



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 22, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Lent*



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:00 - Ruth Hurley — Memorial

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 - Nancy Robichaud — Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, March 28, 2020

4:00 - Fay & McCarthy Families — Memorial

Sunday, March 29, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Robert & Rita Farrell — Memorial

Stephen Mason — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:00 - Francis Barry — 22nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, March 28, 2020

4:00 - Helen M. Lynch — 5th Anniversary

James D. Lynch — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, March 29, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 23rd Anniversary

CHANGES TO INSURE YOUR PROTECTION FROM THE COVID 19 VIRUS.

MASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NO CONFIRMATIONS

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS

NO BIBLE STUDY

NO CCD

CATHOLIC TV DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Sean encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the Catholic TV chapel.

Daily mass airs live at 9:30 and is rebroadcast at 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11:30 pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at anytime at www.WatchtheMass.com

Visit <http://www.catholicTV.org/>



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates “Laetare Sunday”. The word “laetare” is taken from the Latin and means to “rejoice”, which may seem strange to us during this Lenten Season. This designation comes into play, however, when we recognize that we are very close to the celebration of the Easter, and there is “cause for rejoicing here”. Today’s readings bear this out as well.

Today’s first reading speaks of the anointing of David as king. Samuel, in being sent by God, is prompted by God to anoint David. David’s other brothers may seem, on the surface, to be more “qualified” to assume the role of king, but God sees beyond the surface. In anointing David, God shows that He “sees” us in a different way than we might see ourselves or others. In looking at the kingship of David (of which Jesus is “in line”), one sees that being anointed is no guarantee to perfection – which is good news for us, indeed! God shows to us that He “anoints” in a different way than society does.

Our second reading speaks of the second “theme” (of three) through which we walk with our RCIA candidates, that of “light”. We are called to walk in the light of Christ, for we are “children of light” (Eph 5:8). This might seem easy, for walking in light is much easier, safer and comforting than walking in darkness. Sometimes we might be drawn to darkness, however, because things in darkness are seemingly hidden. I say “seemingly”, for God sees all, which is a good thing as God can help us move from darkness into light.

Our gospel brings forth this idea of “light” in a different way, with the story of the man born blind. This is a physical blindness, but it is tied into the spiritual realm by the fact that in Jesus’ day sin and illness had a direct “linkage”. When one was ill or disabled, one was seen as being “born totally in sin” (as the Pharisees say in Jn 9:34); we know this not to be the case now, partly due to the actions of Jesus, who has no issue with healing the man. In “schooling” the Pharisees, helps us by teaching us to look beyond what is “seen” with the eye and to “see” with the heart. When we do this, we see as God sees.

Let us be people of the light, walking in the light of Christ. Let us follow the Lord in the light of His truth and love. Let us come to know Jesus and live in the light of life!

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

April 10 — Good Friday — Holy Land Shrines; April 12 — Easter — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings

St. Ann's Budget

St John's

Budget

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS

Thank you to those who gave to the Grand Annual

OFFERTORY PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS YOUR WEEKLY GIVING THAT KEEPS OUR CHURCHES AFLOAT!!!!

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

**THE GRACE OF LENT
MARCH 15, 16, & 17**

POSTPONED

**UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE**



**MARCH 15 - ST. JOHN'S:
6 PM MASS FOLLOWED
BY PRESENTATION &
REFRESHMENTS**

**MARCH 16 - ST. ANN'S:
9 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY MINI-
MISSION & REFRESHMENTS**

**7 PM ADORATION, PRESENTATION
& REFRESHMENTS**

**MARCH 17 - ST. JOHN'S:
7 PM RECONCILIATION,
PRESENTATION & REFRESHMENTS**

For more information
on Allison's ministry visit:
www.ReconciledToYou.com

**COME ONE NIGHT OR TO ALL THREE
THERE IS NO COST FOR THE MISSION
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway.

Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, something that costs us. We will receive blessings from God in return.

Pope Francis said in his Ash Wednesday homily, 'Lent is also a privileged time for prayer', He quoted St. Augustine, who described fasting and almsgiving as "the two wings of prayer," because they are signs of humility and charity.

Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

During Lent do you think God needs the chocolate, candy, and other trivial things we give up? No He needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts.

So when you fast, do not proclaim it, do not look hard done by, smile and go about your day happy. We are told this in the Bible.

In fact he wants us to stop our obsession with the ME and start thinking about what truly matters in life. www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=54465



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.

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 March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS OF THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE!!!!

Any checks used for collections should be made out to the appropriate church, ie. St Ann or St. John, including second collections going to the Archdiocese. Our business manager sends ONE check to the Archdiocese from each church. You may use the memo line to distinguish the appropriate collection. Thank you for assistance in this matter.

CANCELLED

Kiwanis Meet Your Neighbor Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 29, 2020
7am-12noon

NEW LOCATION - East Bridgewater High School cafeteria

tickets available at the door

\$5 per person, \$15 family of 2 adults/2 kids
great food-raftles-entertainment

IMPORTANT DATES

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, 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, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

[Boston Pilot: Archdiocese issues liturgical directives for coronavirus prevention](#)

**PLEASE READ THE
CARDINAL'S BLOG AT**

**Cardinalseansblog.org
For more info. March 13.**

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.**

March 15—Third Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.
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.

Don't forget the need is always there!

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Please sign up to pray the Rosary every day during Lent to finally stamp out Roe vs. Wade.

There will be posters on the altars at Saint Ann's and Saint John's, as well as a basket of Rosaries for everyone, Compliments of our Rosary Makers

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

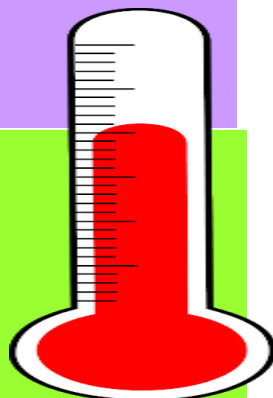
This will start Ash Wednesday.

Let us make a pledge to Our Lady.

**GRAND ANNUAL
GOAL — \$20,000**

As of March 6, 2020

**\$18,001— St John
\$15,110 — St Ann**



**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule)
6:30—8:00 PM**

<i>St Ann's</i>	<i>St John's</i>
March 11	March 4
April 4	March 25
April 8 at both churches	

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**At St John's after the 9:00 am Masses
At St. Ann's — 7:00 PM
Except on Good Friday**

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

- Holy Thursday — St Ann's— 7 PM—April 9th
- Good Fri —7 Last Word of Christ — St John's
3 PM —April 10th
- Passion of the Lord— St. John's— 7 PM—April 10th
- (Easter Vigil) — St. Ann's— 8 PM — April 11th
- EASTER SUNDAY — April 12th
- St. Ann — 8:30 & 10:30 — St John — 8:00 & 10:30
- Friday's during Lent, St. John's will have a 6:30 AM Mass
As well as the 9:00 AM.

BRAINTREE -- The Pastoral Center's Bethany Chapel was full to capacity as Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley led the celebration of Ash Wednesday Mass on Feb. 26.

Cardinal O'Malley delivered his homily before the distribution of ashes. Looking at the reading from Matthew's Gospel, in which Jesus talks about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the cardinal spoke about the importance of motives that prompt religious acts.

"The Pharisees were great at public prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But it was more a case of spiritual one-upmanship than an act of penance. Jesus is urging us to look at our motives and to avoid temptation to do religious acts in order to increase our prestige," Cardinal O'Malley said.

He said that the human tendency to keep up appearances can undercut the true purpose of religious acts, which is to grow closer to God.

"Acts of piety have to be done with the proper inner attitude or they don't adhere to their purpose, and our only real reward will be the passing notice of people rather than growing closer to our God," he said.

He spoke about how Lent can be "reduced" to a time of setting health-related goals, such as improved diet or increased exercise.

"These acts of discipline can be spiritually beneficial if they help us to overcome our self-indulgence and unhealthy behavior. But the success of our Lent cannot be measured by the number of pounds we lose or how many steps we take each day," Cardinal O'Malley said.

He suggested that fasting be coupled with almsgiving, using the resources that would go toward one's own comfort to instead help the poor. He also said that Lent is a good time to examine one's prayer life and seek reconciliation in relationships.

In closing, Cardinal O'Malley explained the symbolism of the ashes, which "betoken the fragility of life," and the sign of the cross, which indicates that "the dust has been redeemed by the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ."

"Ash Wednesday is not meant to be a morbid reflection on death, but a serious reminder that life is always short and we must be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure that we have received," he said.