



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. - Lk 5:5-6

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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 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 9, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 - Robert & Theresa Mason — Memorial
John & Mary Doherty — Memorial
10:30 - Christopher Thompson — 22nd Anniv.

Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:00 - Ralph E. Ortenzi — Memorial

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 - Anyone suffering from Addiction
10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 9, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — 12th Anniversary
10:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 5th Anniversary

Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:00 - Rita C. Giovanoni — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann
10:30 - William McCormack — 6th Anniversary

FIRST READING:

I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING:

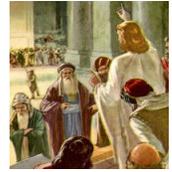
Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10b-11)

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

A man went out fishing one day and, much to his dismay, caught nothing! Realizing that he couldn't face his wife without at least one fish, he went to the fish market and approached the counter. He picked out a beautiful fish, and proceeded to ask the "fish monger" to throw him the fish over the counter. When asked why the man would want this, the fisherman replied, "this way, I can honestly tell my wife that I *caught a fish*"!

The disciples who Jesus approaches are fishermen, by trade. In fishing "the Lake of Gennesaret" (Lk 5:1), which is the Greek name for Galilee, they were plying their trade in a fish-rich area. The body of water in question is thirteen miles long and seven-and-a-half miles wide and, in Jesus' day, had ten prosperous towns along the coastline. Needless to say, it was a great place to fish and it must have been both frustrating and nerve-wracking for Simon Peter and his mates not to have caught anything. As Jesus approaches, He asks them to put out to sea once more; at first, Peter is skeptical but then gives in to Jesus' request. In doing so, Peter shows his trust in Jesus – a faith that will serve him well in future years. Of course, there is such an abundance of fish that it didn't take Peter long to "get the point": if one trusts in Jesus, there will be an abundance of "riches" - not necessarily material ones, but ones that will serve us well as we work as disciples of the Lord.

The "abundance" miracle that is seen here is repeated many times over in scripture. In Exodus 16, we have the manna in the wilderness; in 1 Kings 17:8-16, we have the widow's never-empty oil jug; just a few weeks ago, we had the wine supplied by Jesus at the wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-11). In all of these, we see two things at work: 1) God provides for the "human" needs of His people, and 2) they show forth the immense power of God. This particular miracle also shows a few other things. In providing, in a miraculous fashion, for the needs of the disciples, there is *recognition* by the disciples of Jesus' power. There is then a *response* by those disciples of a confession of the unworthiness of these same disciples. Finally, there is an *assurance* of success when we follow God's word.

May we have the courage to recognize God's call for us. May we have the openness to respond to that call for us with our whole hearts. May we be assured that when we do this, we will have an abundance of "riches" – not in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection
February 24, 2019 —Support of the Church Around the World

| Financial Blessings | St. Ann's | Budget | St John's | Budget |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS | Figures not Available | | | |
| OFFERTORY | | \$3,680 | | \$ 5,70 |
| GRAND ANNUAL | | \$32,000 | | \$32,000 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE DUE TO THE FACT THAT JACKIE BUCCIGROSS NO LONGER WORKS FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE. SHE WAS HIRED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE IN THE PARISH FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS A CONSULTANT. SHE HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP OUT UNTIL OUR NEW FINANCE PERSON COMES ON BOARD ABOUT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

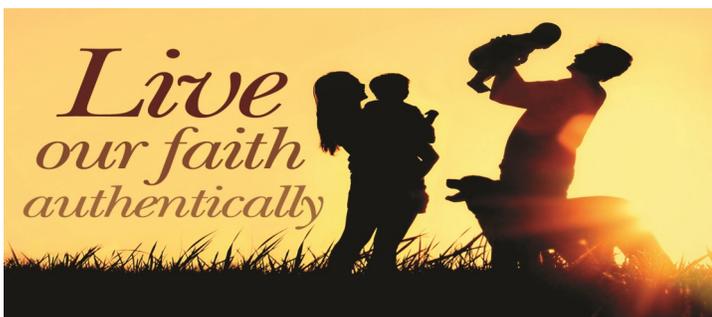
Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

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

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New mailing address:
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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.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

The Confirmation Classes from both St. Ann and
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Confirmation Retreats.

Retreats will be conducted in
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10th Grade — March 2, 2019
9th Grade March 9, 2019



LENT BEGINS

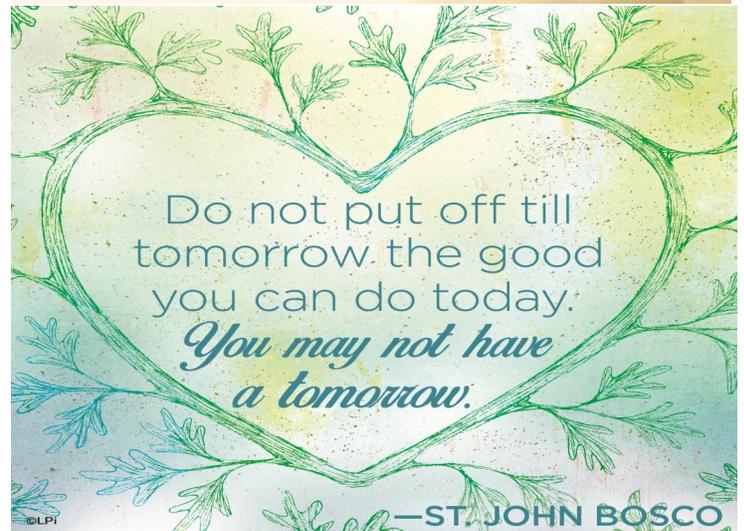
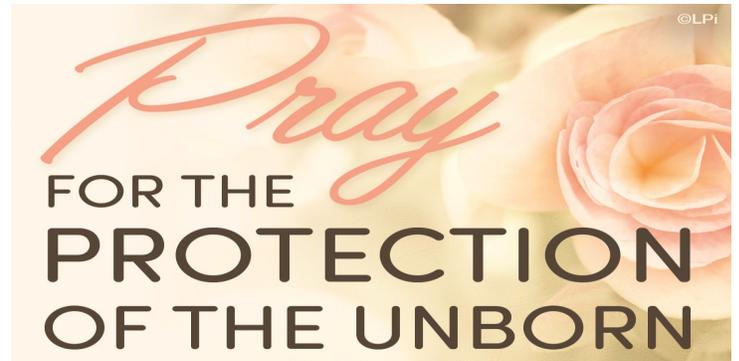


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St Ann Prayer Line:



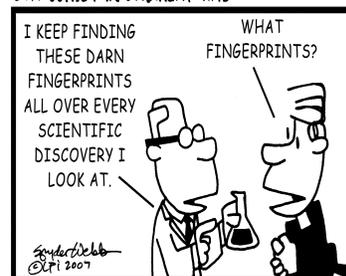
To request prayers from members of Saint Ann's Prayer Line for yourself, another person in need, or a special intention, please call or email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org. If you would like to join the telephone tree or e-mail distribution list, please contact Linda. We would like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



We need your help—please return all bulletins to the doors of the church if you are not taking them home.

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, 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, Anne Owen, Kerri Fabrowski & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

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**

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING
LOLLIPOPS AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND.**

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

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.

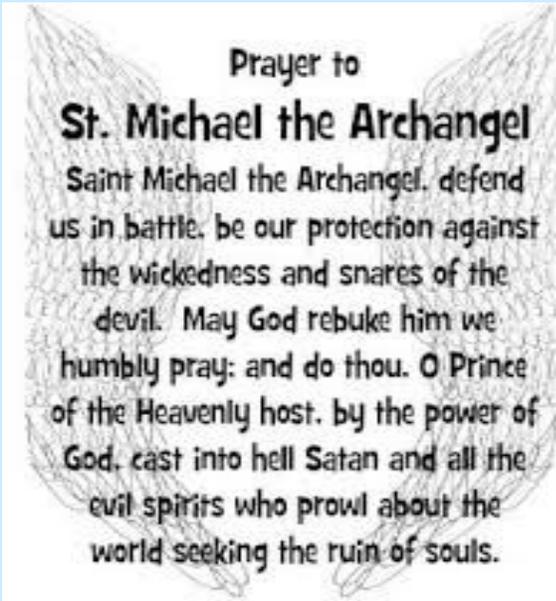
Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

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



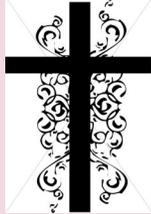
Saturday morning, before the vigil with Holy Father, I gathered with all the pilgrims from Boston attending World Youth Day at the Church of Our Lady of Carmen, a beautiful Carmelite church in the center of Panama City. In all, there were about 200 pilgrims from Boston with us at the Mass, which is many more than I had been expecting.

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.



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!!!!

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| Saint Ann | Saint John |
| February 10 March 10 | March 24 April 14 |