



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*October 28, 2018
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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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., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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 Tuesday 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, October 27, 2018

4:00 - James & Leona DeCost — Memorial

Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:00 - Harold & Dorothea Barney — Memorial

10:30 - Bronislaw Morawski — 29th Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

John & Maria Amaral — Memorial

Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:00 - Robert Gale — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:00 - Bb Solakoff — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, October 27, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:30 - Lisa Kearney Elias — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Paul J. Sheedy — 2nd Anniversary

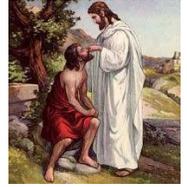
Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:00 - Louis & Mary Oriola — Memorial

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Vincent & Concetta Columbo & Family



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a friend of mine who I've known since college who is blind from birth. He would tell you, if asked, "I'm not sight-impaired, visually-challenged or optically-absent (a term which brought him no shortage of amusement, actually!)...I'm blind". Blindness, he would tell you is not something which he has had to deal with since he knows no other way. He would also tell you that it hasn't stopped him from achieving his life goals, such as getting a degree, getting married or raising children – he's done all three, and quite well.

The "man born blind" in today's gospel, Bartimaeus, would probably tell a different story. Bartimaeus has had to resort to begging, no doubt because he has been ostracized by the community. Blindness (any illness, for that matter) was associated with sin, and so Bartimaeus is seen as a sinner. He is probably pitied by some, but most likely reviled by most (as a sinner). When Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is coming his way, and he knows that this is his opportunity for healing. You know that he knows who Jesus is by the way he calls out to him, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me" (Mk 10:47). In acknowledging Jesus as "son of David", Bartimaeus is recognizing the "kingship" of Jesus. He is also recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, for the Messiah was to come from the Davidic line. It all comes together for Bartimaeus in that moment. Bartimaeus springs into action, and throws himself at the feet of Jesus with the simple, yet profound, request that he wants to see.

In making the request for sight, Bartimaeus is not only looking for physical healing, but spiritual and social healing as well. Bartimaeus knows that if his sight is restored, he can rejoin the community. Bartimaeus knows that Jesus can do this, as he refers to Jesus as "Master" (Mk 10:51); in doing this, Bartimaeus knows that Jesus is the "key" to healing. Jesus is the key to healing for us, as well. Where is it, in our lives, that we need healing? Where are the "blind spots" in our lives, those things which keep us from being all that we are called to be?

May we have the courage to know that Jesus can heal us. May we trust that this healing is what we need to be restored to fullness in the community. May we, like Bartimaeus, acknowledge Jesus as "Master" for us, our Church and the world.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is this decided?

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Priests joke about how transfers are decided. Answers range from "a huge dartboard in the chancery" to pick and win a parish. But managing personnel, especially now when numbers shift and the average age increases, is no easy task. Priests are moved for any number of reasons. The priest himself might want a change; or he may be looking for a different type or place of ministry. Special needs in one place might require particular talents and abilities. Perhaps the priest has acquired enough experience that he can manage a larger assignment. Family concerns, illness, or personal issues might require a change as well. Interestingly enough, these are many ways that a diocese may approach the process. Some have open placement where a priest interviews for a position, or in the case of a pastor, looks the parish over and then makes his interest known to the bishop. Other places use a committee to make recommendations on transfers. Others might post openings and allow the priest themselves to reach an agreement. Like any other institutions or businesses, moving personnel around is done to best suit the church and the priest.

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

The Next Second Collection

October 21, 2018 — Quarterly collection for major repairs

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/14/18		10/14/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,078	\$3,680	\$6,272	\$ 5,700
HOLY FATHER COLLECTION	\$889		\$878	
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

Friday, October 19, 2018

Good afternoon,

You may have heard news reports that the United States Justice Department has begun an investigation in Pennsylvania involving the abuse crisis and associated speculation that their activity may expand to the church in other states. We have not heard from anyone in the Justice Department regarding their interest in the Archdiocese of Boston. We cannot predict whether or not we will hear from them in the future.

Given the public attention to this we wanted to share some facts with you regarding our work with law enforcement agencies in the past.

The Archdiocese of Boston has undergone a more thorough investigation and review of its files and historical treatment of sexual abuse of minors by clergy than any other diocese in the United States.

For the past sixteen years we have worked in partnership with all levels of law enforcement; local, state and federal to maintain the highest levels of child protection. Outcomes of working in partnership include Agreements with both the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (2003) and the US Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts with regard to priests in federal and military service (2005). We continue to stand by both Agreements.

We report all allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy as a first step in every case. We implemented annual audits of the effectiveness of our policies and publish those results. We began disclosing the identity of publicly accused priests of the Archdiocese of Boston in 2011. It is important to note that there have been no new allegations of abuse occurring since 2006.

Also, as we recently announced, we have hired former U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern and others at his law firm to lead the review of our seminaries to meet the public's expected levels of transparency and accountability - and certainly with respect for the commitment by all those associated with our seminaries to the highest standards of integrity, respect and safety for our seminarians, faculty and staff.

As you all are aware, our recognition of the trauma of the heinous crimes committed by clergy makes the leaders of this Archdiocese committed to the survivors in many ways - none of which can ever erase the crimes of the past but seek to sincerely assist in their healing. The Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO) was established and funded in 2002 and each year approximately 300 survivors and, in some cases their family members, are served by the staff of OPSO including connecting and supporting their therapeutic relationships and other services ([OPSO link](#)).

Our commitment to survivors and all Catholics includes protection and prevention measures to keep all children safe. Since 2000, all clergy, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese of Boston - central administration, parishes and related agencies must submit to annual CORI checks (approximately 50,000 checks annually) and more than 100,000 adults have been trained in the Protecting God's Children Program.

The summary of this information is presented here to provide you with some of the facts that evidence the sincerity of our commitment to transparency, prevention and healing. There is always more work to do and we will continue with heartfelt anguish over the failures of the Church and with recognition that our anguish pales in comparison to the pain of the trauma of crimes experienced by survivors.

We hope this information is helpful to you in your ministry and in being able to answer any questions or concerns you may encounter.

Thank you.

For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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New mailing address:
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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.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!!!!

Saint Ann's is currently experiencing some flooding in the basement of the Rectory. We are currently working

with the Archdiocese to remedy this situation. However, every plan of action requires money.

The offertory has been very low lately and barely covers the monthly bills. Therefore, we find it necessary to add a second collection quarterly to address some of the capital issues. As you can imagine, the quarterly collection this quarter will be for the water issues. This collection will be The weekend of October 20 & 21.



More about the water issues at Saint Ann.

We seem to have solved the issues creating the flooded cellar at the Rectory. We are in the process of moving forward with the repairs necessary to correct that problem.

In the meantime, we noticed that we also have a problem with the down spouts of the church. We have

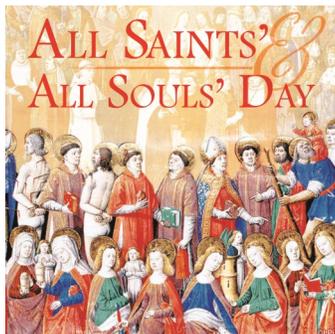
connected with the Belolli Co. who is working on the flooding issue to correct this problem, as well.

You know what that means \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$. Your generosity is imperative!!!!!! Thank you in advance.

ALL SAINTS



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1, 2018

SAINT JOHN'S — 9:00 AM
SAINT ANN'S — 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT JOHN'S — WILL BE HOSTING THE MIDNIGHT MASS THIS YEAR.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

Join Our Choirs!

Welcoming new members for children's, adult and teen choirs! Weekly, seasonal, and Teen Mass opportunities. No audition required. Instrumentalists also welcome! Children must have received First Holy Communion in order to participate. Contact Paul Hoffman, Saint John's Music Director, for more information and schedule.

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to 45 families and in September, we served 47 families.
God Bless 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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



OCTOBER 28TH

A Prayer for Priests "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." - St. Jean Vianney

Jesus Christ, Great High Priest,
You are able to sympathize
with our human weakness
Strengthen your priests for the work of ministry.
You healed, proclaimed, and taught.
Renew your priests in their concern
for the poor, zeal for the Gospel, and personal witness to virtue.
You instituted the sacraments as signs of heavenly grace.
Make holy your priests for this sacred service.
You bore our sufferings and sins upon yourself.
May your priests remain close to the broken-hearted.
Jesus Christ, Great High Priest, bring your priests ever closer to
your Sacred Heart.
Amen.

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, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, 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 & The residents of Schem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Don't miss out!!!!
We are taking reservations for our:
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
NOVEMBER 24TH
9AM—3 PM
\$30 FOR SPACE WITH A TABLE
\$25 FOR SPACE WITHOUT A TABLE
CALL MARY ANN BOYLE—508-378-4704

Saint John's has been trying to get the parking lot lined. We are still working on this project. We also have issues with the doors of the church that need to be addressed. These projects require money that we don't have. So we are installing a quarterly collection. This will be implemented this weekend.



OCTOBER 23, 24, & 25
At 4:30 PM

The Religious Education Program
Will be conducting
Parent Meetings with Fr. Paul and Mrs. Hopgood

Please make every effort to attend.

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

St. 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 hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

-Amen

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



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann	saint john
October 14	October 28
December 9	January 27
January 13	March 24
February 10	April 14
March 10	

In the month of November, the prayer to Saint Michael will be included in all the Masses.