



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



February 4, 2018

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.— 9:00 a.m



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. — MK 1:32-34

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 for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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 of the month 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

February 4, 2018—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00 — Geraldine Nadolny — Month's Mind
Joseph Nadolny — Anniversary

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 — Barbara Sullivan — Month's Mind
10:30 — Christopher Thompson — 21st Ann.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:00 — Margaret Hogan Ferazzi — Memorial

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John
10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 4th Anniversary
10:30 - Martha J., Teresa, Daniel W., &
Andrew H. Miles — Memorial

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 — Allan & Pauline Ashley — Memorial

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:00 — Mark Creedon — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellagrino — Memorial
10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 21st Anniversary

Tuesday, February 12, 2018

9:00 - Sally B. Moran — Memorial

DEACON'S CORNER

It's common knowledge that we are likely to feel blue during the **winter**. The days are shorter, the sun is sparse and you have to wear so many layers of clothing anytime you're feeling brave enough to take on the cold and set foot outside.

Here are some quotes from Sacred Scripture to think about when you are experiencing the Winter Blues:

From the book of Deuteronomy (31:8) "The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Proverbs 37:7 "Be still before the Lord, wait for God."

Psalms 34:18, 19 "When the just cry out, the Lord hears and rescues them from all distress. The Lord is close to the broken hearted."

Matthew 6:25 "I tell you, do not worry about life. Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life?"

There are so many words of comfort in Sacred Scripture.. They have **Hallmark** beat since the beginning of time!!

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Sickness can take many forms: one can be physically, emotionally or spiritually sick. One form of sickness can bring about another form of sickness. For example, one who is physically sick with a chronic illness can develop emotional illnesses (such as depression or anxiety), or even spiritual maladies (such as despair and doubt of God's presence). We are, by nature, holistic beings – our minds, bodies and souls are intrinsically linked, one to the other. This is how God made us; we cannot discount anything about our "makeup", for it all works toward the whole of life. I am very blessed, I feel, to have a good spiritual director, therapist and chiropractor – they all work, independent of one another, to keep me "together" (the "jury is out" as to how they're doing, but I think they're doing pretty well!).

In today's readings, illness abounds. In our first reading, Job is despairing about the state of his life, and who could blame him?! Throughout his trials and tribulations, Job curses many things, including his very life – but he never curses God. He still holds out hope that God's plan is at work in his life. Ultimately, Job is vindicated for his trust and belief in God. All about him, his family and friends urge him to "curse" and be done with it, move on with his life. Job cannot bring himself to do this, for he knows deep down that God is still there. How often in our lives have we questioned God (even doubted, on some level) in the "low points" of our lives? How often have we wondered, if only to ourselves, where God is in these challenging moments of our lives? This is only natural, human. As long as we don't bring it to the point of abandoning God's plan for us and His existence in the world, we are fine.

In our gospel, after curing the illness of Simon's mother-in-law, the ill and possessed are brought to Jesus for healing. It was thought in Jesus' day and age that illness and sin were related – the sicker you were, the more "steeped" in sin you were. We know this not to be the case now, for sin is a result of our relationship with God and others and not our physical selves (although sin can impact us physically, impacting our corporal beings). Many of our brothers and sisters in faith still hold on to this misconception, that of sin and illness being related. It is a notion of which we must disavow ourselves, for this is not how God operates. This is not to say that God is absent from these moments. His allowing of these things is part of the "permissive will of God". It is true that evil exists and "bad things happen to good people". To say that God is absent from those moments couldn't be further from the truth. If anything, God is in the midst of those events, leading us from "darkness" to "light", a light that breaks through the darkness of tragedy, illness or even death itself.

Ultimately, Job never loses hope and neither should we. Our God is one who calls us from brokenness to wholeness, from pain to healing, from death to life. In those moments when God seems furthest away, look around – God may be closer than you think. He may just be right there beside you, or more likely carrying you (n.b. the "Footprints" story). May we trust that God is always at work in our lives, especially in the dark and challenging moments. May we trust that God will see us through those times, leading us to the Light that is Himself.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul



COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week —Support of the Church Around the World
 Next week —

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS		St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		1/12118		1/21/18		
OFFERTORY		\$3,619	\$3,680	\$5,190.50		\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	coll'd	\$6,195	\$32,000	\$23,838		\$32,000

October, 2017

Over the past several months the special collection schedule was reviewed in an effort to identify ways in which as an Archdiocese we can continue to support the wider needs of the Church but at the same time reduce the number of collections being taken up. With the assistance of the IFRM Review Committee, we identified an opportunity to strategically look at the collections in light of the mission of the Catholic Church and not as individual collections **In doing so, we were able to group collections and reduce the number of collections from 17 to 10;** collections are now grouped under a common mission category.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD.

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, the three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

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Mass for Prayer and Penance (2/4)

All Masses for Sunday, February 4th will be offered for Prayer and Penance at the request of Cardinal Sean. The Mass is being held in response to a call from Pope Francis for all episcopal conferences across the world to have a Day or Prayer and Penance in recognition of harm done by clergy sexual abuse within the church. It will be an opportunity to seek repentance for the sins of the church, to pray for all those who were abused, and to pray for continued healing for all those impacted by the abuse including those who were abused, families, members of our church, and the community at large.

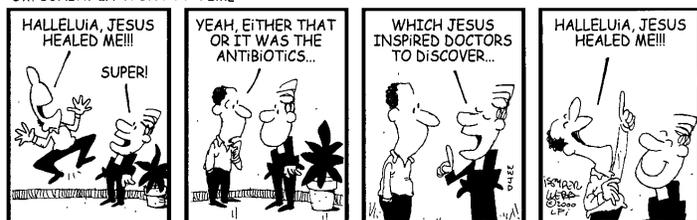
So that you can make appropriate decisions for your children, please keep in mind that the topic of the clergy sexual abuse crisis will be addressed during the Mass. If you know of anyone who has stepped away from the church because of the clergy abuse crisis, please let them know about this Mass in case they would like to attend. If you know of anyone who has been sexually abused by clergy or a member of the church, please let them know that the Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach is there to help. To report abuse or get help please call 617-746-5995.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508) 238-2300.

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Together in Christ Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry
Leaving Footprints Of Faith, Hope, Love



Step Towards Becoming a Saint! Lenten Mission

February 17th-February 20th



Spotlight
Program



A special Invitation for young adults and high school students!
Sunday, February 18th-February 19th
beginning at noon on Sunday
Miramar Retreat Center-Duxbury



An overnight retreat that will give us the opportunity
to step deeper into the love our faith has for us and change

our lives with the beauty of holiness. We have space for 30 and space for 5 chaperones!

Calendar

2/2: First Friday Adoration at St. Ann
6:45-8:00 pm

2/4: Scout Family Mass at St. John at
10:30 am

2/8-Ultreya at St. John at 7:00 pm
2/10-Pasta with the Pastor at St.
Ann's Rectory at 5:00 pm

2/16- Prayer Group at St. John at
10:00 am

Save the Date:

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction
April 6th-Emerald Hall, Abington



This fundraiser will benefit the Collaborative
and the Parish and Youth Ministry

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction!
Friday , April 6th at Emerald Hall in Abington
\$12.00 Senior Ticket,, \$25.00 adult ticket
Early Bird Seating and Raffles beginning at 5:00 pm
General Dinner at 7:00 pm

We are looking for people to help us plan this wonderful event. We have lots we
would like to improve on from our first event last year while keeping the great
success the event was!

Silent Auction, Raffles, More Dancing with a DJ, and much more!



Winter Wonderland Weekend!

We would like to thank Delaney Lyons and her Dad-Rob for designing a very special weekend!

From Rebecca Dawson: "Everyone in my crew had a blast and couldn't stop talking about the weekend...thank you so much to all the chaperones (Kevin and Nancy Smith, Fr. Paul, and Rob Lyons) for dedicating your entire long weekend and many hours of planning this special trip, and for taking such good care of all of the kids! And great job designing the weekend, Delaney Lyons!!! It's experiences like this one that deepen and strengthen not just the bonds between the people who go, but also their faith, and that is everything. It happens every year, and I am beyond grateful for it every time...as well as for the ones I've experienced myself!"



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory.

**As of the first of the year,
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
address will be:**

103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater MA 02379

**POST OFFICE BOX HAS BEEN
DISCONTINUED.**

ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 14TH THIS YEAR.

MASSES AT SAINT JOHN — 9:00 AM

MASSES AT SAINT ANN — 7:00 PM

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THROATS WILL BE
EACH MASS ON
FEB. 3RD & 4TH.

Cursillo (3/1, 4/26)

**An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith -
Men's and Women's Weekends**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekends are:

Women's Weekend March 1 - 4, 2018

Men's Weekend April 26-29, 2018

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at cmg829@comcast.net. Or call Lorraine Hopgood.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00



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.

Q A special blessing of throats occurs on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3. What is the origin of this?

A St Blaise, Biagio in Italian, Blasco or Blas in Spanish, was a bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in modern Turkey, who was martyred for witnessing to the faith. He was tortured and beheaded for his beliefs by the local Roman governor around AD 316. This is all that is known about him, the rest being legend. We know much more about devotion to and the popularity of St. Blaise than historical facts.

The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western Church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church.

No matter what the facts are, St. Blaise is a constant reminder to us of God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's healing touch is with us always. St. Blaise's celebration is one of the ways in which we highlight and thank God for that care and concern.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**EVENING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES AT SAINT ANN**

WILL BE MOVED TO

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 5TH,
AT 6:30 PM

GO PATS!!!!!!

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, 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, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The Family Life Ministry will be selling
LOLLIPOPS
the weekend of February 10th and 11th.
After each Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

There are many in our community who need our prayers. Please know that your continued prayers are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who are struggling.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is available to help with food and other assistance. Please call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** and leave your name, telephone number and a brief message. Everything is confidential.

Last week we announced that we're now offering online giving. If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, (or if you missed our second collection), you can go online and make a gift to the (special collection) fund or our regular offertory. Please check the bulletin or visit www.stjohne.org to find out how to give online.

For those already on the MyOwn Giving (Legacy) Program, you will need to set up an account with our new system on www.stjohne.org prior to February 28th. to continue to give online. It would be best to set up the new account on our web page before you discontinue the old account. Both can be accessed on the web page. You can access the links on the home page of the web page or in the Contributions section of the webpage.

If you have any difficulty with setting up your account, you can contact the Rectory Office at 508-378-4207

Remember for any contributions to be acknowledged in our computer system, you must be registered in the parish and have an account number. Those who would like to be on the envelope system as well as on online giving, please let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES

2/3&4/18 — BLESSING OF THROATS AT MASSES

2/14/18 — ASH WEDNESDAY — MASSES:

9:00 — St. John's; 7:00 — St. Ann's

2/14/18 — Shawl Meeting — Riddell Rd Hall — 2 PM

TAX FORMS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE MAILED TO YOU.

ANYONE GIVING CASH, NEEDS TO USE THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO KEEP RECORDS ON YOUR OFFERTORY. LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE PUT ON THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

If you are not registered with the church, no records can be kept.



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