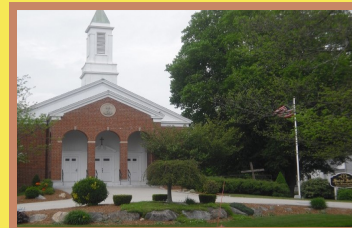




*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*April 21, 2019  
EASTER SUNDAY*

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*He is risen*



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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., September—March

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, September—March

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**  
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**Saturday, April 20, 2019**  
 4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative  
**Sunday, April 21, 2019**  
 8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative  
 10:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
 4:00 - Susan & Joe Quill — Memorial  
 Francis Family — Memorial  
**Sunday, April 28, 2019**  
 8:00 - Parishioners of St. John  
 10:30 - June McHugh — Birthday Remembrance  
 Dorothy Walsh — Birthday Remembrance

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**  
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**Saturday, April 20, 2019**  
 4:00 - No Mass  
**Sunday, April 21, 2019**  
 8:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative  
 10:30 - Parishioners the Collaborative  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**  
 9:00 - Rema Lenser — Birthday Remem.  
 Heinz Lenser — Birthday Remem.  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
 4:00 - Manning & Garvey Families — Mem.  
**Sunday, April 28, 2019**  
 8:30 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere—2nd Anniv.  
 10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
 we come before you on this Easter  
 Sunday with full and grateful hearts for  
 the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you  
 showed us in the life, death, and  
 resurrection of your Son, our brother  
 by adoption, Jesus Christ.



Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

He is risen! Alleluia! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Today’s solemnity brings about a joy that no power can attain, no money can buy. Today, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, true to His Word, has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life. What a glorious day this is for all God’s people!

I can remember growing up that Easter had a different “feel” than the other holidays/holy days. Family gatherings were a part of each of these times (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), and going to Mass was part of many of them (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), but Easter stood out for me. Perhaps it was when I came to the realization of what the day was about. Christmas was (and still is) a beautiful time of year, but often times the “commercialization” gets the better of even the best of intentions; I can’t recall any “commercialization” ever being associated with Easter. The other thing about Easter which brings it to the “top of the list” for me is the gift of resurrection.

Don’t get me wrong – I’m eternally grateful that God thought enough of us to give His Son for us. Easter, however, is when one like us in all things (save for sin) gave His life for the world, so as to rise from the dead and win for us Eternal Life. Scripture tells us that “no greater love hath one, then to lay down their life for a friend” (Jn 15:13). This is what Jesus does for us in the Easter miracle – He lays down His life so that He might pick it up again, winning for us new life.

Easter comes at a time of new birth. In springtime, we see new life come into the world. How appropriate that our Easter celebration comes at this time. May this day (and season) be for us a time of “new birth.” If you’re joining us again for another week of worship, welcome back; you’re the reason for our loving community! If you’ve been away from “the family” for a while, welcome home! May you find in us a home where you can put down “roots”, planting yourself in the garden of God’s loving care. In any event, no matter where you are on your “journey of faith”, may you find in our parishes a place where you can grow, flourish and “bear great fruit” for the sake of God’s Kingdom and His Holy People!

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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

Easter Collection — Clergy Health & Retirement Fund  
 The Next Second Collection  
 April 28th — Catch Up Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
OFFERTORY 4/07/19	\$3,611	\$3,680	\$6,718	\$5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000	\$17,091	\$32,000

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

April 21, 2019  
 Easter Sunday

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

April 28th Catch Up Second Collection

As we get closer to our June fiscal year end, we would like to ask for your help. Our weekly collections have been running below our budgeted amounts and below last year amounts. Also, our Grand Annual collection has not reached its goal. We will be having a second collection on April 28th We are asking you to do what you can to help us make up the deficit.

The only collection on Easter is for the Clergy Health and Retirement Fund.

This collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you.

Please be generous to this important collection.

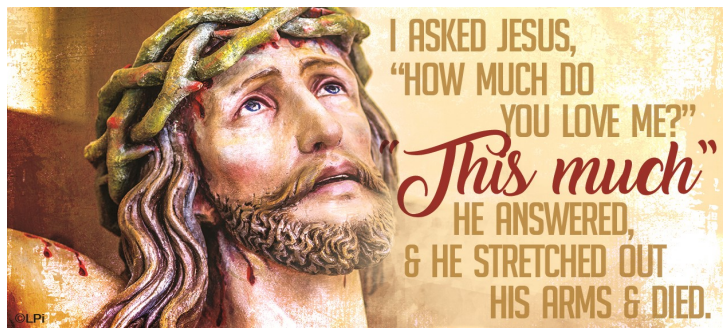
For more information, please visit

[www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org)

Easter Sunday

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!  
 Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.  
 Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,  
 Who paid the debt of Adam,  
 Who frees those doomed to die,  
 Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,  
 Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,  
 Who destroys death forever,  
 Whose Kingdom shall have no end.  
 God our Father, eternal is your love for us!  
 Christ the Son, in victory you reign!  
 Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.  
 Together you live and reign and ransom your people,  
 one God forever and ever.  
 Amen.



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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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## 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 21, 2019  
Easter Sunday

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples, matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



### 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.

**BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**APRIL 28TH AT ST ANN'S PARISH CENTER**  
**TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**MEAT RAFFLE**

**APRIL 27, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER**

### Forty days — Forty Items

**The collaboration has made arrangements with The St. Vincent de Paul Society. The week after Easter, bags can be dropped off for pick up at St Ann's.**

**Please use the container in the parking lot of St. Ann's.**

**If you see that it is overflowing, please drop your bag off at the side entrance of the Rectory on the Porch at St. Ann's**



## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, 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, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after daily Masses.**  
**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**  
**Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**  
**Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
 Catholic Women's Club will be having a yard sale on June 8th this year. More information will follow

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

**April 21: Easter Sunday**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

**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.

### EASTER WORD SEARCH

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PLEASE COME AND FIND ALL THE EGGS THAT THE EASTER BUNNY HAS HIDDEN AT ST. JOHN'S

THE HUNT BEGINS AFTER THE 10:30 MASS!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

### SEASONAL REFLECTION

April 21, 2019  
 Easter Sunday

Called by Name  
 Mary.

Even in the garden of the resurrection, Jesus goes unrecognized at first. The Gospel of John records a weeping woman, mistaking the risen savior for a gardener. Until, that is, she is called by name.

Mary.

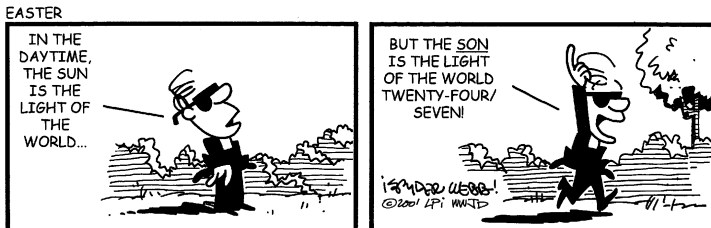
Robert. Catherine. Joanne. Steven. Hailey. Travis.

Jesus rises for you. He rises for me. He rises for each and every one of us. We are called by name in the garden of the resurrection. This Sunday and every Sunday, Jesus comes to meet us. Imagine sitting with him. How is he looking at you? What do you say to him? When the resurrected Lord greets you with a smile, how do you respond?

### BAPTISMAL BIBS

**Do you like to sew?  
 Would you be willing to make the  
 Baptismal Bibs  
 For the children being Baptized?**

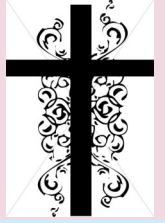
**If so, please contact the Rectory at 508-378-4207  
 Or contact Lorry Hopgood at  
 508-378-1521**



**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).

Prayer to  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

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



**THERE IS NOT,  
NEVER HAS BEEN,  
AND NEVER WILL BE  
A SINGLE PERSON  
FOR WHOM CHRIST  
DID NOT SUFFER.**  
—COUNCILS OF QUIERCY

A photograph of a large crowd of people, seen from behind, looking towards a bright light source, possibly a religious event or a large gathering.