



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*April 28, 2019  
Divine Mercy Sunday*



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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., 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.

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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. 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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Margaret Mary Williams

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## St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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### 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

### Saturday, May 4, 2019

4:00 - Jacob Johnson — 1st Anniversary

### Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Thomas Buckley — 4th Anniversary

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## St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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### Saturday, April 27, 2019

4:00 - Manning & Garvey Families — Mem.

### Sunday, April 28, 2019

8:30 - Joseph Utka — 3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

### Saturday, May 4, 2019

4:00 - Joseph Hyde — 13th Anniversary

Clare Hyde — 24th Anniversary

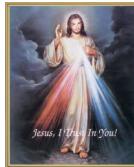
Ann Poliseno — 9th Anniversary

### Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - The children making their First Comm.

## PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

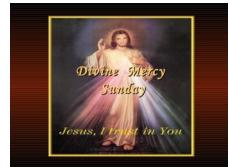
On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

My Dear Friends in Christ,



While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, "Jesus, I trust in You". When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, "my Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn't approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn't have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we "take it on faith" that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who "have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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

### The Next Second Collection April 28th — Catch Up Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS OFFERTORY      4/14/19	\$3,993	\$3,680	\$5,187	\$5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000	\$17,091	\$32,000

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

April 28, 2019  
2nd Sunday of Easter

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

-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.**

#### OLDER AMERICANS BENEFIT FROM "MY SOCIAL SECURITY"

Each May, groups and organizations around the nation join in celebrating Older Americans Month. Established in 1963, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for our nation to recognize seniors for their many contributions and share important information to help them stay healthy and active.

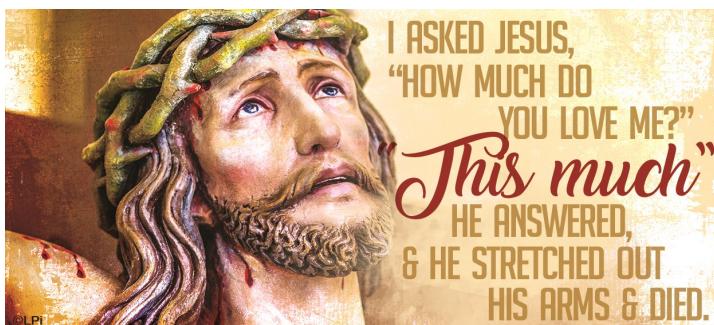
This year's theme is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." Social Security has something to help keep you safe and healthy: a suite of online services. Rather than driving or taking public transportation to a local office, you can use our secure, free online services to handle much of your Social Security business. With the amount of time you save, you'll have more time to spend with the grandkids or have time for a brisk walk around the neighborhood or local park.

Before going for that walk, though, visit [www.SocialSecurity.gov](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov). Whether you already receive benefits or you're just starting to think about retirement, it's a great time to open a "my Social Security" account.

What's "my Social Security"? It's a secure online account that allows you immediate access to your personal Social Security information. During your working years, you can use "my Social Security" to view your Social Security Statement to check your earnings record and see estimates of the future retirement, disability and survivor benefits you and your family may receive. Check it out at [www.SocialSecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov/myaccount).

After you check your online Social Security Statement, be sure to visit our Retirement Estimator. Like a "my Social Security" account, you can use it as many times as you'd like. The Estimator lets you change variables, such as retirement date options and future earnings. You may discover that you'd rather wait another year or two before you retire to earn a higher benefit. To get instant, personalized estimates of your future benefits just go to [www.SocialSecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov/estimator).

Deciding when to retire is a personal choice and depends on a number of factors. To help, we suggest you read our online fact sheet, "When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits," available at [www.SocialSecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.SocialSecurity.gov/pubs).



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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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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 28, 2019  
2nd Sunday of Easter

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



### 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 SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA

### BOY SCOUT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

APRIL 28TH  
AT ST ANN'S PARISH CENTER

8:30 AM—11:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



First Communion Practices — April 30, & May 3

First Communion — May 4th  
9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

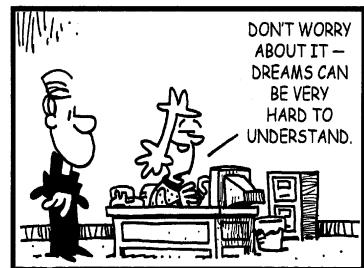
### Forty days — Forty Items

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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.

### SEASONAL REFLECTION

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#### Prayer for Our Country

Good and gracious Father,  
You created the human race as one human family,  
yet formed a special people for Your own.  
God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David,  
watch over our nation!  
May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom,  
counsel, and prudent discernment  
in creating just laws for our land.  
May all service men and women be protected  
as they defend our freedom and way of life.  
May all citizens work together for the common good  
and the protection of the least among us.  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in  
Your coming kingdom that we place our trust.  
Give us the grace here and now to love as you love  
and to serve as you served.  
Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.



### 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**

## 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 28: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting 26 families, providing 278 bags of food (for one's supply), 29 families with a complete Easter Dinner, and \$2,597 for utility and rent bills. Thank You!

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.



Rehearsal — Thursday, April 25th — 6:00 PM  
First Communion — Saturday, April 27th — 10:00 AM

Rehearsal — Thursday, May 9th — 6:00 PM  
First Communion — Saturday, May 11th — 10:00 AM

#### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

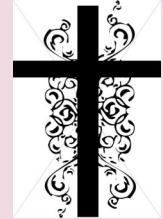


**About the Archdiocese of Boston:** The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, 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!



*Call on Mary,  
for her name means  
"Star of the sea,  
The North Star which guides  
the ships of our souls  
during the voyage of  
this life," and she will  
guide you to the harbor  
of eternal salvation.*

—ST. LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT