



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*February 24, 2019  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*7th Sunday*  
I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

*"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36*

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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## EUCHARISTIC 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**

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**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

4:00 - Parishioners suffering from Cancer

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Doris E. LePine- O'Connell— 1st Anniv.

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

4:00 - Stephen Hopkins — 20th Anniversary

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Bryan Dennis O'Connor — 25th Anniv.

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, February 23, 2019**

4:00 - Louis Tarantino — Memorial

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 22nd Anniversary

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

4:00 - Donald Nelson — 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — Birthday Remem

10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

9:00 - Margaret Corbett — Mass of Healing

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

9:00 - Mark Corra — Memorial

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**LENT IS COMING.....**

**March 6 — ASH WEDNESDAY**

Distribution at St John's: 9:00 AM, during Mass

4:30 PM Service

Distribution at St. Ann's: 7:00 PM during Mass

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule)**

6:30—8:00 PM

St Ann's

St John's

March 13

March 20

March 27

April 3

April 10

April 17

**EASTER SCHEDULE:**

Holy Thursday — St John's

Good Friday — St. Ann's

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) — St John's

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

At St John's after the 9:00 am Masses

At St. Ann's — 7:00 PM



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week we saw a Jesus that jarred us, one who was not the “warm and fuzzy Jesus” of whom I referred with regards to my seminary training and of whom we often think when we picture who Jesus is for us. Last week, in the rendering of the Beatitudes, Luke presented a Savior who was not afraid to challenge people’s thinking on who was of value in society (poor/rich, hungry/full, weeping/happy. This week’s gospel presents Jesus as one who is once again not afraid to defy “conventional wisdom” on the ideas of love and forgiveness.

In today’s gospel, which comes on the heels of last week’s gospel passage, Jesus tells the listener/reader that for one to be considered a follower of Jesus, one cannot merely live their lives by the dictates of the world. If one is to be a follower of Jesus, one must “rise above the fray” and think (and act) differently than the world – in essence, one must be BETTER than the world. This should not be a radical thought to the Christian, for while we live *in* the world we should never live so much *of* the world that we forget *why* we are here. We are here, Jesus and the Church would tell us, to build up the Kingdom here on earth so that one day we may live in God’s Eternal Kingdom. If we are to do this, we must think/act differently. Thus, Jesus speaks of us to “love your enemies...bless those who curse you...” (Lk 6:27-28) and “turn the other cheek” (Lk 6:29, paraphrased), among other things. This is challenging because it makes us seem weak, like “doormats”. Quite the contrary, these challenges make us strong – not in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of God. When we realize that our strength is in God, we are truly free to be the people who God calls us to be, and our “reward will be great” (Lk 6:35).

I realize that when one reads this, one can be disheartened because to live up to these standards can seem impossible. We are reminded in scripture, however, that “with God all things are possible” (Mt 19:26). Our reliance must be on God if we are to “succeed” in living the Christian life. We cannot live as the world lives, even while we live in the world, for our ultimate destiny isn’t the world – it’s the Kingdom. May we strive to live as “Kingdom People”. May we continue to live as Jesus would call us to live, even/especially when it is difficult. May we trust the Lord’s promise that He would not leave us abandoned, that He would be with us until the end of the end of time as we know it here on Earth.

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.				

Cardinal O'Malley's statement on defrocking of Archbishop McCarrick

Today Pope Francis rendered as final and irrevocable the recent decision by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith to dismiss former Archbishop Theodore McCarrick from the clerical state. This action by the Holy Father is important in administering justice for the crimes and sins committed by the former Archbishop.

The seriousness of the final dismissal notwithstanding, it cannot in and of itself provide healing for those so terribly harmed by the former Archbishop's scandalous violations of his ministry or for their families. Also, the Holy Father's action by itself will not bring about the healing needed in the Catholic community and our wider society; both are justifiably appalled and outraged that the former Archbishop could have for so long inflicted harm on minors and young adults vulnerable in the life of the Church.

As leaders for the Church, as cardinals and bishops, we are rightfully judged by our actions and not our words. Sincere apologies and petitions for forgiveness must be part of the healing process but standing alone they ring hollow in light of the revelations of sexual abuse by clergy that have come forth during the past year and almost twenty years prior. Leadership in the Church must enforce accountability for cardinals and bishops if we hope to have the opportunity to engage the laity in the work of tangible change in the Church.

In the Archdiocese of Boston there are strong policies and procedures to protect our people and as best possible prevent any occurrence of abuse and we carefully monitor compliance. All allegations of abuse of a minor are immediately reported to law enforcement. The Archdiocese provides ongoing pastoral and medical care for survivors of sexual abuse for as long as needed. We hold these commitments and continual vigilance to be our moral responsibility and can never allow for complacency. With the help of God and each another may we be faithful to this most sacred trust.

LENTEN SACRIFICE PROJECT

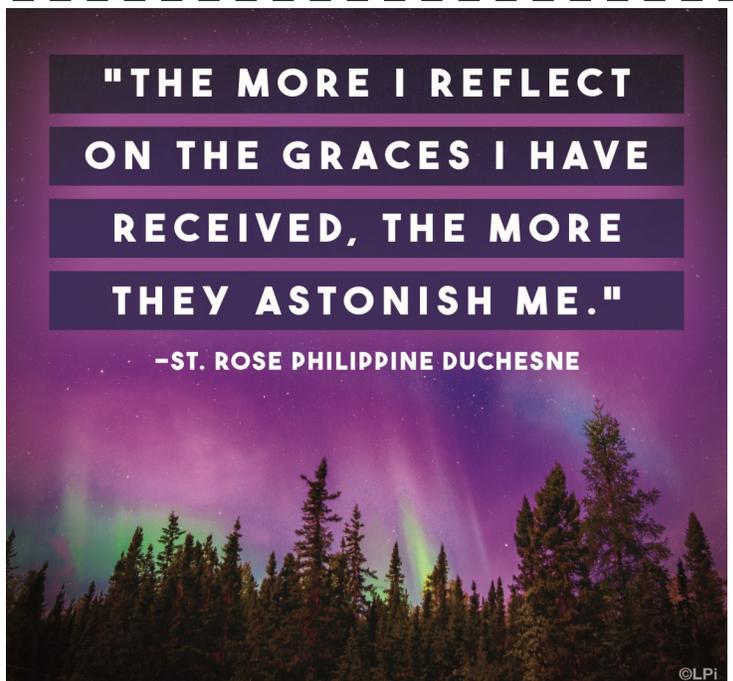
Saint Ann's and Saint John's will be organizing a sacrificial project that asks for the donation of one item of usable clothing to be donated each day of Lent.

**40 items for 40 days**

Clothing will be collected in a large trash bag. The week after Lent bags will be dropped off at Saint Ann's Parish Center to be picked up by The St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"THE MORE I REFLECT  
ON THE GRACES I HAVE  
RECEIVED, THE MORE  
THEY ASTONISH ME."

-ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



If you have donated to the Grand Annual Collection this year, Thank You.

If you have not yet given, please remember that this collection is essential to the financial stability of each parish.

## 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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## 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  
St. John will attend the following  
Confirmation Retreats.

Retreats will be conducted in  
St. Ann's Parish Center.  
8:00—12:00  
10th Grade — March 2, 2019  
9th Grade March 9, 2019

### La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street  
Attleboro, MA 02703

### UPCOMING HEALING SERVICES

Portuguese - Third Sunday  
February 17, 2:30PM

English w/ Fr. Pat

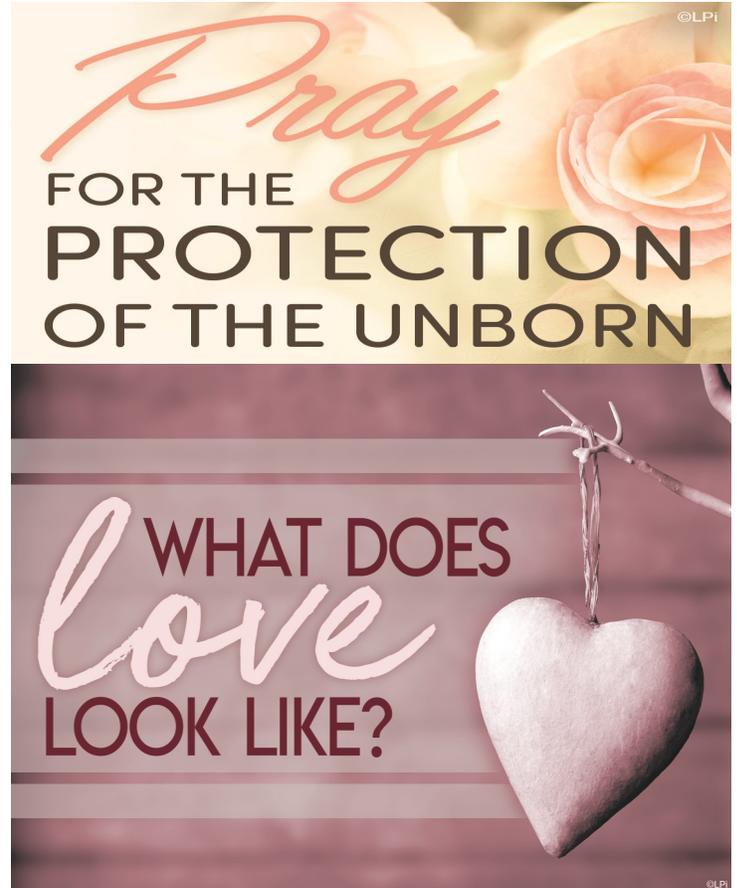
**BURING OF PALMS**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**  
**AFTER 12:10 PM MASS**

You may bring your palms to the church all week,  
and at the 12:10 PM Mass on February 24, 2019

### 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.**

7<sup>th</sup> 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, Maureen Campbell & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

February 24, 2019  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

-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)**

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

The April Baptism scheduled for April 14th (Palm Sunday) has been moved to April 28th.

**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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30

### **EASTER CHOIR**

For teen and adult parishioners of both parishes interested in singing in the Collaborative Choir for the Paschal Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, rehearsals begin Monday, March 11, 7:15 pm at St. Johns. For children from St. John's Parish who have already received First Communion and are interested in joining the Children's Choir to sing Easter morning, rehearsals begin Monday, March 11, 6 pm at St. Johns. Contact Paul Hoffman, St. John's Music Director, for details.

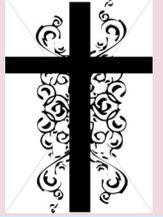
### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." Give the gift of your love to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, 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](http://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!



**TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!**

<b>Saint Ann</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>March 24</b>

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.