



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
February 9, 2020  
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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For both Churches

# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

## PASTORAL STAFF

### **Pastor:**

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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.**

## 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**

## SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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## PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood  
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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 8, 2020

4:00 - Ralph Ortenzi — Memorial

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Christopher Thompson — 23rd Anniv.

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020

4:00 - Kimberly Russo — Birthday Remem.

#### Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Phyllis & Arthur Conrad — Memorial

#### Monday, February 20, 2020

9:00 - Patrick William Sullivan — Birthday Rem

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 8, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — 13th Anniversary

10:30 - Marc Abbott — 3rd Anniversary

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020

4:00 - Susan Ledoux — 7th Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:30 - James Baker — 6th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

### **CELEBRATE the REOPENING!** - The Museum of Family

**Prayer** in North Easton is restored and reopened following damage as a result of a fire in the chapel on December 16. Staff are ready to greet families and have special activities and fun food planned to celebrate the museum's restoration. Come on in and share the power of family prayer through state of the art interactive, educational, reflective and immersive opportunities, museum exhibits, graphics and media content creating a lively, interactive ... and unique ... experience! Daily Rosary and Mass is held at the Museum chapel from 11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. **The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday,**



### ~~~~~PLEASE WELCOME~~~~~

Deacon Chris Connelly is officially part of our Together in Christ Collaborative! Deacon Chris will join Deacon Brendan and Deacon Joe in serving the needs of our parishes.

Chris is a resident of East Bridgewater and was ordained in 2011 and is currently working for the Archdiocese of Boston as the Director of Diaconate Formation. Welcome aboard!!!!!!

My Dear Friends in Christ,



When one does a “Google search” on the phrase “salt and light”, one comes up with over nine million entries. Listings abound, with everything from church ministries to small faith communities to t-shirts emblazoned with a salt shaker and a light bulb! All of them have one thing in common – they trace their origin back to today’s gospel passage in which Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe how we, as Christians, are to be and act in the world.

Jesus, throughout His earthly ministry, used “earthy” images. This is understandable, given that people of His day were so connected to the earth and its environs. Jesus, in using images such as this, as well as speaking in parables (stories which point to a greater truth), wanted people to strive for a higher reality, one which reaches beyond this world. One may wonder how effective these images and stories are today, since we have become somewhat “disconnected” with our environment, often seeing it merely as a place to “hang our hat” while we go through life. I think it would be a mistake for us to fall into this trap; the earth isn’t just a “stopping point” for us until we get to heaven. Our earthly journey is meant as a learning experience for us so that when we do (God willing) make it to heaven we can know that we helped “build the Kingdom” in our time here. This is why we pray, in the “Our Father”, “thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” It is no accident that we are here on earth, which is why we are called to be “salt and light” to the world.

Salt and light are connected by their dispensation. When one uses too little salt in a meal, it can be bland and tasteless; when one uses too little light, one can stumble and fall. Conversely, when one uses too much salt, the dish being prepared can be “overwhelmed” by the spice; when one uses too much light, one can be blinded and thus rendered unable to move freely. In using both salt and light, a balance must be achieved; in the same way, in our lives of faith balance must be struck so that the message of Holy Scripture and Tradition as found in our Church can be heard, acted upon and lived. If one lives their life of faith sparingly, the message of faith might go unheard; if one is too “heavy-handed”, then people are turned off and the message is similarly lost.

May we have the courage to be “salt and light” to our brothers and sisters. May we be a “light to the nations” and may we “spice up” the world when able and necessary. May we effectively preach the gospel in word and deed by sensing the needs of our brothers and sisters, responding to those needs and thus bringing forth the greater glory of God.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection February 23 — Support of the Church Around the World

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
<b>SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS</b>				
	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	1/18—1/24/20	\$ 2,235	\$ 3,629	\$ 5,333 corrected
	1/25—1/31/20	\$ 2,992	\$ 5,097	
Church of Latin America		891	1,025	
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.

#### Spotlight on Ministries

 **St. Vincent de Paul Society** — The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic voluntary organization dedicated to the sanctification of its members by serving the poor and disadvantaged. St John's St. Vincent de Paul Society provides a Food Pantry for the community of East Bridgewater in the hall of the church, as well, as helping with emergency needs on a necessary basis. The Pantry meets the first and third Mondays of the month and can always use extra help. Please contact the Food Pantry Hotline if you are interested in becoming a member. 508-378-3760

 **Fundraising Commission** — St. John's and St. Ann's are looking for people willing to serve on the Fundraising Committee. If you are creative, have experience with fundraising (or don't) and know how to bring a community together, please consider joining the Fundraising Committee. Fundraisers are needed to add a cushion to the Parish budget, to meet payroll obligation, to maintain and grow our parish services, and to make needed repairs to the church, rectory, and grounds, and Parish Center. The Fundraising Committee needs new ideas. Please consider joining. Call the Rectory if you are interested. 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880.

 **Building and Maintenance Commission** — It is the mission of the Building Commission to provide the skill and resources to keep the structure and grounds in a neat, safe, respectful condition for the purpose of serving the community and members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Saint Ann's Parish with a place to reflect, pray, meet, teach, and socialize. The Building Commission will help the Pastor by suggesting modifications and seeking to upgrade the building and grounds of Saint John the Evangelist Parish and St. Ann Parish when the need arises. This is a vitally important ministry which needs to be comprised of people with background knowledge of facilities maintenance — People with knowledge of what needs to be done and who to go to for the completion of the work.

 **Social Commission** — The Collaborative's Social Committee is seeking individuals who enjoy planning events. If you have creative ideas, enjoy planning events and want to be part of the parish, but don't know where to plug in your creativity, then the Social Committee is just for you! We need help with Vicariate luncheons, open houses, etc.

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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.

### 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 7:00 p.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.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY WHICH IS  
FEBRUARY 26TH THIS YEAR.**

**EASTER THIS YEAR IS  
ON APRIL 12TH**

### 3. When does Lent begin and end?

**The Universal Norms state:**

28. The forty days of lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive.

This mean that Lent begins at 12:01 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and runs to just before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday. As soon as the Mass of the Lord's Supper starts, it's a new liturgical season: Triduum.

### 4. Is Lent exactly forty days long as currently celebrated?

No, it's actually a little longer than forty days. The number is approximative, for spiritual purposes.

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# 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  
PO Box 544  
East Bridgewater MA 02333**

**February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

**Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

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 is always there!***

White tuna, cereal, and soups are always needed.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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 MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**If you are aware of anyone on the prayer list who should be removed, please call the Rectory.**

## NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING

Deacon Joe will be beginning Genesis for our Bible Study on February 14, 2020. All are welcome to join. Please email [Deaconjoe@comcast.net](mailto:Deaconjoe@comcast.net) if you would like to join the Bible Study Group. We meet every Monday evening from 7—8 PM in the Religious Education Office of St. John's.

Also on February 17th the Bible Study will be having a special "Ask the Deacon Night" where you may ask any questions you have about the Church.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

All Grandmothers, Parents, and Adults who have children, grandchildren or even themselves who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes will begin on February 25, 2020.

Adult Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 26th at 1 PM. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Joe Hopgood at [deaconjoe@comcast.net](mailto:deaconjoe@comcast.net).

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY IS SELLING LOLLIPOPS AFTER ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEK-END. BET YOUR VALENTINE WOULD LOVE ONE (OR MAYBE TWO).**



**THERE WILL BE A MAKE UP TRAINING SESSION TO UPDATE ALL **LECTORS** AND **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** CONDUCTED BY DEACON JOE**

**February 16, 2020  
2 PM @ Saint John's  
Please make every effort to attend**

***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).*

ANYONE CELEBRATING A SPECIAL  
BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ?

WE WOULD LOVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

CALL THE RECTORY TO  
LET US KNOW.



IF YOU ARE CALLING FOR SOMEONE  
ELSE, PLEASE CHECK WITH THEM  
BEFORE HAVING US ANNOUNCE  
ANYTHING ABOUT THEM.

**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**