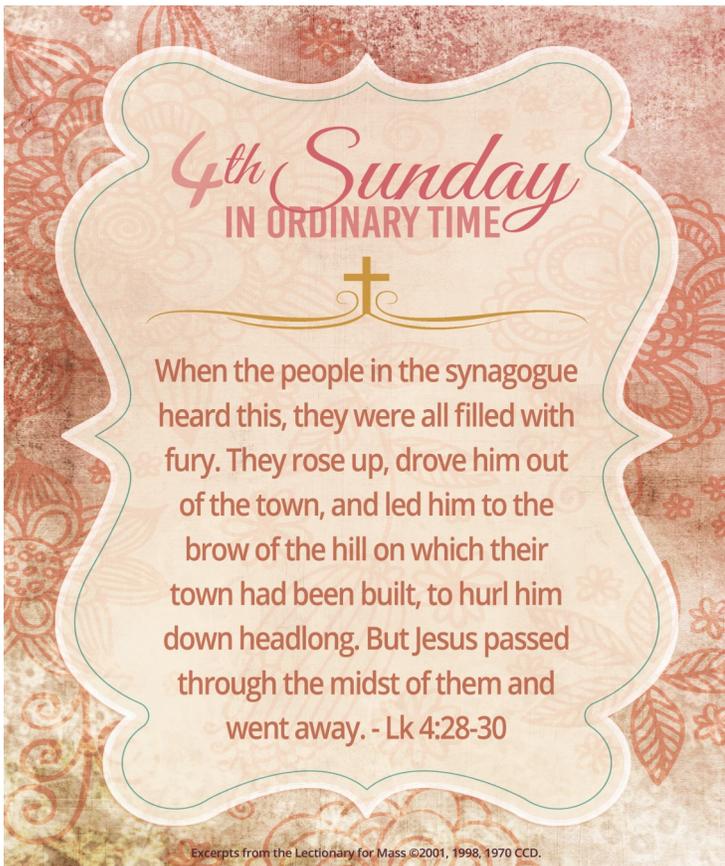
A couple of months ago I (along with Nancy and Kevin Smith) began a journey towards becoming Secular Franciscans (originally known as Third Order *Secular*). It is a journey that really has its roots in our service pilgrimage to Italy, specifically Assisi. Upon returning from that journey, I think that while we left Assisi it never really “left” us. In a very real way, I think that God, through the intercession of Saints Francis and Clare and with the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we began our exploration of the Secular Franciscan Order back in Italy. The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) has its roots going back to 1209 and has embraced the spirit of St. Francis. It has made many movements in its history, but at its core it brings the spirit of Francis to the 21st century and beyond. If you’d like to learn more, you can go to www.secularfranciscansusa.org

So what does this mean? “Am I becoming a Franciscan?” as one person asked. Rest assured that while I might favor their footwear, I am, and remain, a diocesan priest, incardinated to the Archdiocese of Boston, so...no. In embracing the SFO, I believe I am following the lead of Jesus, and not allowing myself to be boxed in (or even to box myself in) to what (even I feel) a diocesan priest should be. I believe that I have been led to this “chapter” of my spiritual journey by no less than Ss. Francis and Clare and the Holy Spirit themselves. In exploring the SFO (and I am truly in the beginning stages of this lifelong journey), I believe that I am following the promptings of that same Spirit that led Jesus to engage all people, even those who disagreed or did not understand Him and His mission. For the most part, when I let people know, they react with what I call a “curious wonderment”.

This causes me to look back on the words of Jeremiah (in today’s first reading), in which he tells us that “before I formed you in the womb I knew you...” (Jer 1:5). It is God who truly knows us, and it is God who calls us into being, creating us to be who it is HE, and no one else, calls us to be. I believe that it was God (using Ss. Francis and Clare) who called me to explore this latest “chapter” in my life of faith. I believe it is God who calls all of us to be the people He desires us to be. May we be open to God’s call to each one of us. May we have the courage to discern that call to know what it means for each of us. May we continue to be open to the promptings of the Spirit. May God bless us when we answer that call.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



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

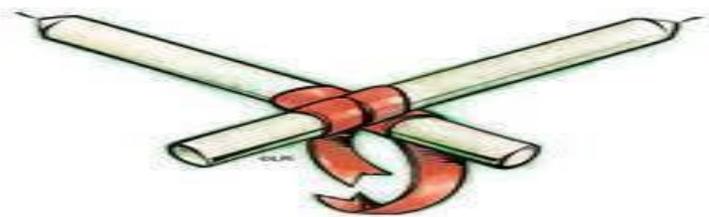
The Next Second Collection
February 24, 2019 —Support of the Church Around the World

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available			
OFFERTORY		\$3,680		\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL		\$32,000		\$32,000

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

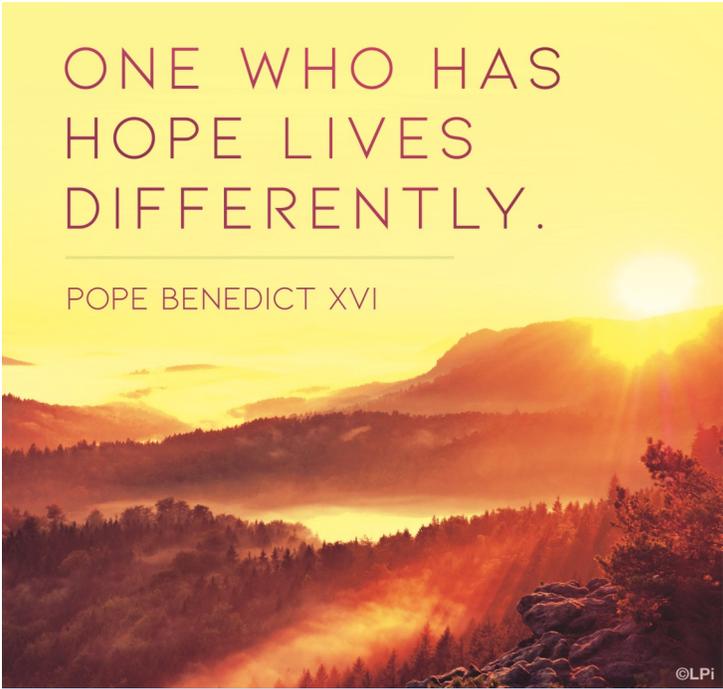
No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.



BLESSING OF THE THROATS WILL BE DONE AFTER THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

The Catholic Pastoral Care Program at Signature-Healthcare Brockton Hospital invites you to become a member of the Catholic Pastoral Visitors Program.

As a Eucharistic Minister, you will minister to patients through prayer and the offering of Eucharist. The anxiety caused by sickness is often a challenge for patients and their families. Your presence is the warmth of Christ and demonstrates the care of your local parish community. Please consider joining us as a Eucharistic Minister.



ONE WHO HAS
HOPE LIVES
DIFFERENTLY.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Deacon Brendan has retired from administrative duties at St. Ann's, but will continue his pastoral work.

We wish him a sincere Thank you for all he did for St. Ann's and a warm wish that his retirement will be filled with health and happiness.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday

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10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

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10th Grade — March 2, 2019
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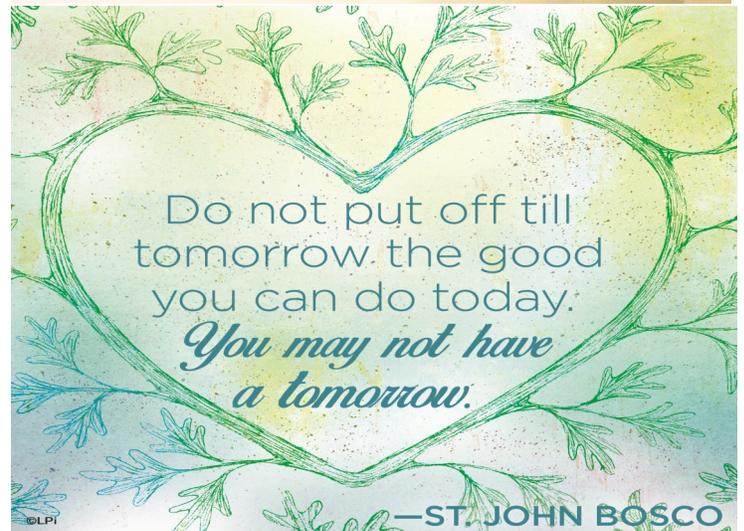
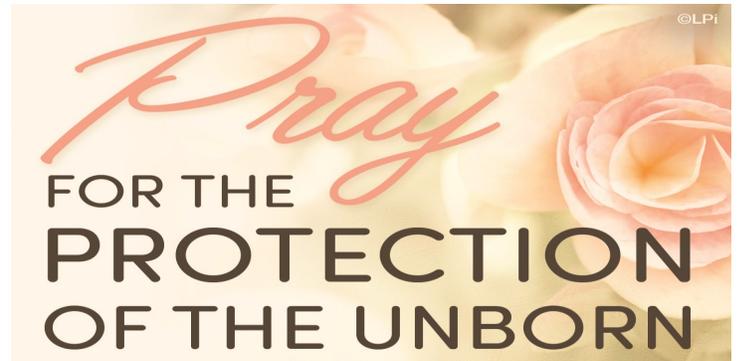
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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6, 2019

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 membership for this worthy endeavor.



Once again we are asking that people avoid parking in front of the garage of the rectory as the priest need to have access at all times.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Jacquelyn Smith & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the “why” of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

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

**Catholic Women's Club Mtg — No February Meeting
March 13, — 12:00**

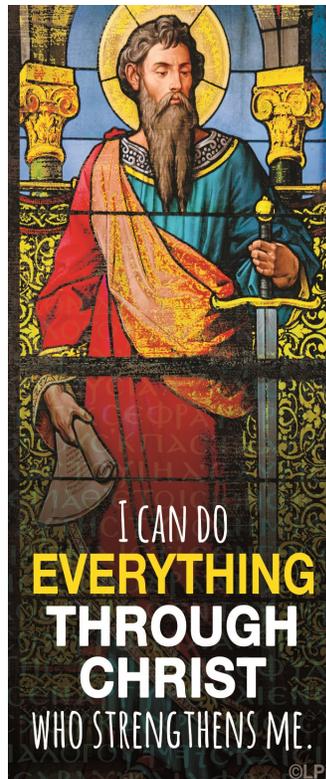
**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, “Light” has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

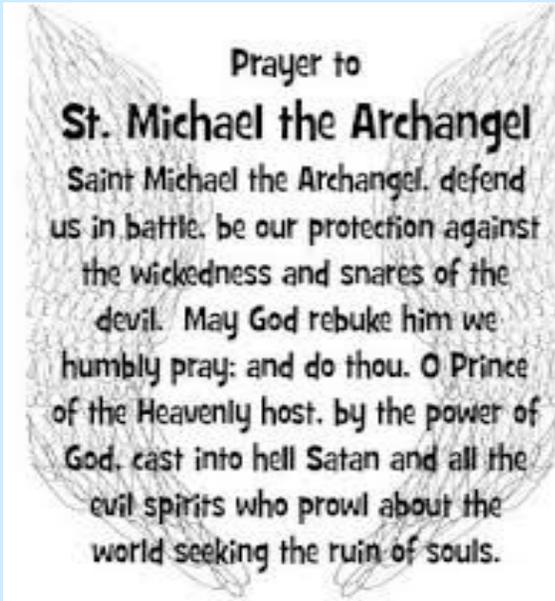


Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA.

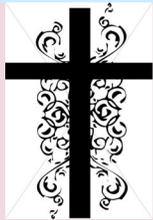
For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.



The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.

Please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
When doing your
Estate Planning!



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann	Saint John
February 10 March 10	March 24 April 14