

*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017*



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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. TBA
Daily Mass, Monday – 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.
Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, 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 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 - 2nd and 3rd Wednesday 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

February 26th — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:00 - Stephen Hopkins — 18th Anniversary

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Lori Hannan — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, March 4, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John suffering with health issues

6:00 - Couples hoping for children

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:30 - Emil Grodecki — Memorial

10:30 - William McCormick — Memorial

Saturday, March 4, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:30 - James "Jim" Baker — Birthday Remem

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann suffering with health issues

6:00—Couples hoping for children

DEACONS' CORNER

Shortly, we will be beginning the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is coming this week and with it Christians around the world begin to take inventory of their lives and their relationships with God. This is something we should be doing year-round but during Lent, in a special way, we are preparing to celebrate our Lord's Passion and Resurrection during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. There are many actions you may take to make this Lenten Season a fruitful time in your lives. For those that can, try to attend daily Mass. Others may be able to make a visit to Church for some quiet prayer time during the week and as always be sure to attend Sunday Mass. Lent is a time for Spiritual Reflection which in our hectic world we sometimes forget to take time and do. Some will say that I can pray at home and yes, you can but when one enters the Church you will be able to pray in the true presence of our Lord found in the Holy Eucharist. No matter how you prepare for Easter during this Lenten Season, know that my prayers are with you.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



An unknown author (probably the most quoted author of all time!) was once quoted as saying that "today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday". So as to assist you from having your head explode trying to "unpack" that saying, let me help. Basically the author is saying that we always worry about tomorrow and that when it comes we don't worry about it because we are "in the moment". At that moment, however, we're already worrying about tomorrow! It's amazing that we have such a hard time living "in the moment". One of the ways that I have been trying to do so recently is undertake the practice of "mindfulness meditation"; done in conjunction with my prayers, it allows me the opportunity to "live in the present moment". We are always concerned about the next day, week, month or year. We plan so far ahead because we don't want the moment to "sneak up on us". The danger, however, with that type of thinking is that it robs us of the present moment which has gifts to give us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, helps us to live "in the moment" by looking around us and "taking a page" out of nature's "book". In calling us to not worry about tomorrow or the next day, Jesus is inviting us to treasure the present moment. Jesus knows that tomorrow will have problems (as well as opportunities), but in calling us not to worry Jesus is inviting us to have faith. This faith comes by trusting that God knows what we need and responds to that need in the best way possible. This is not to say that it is always in the way we expect, for often times God responds in ways that may surprise us but are always in our best interest. My first spiritual director once told me that "God always answers our prayers, but that sometimes that answer is 'no'". It was a good reminder to me that God may not always answer in a way I might like, but that if I have patience then the wisdom of God will be revealed in that answer.

Another element of this wisdom is the fact that we must choose who it is that we will follow, for we "cannot serve two masters" (Mt 6:24). In choosing who it is that we will serve, there is an element of loyalty involved, as well as love and commitment. We "cannot serve God and mammon" (ibid) ("mammon" is an Aramaic word for wealth or property). By setting up this dichotomy, Jesus calls us to choose who it is that we will serve – God or the world. We must live *in* the world, but we must never live *of* the world; our focus, even while living in the world, must be the Kingdom. We do this best by bringing God into the world, into our daily living at work, school, home or relationships. This is not always easy to do, but it is something which we must do if we are to remain loyal to God. We are never to "check our faith at the door", putting it aside when it becomes burdensome or inconvenient. May we have the courage to recognize the good gifts God gives us. May we have the courage to further share these gifts with our brothers and sisters. May we know the will of God and have the courage to do it with faith, hope and love!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**MONTHLY MEAT RAFFLE
AT
SAINT ANN'S
1—3 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

LENTEN MISSION

The Collaborative Lenten Mission will be held from March 12th - 14^h.

Father Thomas Carzon, OVM, who conducted the Advent Mission, will preside.

Please check the LOOP pages for specifics.



EASTER SCHEDULE OF DATES

**MARCH 1 — ASH WEDNESDAY
APRIL 13 — HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 14 — GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 15 — HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL
APRIL 16 — EASTER SUNDAY**

GETTING PREPARED FOR LENT

FASTING:

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (March 1,) and Good Friday (April 14) are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but, eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids including milk and fruit juices between meals are allowed.

ABSTINENCE:

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken at all.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be at both churches at 9 AM and 7 PM
Ashes will be distributed at Mass.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During Lent, a diocesan program to encourage parishioners to go to confession called "The Light is on For You" will be held at both parishes, when possible, on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: March 8, 22, 29, April 5, and 12.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 7 pm

Will be held each Friday In Lent
Except on Good Friday
At Saint Ann's



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

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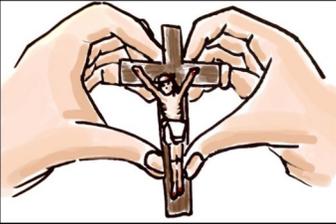
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COLLABORATIVE NAME

The collaboration of St. Ann and St. John need a new name to define our newly combined faith community.

**Do you have any suggestions?
Please list them below, cut out this form and put it in the collection at Mass.
All names will be considered by the Parish Pastoral Council.**



L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission: Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

February 24, 2017

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Google Calendars are available on our websites.



Lenten Mission with Mary “Do Whatever He Tells You” Hosted by Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV March 12,13,14

Overview of the Mission

A century ago, our Lady appeared to three young shepherd children at Fatima. She called them to offer prayer and penance for conversion and peace in the world by following Jesus more closely.

Sunday, March 12th at St. Ann's

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mission Talk: “Do Whatever He Tells You” John 2:5

Enjoy a conversation about Mary's invitation to conversion that is rooted in our Baptism. Together, we will learn more about our call to serve and live our vocations in life and bring healing and transformation of our lives and the world.

Monday, March 13th at St. John

10:00 am: Morning conversation and prayer

Monday, March 13th at St. John

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mission Talk: “Behold Your Mother” John 19:27

Join Mary at the foot of the Cross and share in her compassion for her Son. We will learn to trust in the mercy of God for our sins.

Confession

Tuesday, March 14th at St. Ann

10:00 am: Morning conversation and prayer

Tuesday, March 14 at St. Ann

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mass and Mission Talk: “Devoted to Prayer..with Mary, the mother of Jesus”

Acts 1:14

Learning to live in daily prayer and conversation with Christ in our daily duties.

To learn more about Marian Consecration go to: www.33daystomorningglory.com—Thirty-Three Days to Morning Glory Closing Reception



Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring

Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team
Meets the 4th Thursday of
each Month

Youth Leadership Team
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team (including
our auction and golf tourna-
ment teams)

Reboot Live Team

You are welcome anytime to
join us!



Special Parish Prayer Time for the Home with Mary and the Rosary

In preparation of our Lenten Mission with Mary, families or individuals are invited to sign up to host, for a week, in their homes, our statue of our Lady. She will be passed to a new family or individual each week at Mass. The host home would pray the rosary daily and invite friends and family to join them during the week in praying for our Parish Family. We will have wonderful resources for your family and friends to enjoy praying and learning more about the Rosary. If you would like more information or would like to become a host family contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com.

Collaborative Apparel Line



Enjoy this fun way to show our Parish Family Spirit!

We have sweatshirts, a jacket, and a t-shirt to choose.

The order will be placed on March 17th and will be delivered by April 1st. We have some samples if you have questions regarding size.

You can check out the styles at:

Time Out Sports: <http://www.timeoutsportswear.com>
LST860 , ST860, 995M, J768– Mens, L768– Ladies, DMI081 or



DMI08

The color chose is grey. The sweatshirts and jackets will be embroidered and the t-shirts will be screen printed. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490 for complete



Timber Lanes Bowling Partnership

We have joined Timber Lane's in Abington Fundraising Program. All you need to do is either bring our flyer with you or show the flyer on your phone for this great deal. (Up to six bowlers, shoes, and two hours of bowling for \$24.95.) We will receive half every time you present the flyer! Go to: www.candlepin.com, under 50/50 fundraising, look for our name and click on the link for the flyer.



Auction and Golf Tournament News

The following are the needs set forth and we welcome your ideas suggestions and participation:

- A minimum of 150 donated items for our live auction, silent auction, raffles, and games (including services, sports items, themed gift baskets)
- A minimum of 200-250 adults enjoying a night out that will include dinner, dancing, entertainment and the auction. If you buy a ticket and bring a friend we will reach our goal!
- 3-6 groups or individuals that would like to entertain our guests throughout the evening with song, dance, or magic, and a DJ or a band willing to donate his/her services

The Golf Tournament will need a team and with your help and participation we can collect the needed raffle items, a title sponsor, hole sponsors, and ideally 144 players. Please contact Russ at russchampoux@gmail.com to become part of the team!



**Gala Night
at the Auction
Halifax Country
Club
Thursday,
April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
\$30.00 per person
Dinner, Dancing,
Silent Auction,
Live Auction,
Games**



Irish Paint Night

Join us for this fun craft/paint project on the left! Bring friends and a dessert to share. The cost per project is \$30.00. Please RSVP so that we can let our hostess, Jackie Lydon know how many supplies to bring.

**Friday, March 3rd
7:00 pm
St. Ann Parish Hall
\$30.00**



Reboot! Live!

Reboot! Live! Is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, work, to dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Chris Stefanick is the author of the Chosen Confirmation Program that is used at St. John. This is not just for the teens. The adults will love this talk too.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at :
<http://reallifecatholic.com/reboot-live-participants>
Or from Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



**Wednesday,
May 3rd at 7:00 pm
East Bridgewater High School
Auditorium
\$20.00 per person**

**Save the Date:
Golf
Tournament
Friday,
September 15th
at Riverbend
in West
Bridgewater
\$150 per golfer
Individual or
Teams of (4)
Raffles and Lunch**



Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family. This is our 15th summer. Our Pre-School is open to children age 3– entering first grade next fall. Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6. Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up. We need adult help too. Most summers we have close to 100 volunteers and 150 campers.. This camp has always included families from all over the South Shore and we are so excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of St. Ann. Please note this is a different week this year due to the Pilgrimage to Rome. This summer will be held at St. John, but we will look into switching each summer.

On line registration:

<https://vbapro.events/p/stjohnstann>

**July 31– August 4th
9:00 am– 12:00 pm
St. John Parish Hall
Age 3 and up
\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap**



PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900

February 19, 2017 \$4,649
Below goal 1,251

Grand Annual Total - Feb 19 \$27,228

February 26, 2017 — Special Parish Collection for snow costs
 March 5, 2017 — No Second Collection

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonalD, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonalD, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha BundeFF, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Donna Shepard Folloni, Donna Millis, Jean Beaman, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father knows all that we need, and so we need to let tomorrow take care of itself as today has troubles enough of its own.

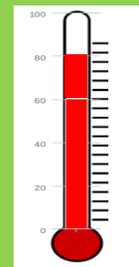
There are many families here in East Bridgewater who have "troubles" and receive assistance through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

As we approach the Season of Lent have you thought about giving to instead of giving up? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish is always in need of food and monetary donations (check, cash or gift cards). Please consider helping us help others during the 40 days of Lent.

If you know anyone in need of assistance please have them call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOAL \$36,000
CURRENTLY \$27,228



Triduum/Easter Choirs

All are welcome to join the St. Ann/St. John Teen/Adult Collaborative Choir, which will sing during the Holy Week Liturgies this year.

Practice for these choirs will begin on February 27th — 7:15 PM

Please contact Paul Hoffman if you are interested in joining or for more details paulhoffman02@hotmail.com

Please be sure to take home next week's bulletin to learn how the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal directly benefit our parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to this important work.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:
February 19, 2017

\$3,558

February 26, 2017 — Special Parish Collection—for roof repairs
in the Parish Hall
March 5, 2017 — No Second Collection

Talk About Touching/KCS classes for Grades 2 and 4
have been scheduled for the following date.

Sunday, March 5, 2017, – during regular class time.

Parents are encouraged to come.

Martin Heavey has been trained in the delivery of the
programs by the Archdiocese, and he will personally be
delivering all of the training.

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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.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty.

There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cook-
ies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially need-
ed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a
local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring
St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the
month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at
508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

SPECIAL PARENT MEETING FOR CCD FAMILIES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Either morning or evening session (preferred) of your child's
class

Meet with Father Paul and some staff to build Faith Family