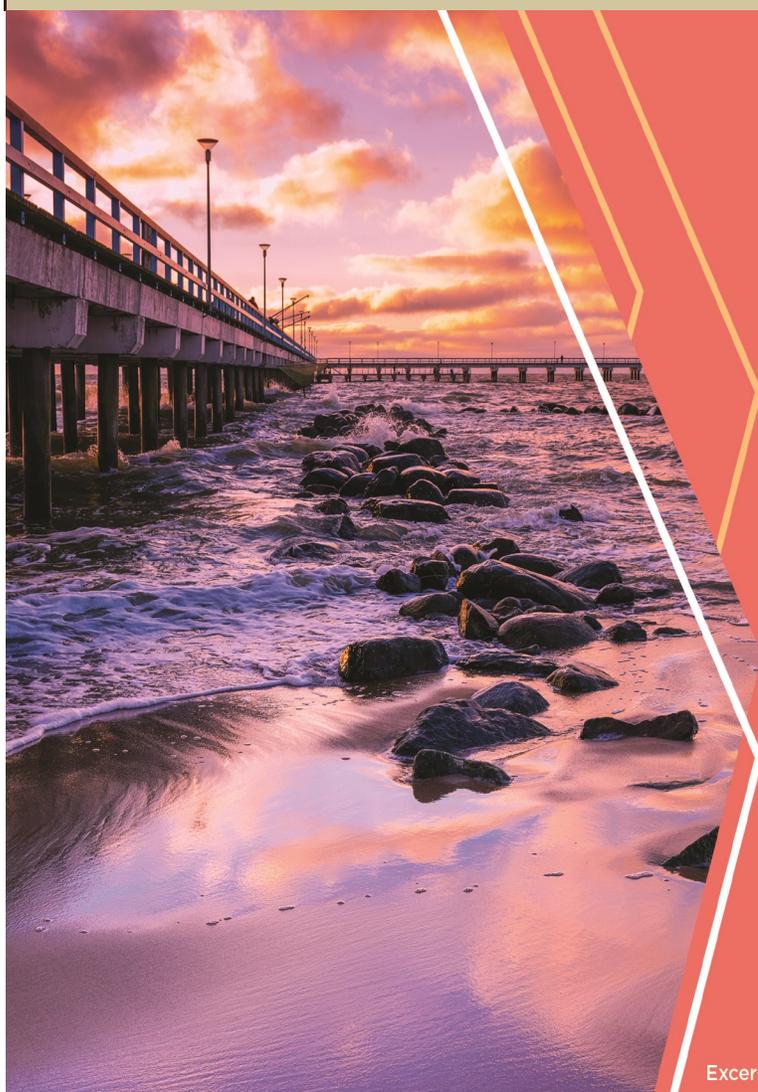




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 29, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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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

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, April 4, 2020

4:00 - Kimberly Russo — 1st Anniversary

Sunday April 5, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Monday, March 31, 2020

9:00 - George E. Short, Jr. — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, April 4, 2020

4:00 - Mary & Manny Diaz — Memorial

Sunday, April 5, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

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.catholicctv.org/>



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old spiritual titled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”. Could you imagine being a friend of Jesus? I’m not talking about a disciple, apostle or follower of Jesus – we’re all called to be that. I’m talking about a friend – some with whom you “hang out”, have over to dinner, someone with whom you play golf or tennis. This is the type of relationship which Martha, Mary and Lazarus had with Jesus. Think back to the gospel passage (Lk 10:38-42) where Martha was busy preparing to host Jesus and Mary just sat there (or seemed to, to the untrained eye), ending with Martha being told that Mary had taken the “better part, and it shall not be taken from her” (Lk 10:42). This was a moment when Jesus showed He was a *friend* of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Their friendship was evidenced by the honesty of their words, something friends aren’t afraid to do.

The story of the “raising of Lazarus” is one of friendship, both human and spiritual. Jesus gets word that Lazarus is ill. One would think that Jesus, a friend of the trio, would rush right over (or perhaps send one of His disciples in His name). Yet Jesus waits for two days before departing from where He was. This may seem strange, but Jesus assures those around Him that “this illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God...” (Jn 11:4). Jesus has already formulated a plan in His mind; He knows exactly what He is going to do, for He knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows He has power over life and death, so He knows that even if Lazarus experiences an earthly death that this particular episode will not end in death.

There is another reality at work here as well. Jesus knows that He has power over life and death because, as He proclaims to Martha, He is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25). It is in this “vein” that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus isn’t concerned about the crowds and their wailing; He isn’t concerned about the stench emanating from the tomb; He isn’t even concerned about Lazarus being dead. Jesus knows who He is, what He is about and what He is doing at all times. This is a powerful lesson for us. While we don’t have power over life and death, we have power (in the form of “free will”) to decide how we are to live in this life, and thus how we are to spend Eternal Life. God wants us to be with Him in the Kingdom, sharing Eternal Life, but the choice is ours. We choose God by how we choose to live our lives, either in union with God or with the world. Whatever choices we make, the choice is ours. Let us choose wisely and well, so that we may spend Eternal Life in the Kingdom with God and all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

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 |
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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!!!!

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING TIPS

Social distancing can take a personal health toll on us all, causing psychological problems. During this unprecedented time of “shutting down” here are a few tips you may consider until we receive “the coast is clear.”

- 1.) How about calling that “old friend” from high school, a former work friend, a relative or elderly neighbor to check in on them and see how they are doing (and letting them know how you, too, are doing! It’s always nice to renew and refresh relationships)! They say, "Old friends are the best friends!"
- 2.) Remember that recipe you always wanted to try (or invent!)? How about making a healthy soup, casserole and stowing it away for future use in your freezer! Remember, this is not the time to "imbibe" during socially isolating times!
- 3.) EWTN or Catholic TV -both provide spiritually uplifting programs! The Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and shows for children are plentiful.
- 4.) Remember that book or magazine that has been collecting dust in your bookcase or closet? Perhaps, it is in need of a special friend to clear off the cobwebs and engage in some constructive reading for enjoyment or knowledge!
- 5.) How about that closet that has been due for an uplift in appearance? So it goes that if we haven’t worn it in 6 months to a year, it belongs to someone else! Spring cleaning can come early too, maybe finding things lost or forgotten about in the “junk drawer/room”. Many people have overbought fragranced hand sanitizers in the past and are happy to find these well sought after infection control sprays and gels in this time of need.
- 6.) Remember games we once loved and haven’t found time to play? Solitaire, game puzzles, board games, fitted picture puzzles, word search, jumble, crossword puzzles or how about learning a new game such as Sudoku which can be mentally stimulating!
- 7.) Remember to wash those hands for 20 seconds and for younger children, have them sing “Happy Birthday” twice as they scrub-a-dub! Sanitizing hand lotion with at least 60% alcohol may become a staple in our pockets!
- 8.) Limit your time on the TV regarding the coronavirus but keep abreast of enough information to remain informed. Balance is the key. Too much time devoted to the news can be draining and depleting to our mental health and that of our children. Speak to your little ones about coronavirus, a "germ," in language they can comprehend.
- 9.) Seek out phone and online addiction support groups for you and your loved ones such as rosary4recovery.org , aa-intergroup.org/ & talksober.com. There are many web based groups that can help those struggling to cope during these difficult times.
- 10.) Most of all, know that **God is with each of us and never leaves our side. He is "Omnipresent"!** Start up a personal conversation with Him asking Him for healing and consolation "for and to" all who are directly affected by this virus. Give gratitude to Him for medical professionals and their families who are on the first line of defense in order to assist the ill and prevent this virus from escalating. Gratitude for a home, health, loved ones (pets included). God loves us and will get us through this!

Peace and Blessings to you and your families!

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between
preserving

their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
when their schools close
remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult
of the economic market
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our
arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to
our neighbors.

Amen.

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-raffles-entertainment

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.

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.

Brothers in Christ,

Due to a careful reading of the Governor's announcement, and given the clear limitation to any gatherings over 10 persons, all of our Churches and public Chapels can have restricted, limited access as of noon tomorrow until further notice.

With careful monitoring priests may open their Churches for prayer and adoration during clearly limited times; however, there can be no more than a total of 10 persons in the Church at any moment, there must be a member of the clergy present at all times, and social distancing must be practiced.

Masses that are taped or streamed from the Church should be limited to essential people without a congregation.

Priests are able to place the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in the window of the rectory if it is feasible for those to pray and view the monstrance only from their cars in the Church parking lot. A priest must be present in the rectory while the Eucharist is displayed but I give permission in these cases for the Eucharist to be exposed without an individual immediately present.

Please note the Governor's advisory that persons over age seventy or with underlying health conditions should limit social interactions with other people as much as possible. With recognition of the responsibilities that we all have during this time of public health crisis, I encourage all people to limit social interactions, and therefore to exercise careful and prudential judgment before making a decision to visit a church.

With the assurance of my continued prayers,

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Cardinal Seán

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, Jake Gillis & The residents of Schem & 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 and
our websites. Addresses on Cover
For continuous information**

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!

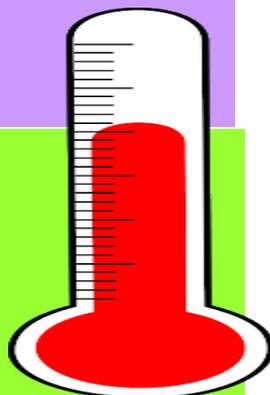
This will start Ash Wednesday.

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**



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!

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

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| <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.

“In these times of uncertainty, we are assured that the Lord is present to us at ALL times. During this time, with the practice of public Masses suspended, we can tune in on television/internet and make the following Act of Spiritual Communion while viewing the Mass.”

Peace,

Fr. Paul

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.