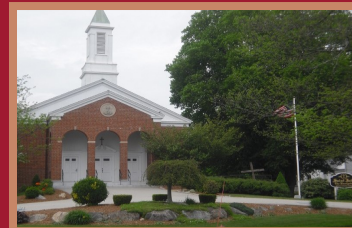




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter*



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” - Jn 13:34

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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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Ben Williams
Nancy Maloney
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Jackie Buccigross

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 18, 2019

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00 - All the newly Baptized children of the Parish

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, May 25, 2019

4:00 - John Conant — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 18, 2019

4:00 - George McGrath — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:30 - Bronislaw Rudinski — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, May 20, 2019

9:00 - Ann K. Carrier — 6th Anniversary

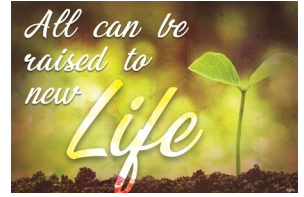
Saturday, May 25, 2019

4:00 - Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners suffering with illnesses



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I think that many of us wonder what heaven will be like. Some have a “traditional” view, one with which we’ve grown up – complete with angels strumming on harps while perched on puffy clouds. Some have come to believe heaven as not so much a “place” as it is a “state of being”/“way of living”. No matter what our view, those who have a view of heaven see it as a completely different thing as compared to the reality of our life on earth.

John, the ascribed writer of the Book of Revelation, would share that view. In seeing it as something new, John recognizes not only the end of our earthly days as bringing about a radically different way of living, but also as the fulfillment of everything which God has promised His people. This “new order” of things is a reimagining of how we are to live our lives in relationship with God. God will take away all of the “stumbling blocks” that keep us from seeing God and living life to the full with God – tears, mourning, pain. God will replace these challenges with a fulfillment of this “new order”.

There is a challenge to this way of thinking, however, namely what we do between now and then? How do we live our lives knowing that while here on earth there will be these difficulties, these challenges? It’s not like we can avoid pain, tears or death. They are part of our “makeup”, of who we are as human beings. We must, therefore, strive for a vision like John’s. We must see beyond the limitations of this world and keep our eyes on the Kingdom. Again, this can be challenging but it is how we must live our lives. If we contain our “vision”, our thinking and living to this world then we will be caught unexpectedly when the time comes for us to enter into the Kingdom, either at the end earthly days or at the end of time.

God is with us now, leading us in His way of living. God will be with us at the end of the age to call us home to Himself. God will usher us (we pray) into the Kingdom, where will spend all eternity in everlasting peace, joy and life. May we use our time here on earth wisely, spending time growing in relationship with God. May we prepare ourselves here and now to be ready for that day when we are called home. May we enter into the Kingdom when God calls us home to spend everlasting life with Him.

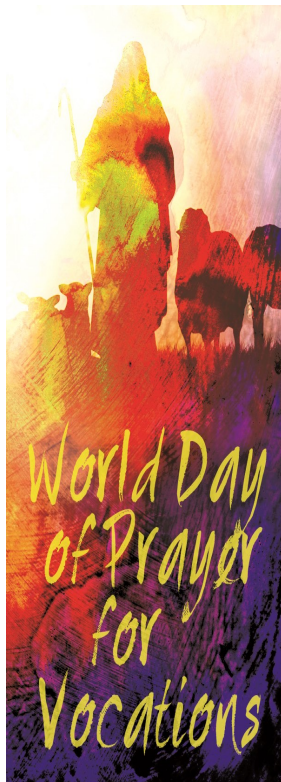
A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer
for Vocations, may each
person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning
marriage, the chaste single
life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would
guide, inspire, and strengthen
them.
May your Church and the
world be enriched by the "yes"
of your children.

Amen.



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

The Next Second Collection June 9th — Seminary Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
OFFERTORY To be announced in next week's bulletin				
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000	\$17,716	\$32,000

STOP THE ROE ACT.
Say No to HB 3320 and SB1209
Oppose the Roe Act Infanticide Bill



The Roe Act Infanticide bill filed in MA is part of a national effort promoting an extremist abortion agenda that recently made headlines in NY and VA.

This horrific legislation would:

- Legalize Infanticide
- Eliminate Parental Consent and Notification laws completely
- Remove the requirement later term abortions are performed in hospitals by doctors
- Expand on-demand no questions asked abortions beyond 24 weeks
- Increase taxpayer funding for abortion

Abortion is not a religious or moral issue, it's a human rights issue!!

There are 5 easily identifiable major issues that you should be aware of. If passed, the law:

1. Allows abortion on demand in our Commonwealth for all *nine* months of pregnancy;
2. Removes any requirement that even late term abortions be preformed in hospitals;
3. Removes any need for a young girl to obtain any consent whatsoever before undergoing an abortion procedure;
4. Removes any requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives the abortion procedure; and
5. Funds these types of abortions through the "Healthy Start" program even for women who do not qualify for MassHealth.

In 1770 Edmund Burke wrote **"the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."** Unfortunately many good people who may be strongly against abortion fail to express their opinions to those who will make the final decision. Contact you state senator and state representative and express your concerns. They represent you....or do they? The following information is provided to assist you.

The State Representative for East Bridgewater is Alyson Sullivan. She may be contacted at the State House, 24 Beacon St., Room 39, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-2488 Fax: (617) 626-0170 Alyson.sullivan@mahouse.gov

The State Representative for West Bridgewater is Michelle DuBois. She may be contacted at the State House, 24 Beacon St., Room 473F, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-2210 michelle.dubois@mahouse.gov

The State Senator for East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater is Michael Brady. He may be contacted at State House, 24 Beacon St. , Room 416A, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-1200 Michael.Brady@masenate.gov

Sign a Petition at: www.SayNotoRoe.com

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
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New mailing address:
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West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

Congratulations to Saint Ann's First Communicants
who received the Sacrament last weekend.

9:00 Class

Lucas Brache
Michael Denson
Ella Holland
Rose LeBlanc
Aden Legros
Johnathan Legros
Kendall Martin
John Metherall
Emma Milton

Maria Murphy
Matthew Navin
Leah Perez
Owen Seckinger
Andrew Spadea
Keira Stipkovich
Mackenzie Terry
Hailey Thomas
Andrew Waite

12:00 Class

Julia Auger
Mason Bailey
Tyler Beady
Abigail Besarick
Madison Brown
Elijah Castillo
Matthew Clarke
Kyle Craig
Christopher D'Agostino
Isaiah David
Emma Deveau

Brendan Farrell
Alanna Fidalgo
Benjamin Gauthier
Chloe George
Jacob Hastings
Madison Leaden
Sydney Muller
Myles Mussari
Dylan Petronelli
Zachary Smith

GOD BLESS!



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.

Thank you to all Saint Ann's Parishioners who Supported the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**MEAT RAFFLE
MAY 25, 2019
1:00 PM**

SEASONAL REFLECTION

May 19, 2019 5th Sunday of Easter

7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear

1. Live with intention. College will be full of new opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
4. Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
6. Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, and cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count!).
7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

5th 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, Jim Koury & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

A special thank you to Denise Robichaud and Jane Piver for the extraordinary job they did decorating the church for Easter.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

May 19, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

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

May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another.... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

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.

SUMMERFEST CRAFT FAIR/YARD SALE

JUNE 8TH (Rain date June 22nd)
8:00—2:00

St John's Parking Lot
\$25 for a space, Bring your own table

You can sell your crafts or yard sale items

Please call MaryAnn Boyle 508-378-4704

PROPHETT FUNERAL HOME "Bringing the Community Together" Series

May 18th ~ 8:30 - 2:00 PM

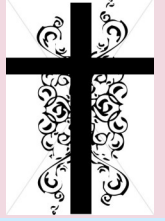
Visit the International Museum of WWII, located in Natick. All expenses paid bus will leave St. Thomas Parking Lot 8:30 AM. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The International Museum of WWII is the most comprehensive collection the world. There are more than 7,500 artifacts, letters, documents, on display; everything from a Sherman Tank to personal letters of Churchill. It is a global perspective, yet very intensely personal.

Call John Cowan to reserve your seat,
cell # 774-259-1351

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.

**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!



MAY YOU
TRUST GOD
THAT YOU
ARE EXACTLY
WHERE YOU
ARE MEANT
TO BE.
— ST. THERESE
OF LISIEUX

