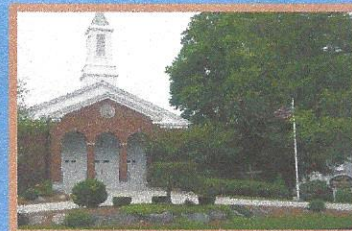


*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*January 27, 2019
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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It is love that gives value to
all our works; it is not by the
greatness or multiplicity of
our works that we please
God, but by the love with
which we do them.

—St. Francis de Sales

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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.

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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 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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Margaret Mary Williams

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 26, 2019

4:00 - Protection of the Unborn

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - James F. MacDonald, Sr. — 16th Anniv.

Kathleen L. Cicala — Memorial

Saturday, February 2, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:30 - Patrick Abati — 29th Anniversary

Wendel Harrington — 12th Anniversary

10:30 - Ann Murray — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

9:00—Miriam May Short — 16th Anniversary

Saturday, January 26, 2019

4:00 - Shirley Brady — 16th Anniversary

Lee Ann Brady — 35th Anniversary

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Christine Cole — Birthday Remembrance

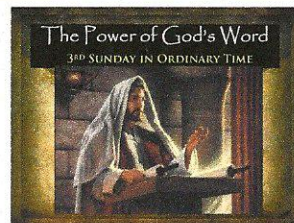
Saturday, February 2, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann who are ill

10:30 - The poor and suffering in the world



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in January of 1981, my brother and I (along with a friend of ours) travelled down to Washington, D.C. to take in the inauguration of (the re-elected) President Ronald Reagan. Regardless of one's politics, if you've ever been to an inauguration you know that there is something interesting, unique, even spectacular about such an event. At the centerpiece of this event is the Inaugural Address. It is an opportunity for the President to "set a course" and to "lay the foundation" for the work that they hope to accomplish over the next four years. One remembers (either through personal memory or history lessons) the famous charge laid out by President Kennedy in 1961, that one should "ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Stirring words, indeed!

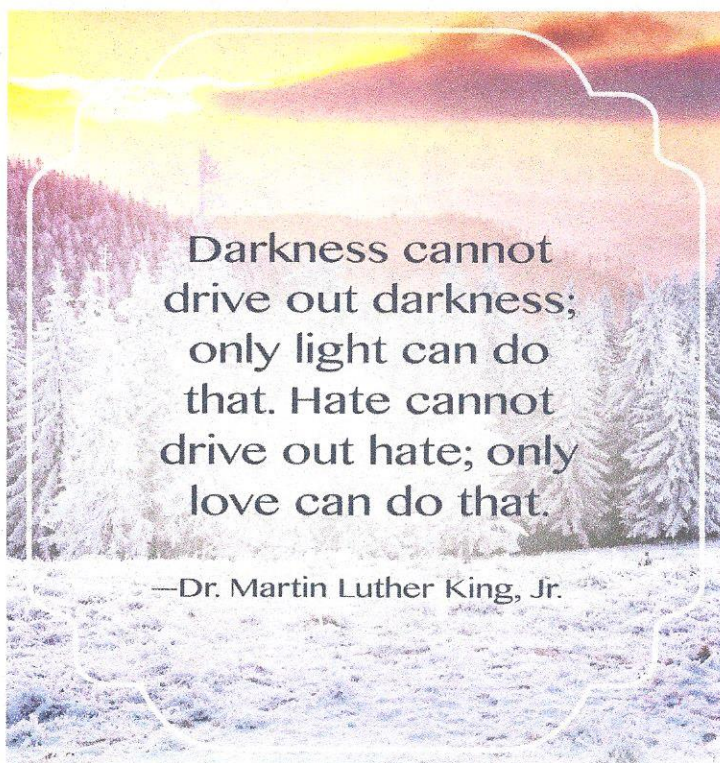
In today's gospel, Jesus puts forth what is, in essence, His "Inaugural Address". The words that Jesus reads, from the prophet Isaiah, are not only *spoken by* Him, they are *about* Him. These prophetic words, spoken at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and fulfilled in the hearing by the people that day, would be lived out and fulfilled by Jesus in His public ministry and ultimately by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus isn't just "talking the talk" here; He is letting those who would have ears to hear know what the reign of God is all about, both here on earth and in the Heavenly Kingdom. It is not just poetic words that will bring about the Kingdom. It is the action of Jesus, in bringing "glad tidings to the poor...liberty to captives....sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18), as well as those who would choose to follow Him (read: you and me), that will usher in a new day, a new way of living.

At first, the people are taken with and amazed by Jesus prophetic way. They are amazed that this "native son" could have all of this command and power. Ultimately, however, they will find Him altogether too much, driving Him out of the town and attempting (unsuccessfully, of course) to put an end to Him. I think we can all relate to this, to a certain degree. How many times have we tried to correct a loved one, close friend or co-worker, only to be rebuffed and rejected? Just like Jesus, however, this should not keep us from speaking the truth about our faith. Just like Jesus, the rejection we feel/face will be nothing as compared to the glories that await us in the Kingdom.

May we have the open ears and hearts to hear the Word of God touch us and change our lives. May we have the courage to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. May we know that the Word of God, bringing us challenge and hardship at times, will ultimately lead us to know Christ, to live Christ and to follow Christ with our whole heart, soul and life.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



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

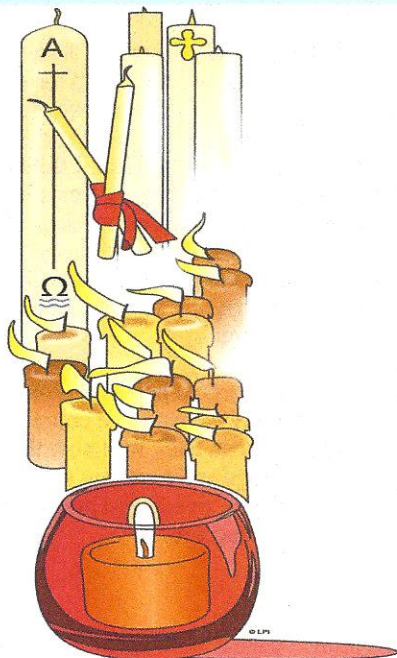
The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available			
OFFERTORY		\$3,680		\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL		\$32,000		\$32,000

I want to sincerely thank everyone for their patience during the technical problems that we experienced causing us not to be able to produce bulletins. Our computer got infected with a severe virus. One we could not fix. Thanks to a volunteer from the parish, we were able to alternatively correct the situation and are now able to keep everyone informed of the news of the parishes.

Deacon Brendan has retired from administrative duties at St. Ann's, but will continue his pastoral work.

We wish him a sincere Thank you for all he did for St Ann's and a warm wish that his retirement will be filled with health and happiness.

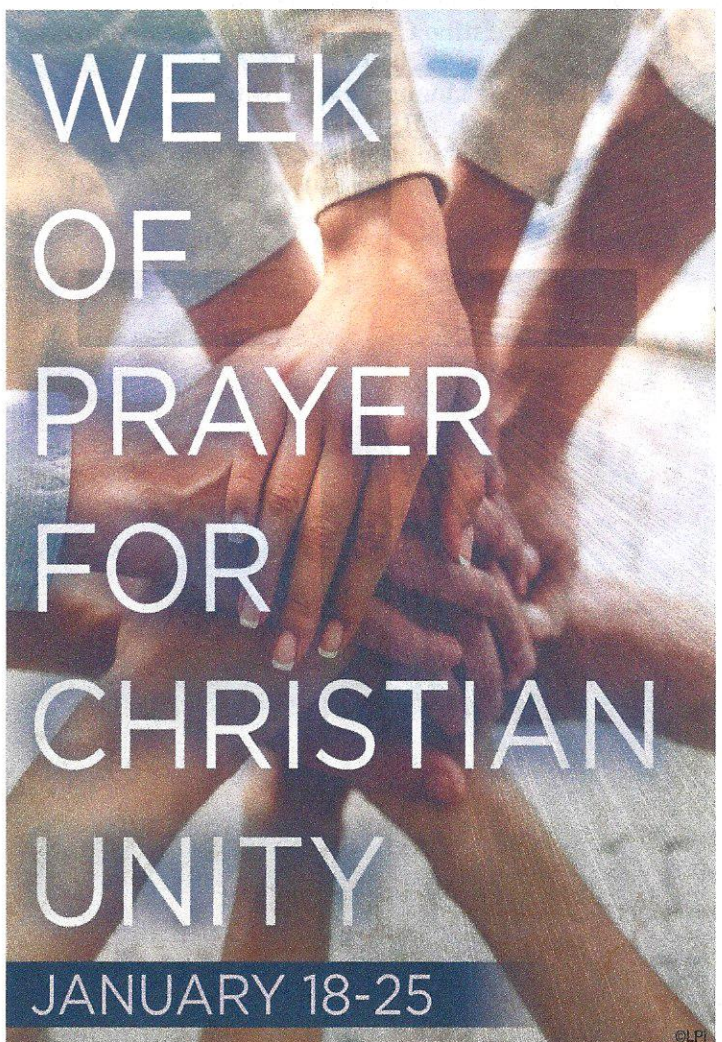


BLESSING OF THE THROATS WILL BE DONE AFTER THE MASSES

THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 3RD

The Catholic Pastoral Care Program at Signature-Healthcare Brockton Hospital invites you to become a member of the Catholic Pastoral Visitors Program.

As a Eucharistic Minister, you will minister to patients through prayer and the offering of Eucharist. The anxiety caused by sickness is often a challenge for patients and their families. Your presence is the warmth of Christ and demonstrates the care of your local parish community. Please consider joining us as a Eucharistic Minister.



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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The Smile Train
Changing The World One Smile At A Time

The Annual Cupcake Sale for The Smile Train
Took place the 15th & 16th of December.
Thank you to all involved.

Before



After

The proceeds from this fundraiser allowed the funds to
provide five children corrective surgeries.
Good Job!

Glastonbury Abbey is a small community of Catholic monks. We live a monastic life that is the legacy of St. Benedict, whose vision of a common way of life in search of God has stood the test of time over fifteen centuries.



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St Ann Prayer Line:



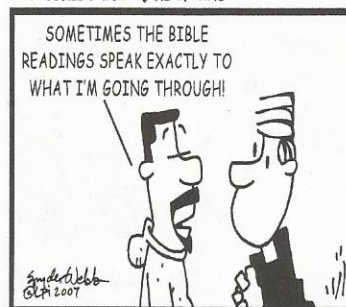
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like to expand our membership for this worthy endeavor.

Pray
FOR THE
PROTECTION
OF THE UNBORN



Once again we are asking that people avoid parking in front of the garage of the rectory as the priest need to have access at all times.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

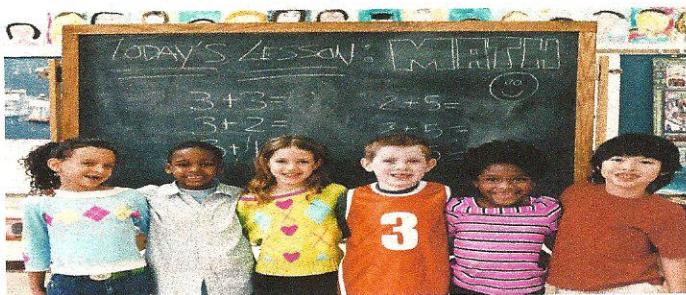
Karen DeBenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, 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, Jacquelyn Smith & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Presentation of the Lord

Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace? my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us today!

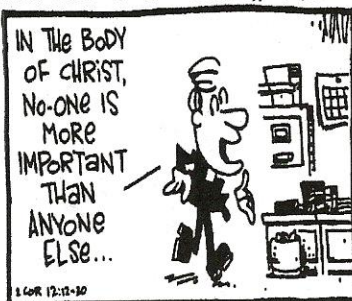


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH,
KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Catholic Women's Club Mtg — No February Meeting
March 13, — 12:00

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul

Saint John's Conference

PO Box 544

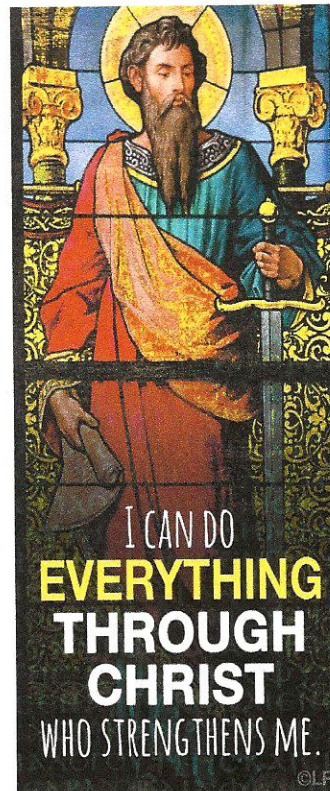
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Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Week-ends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA.

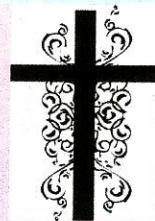
For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.

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



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann

**February 10
March 10**

Saint John

**January 27
March 24
April 14**