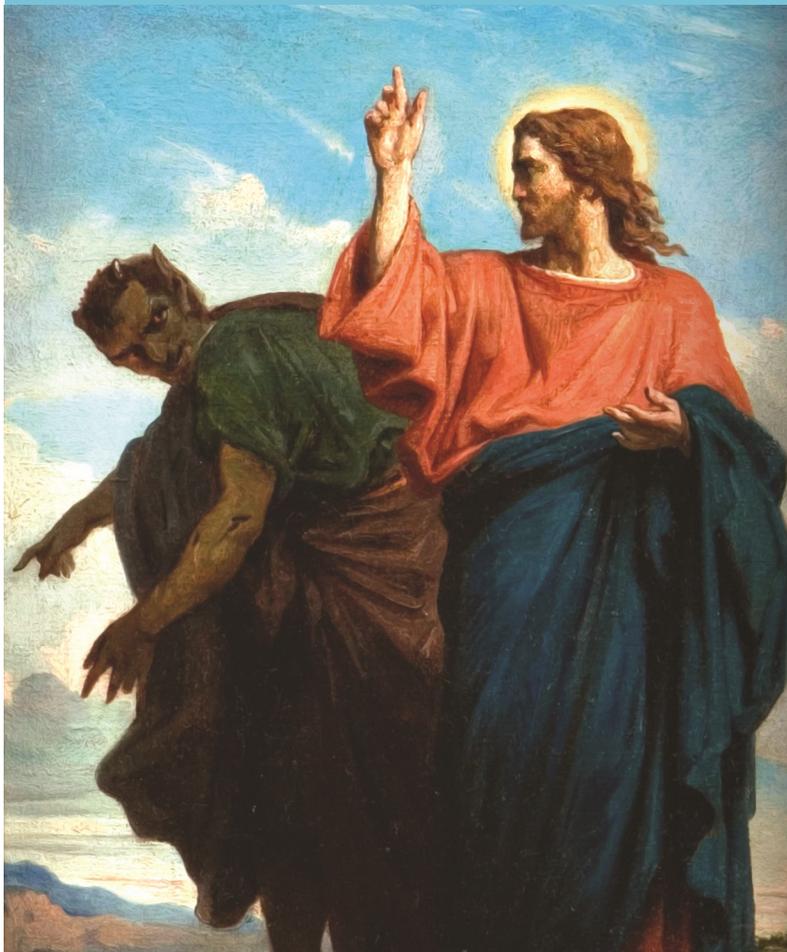




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 1, 2020
The First Sunday of Lent*



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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., See Schedule

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 p.m., See Schedule

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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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 29, 2020

4:00 - Paul E. Norman — 11th Anniversary

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 - Robert & Theresa Mason — Memorial
John & Mary Doherty — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Friday, March 6, 2020

9:00 - Paul Luddy — 36th Anniversary

Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00 - Vivian Percio — 5th Anniversary
Joseph Percio — 4th Month Anniversary

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 29, 2020

4:00 - Jeanette Marinelli — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 1, 2020

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

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00 - Mary L. Cahill — 49th Anniversary

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Rita Giovanoni — 2nd Anniversary

Saint Thomas Aquinas

On Saturday, March 7th in the Chapel of Our Savior at the 6:00 PM Mass, a **Lenten Healing Mission** will be conducted by internationally famous Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA (Augustinian Priest).

The mission continues with daily 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM healing masses on Tuesday, March 10; Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12. Fr. MacPherson will lead us in prayer, reflection and songs of devotion. Father Albert is the brother of Fr. Damian MacPherson, SA, who ministers at the Chapel of Our Savior.

“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”

The Lenten Confession Program Schedule

Confession will be available every

- Wednesday - 3/4 - 6:30-8:00 - at St. John
- Wednesday - 3/11 - 6:30-8:00 - at St. Ann
- Wednesday - 3/25 - 6:30-8:00 - at St. John
- Wednesday - 4/4 - 6:30-8:00 - at St. Ann
- Wednesday - 4/8 - 6:30-8:00 - at both

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Oscar Wilde, the late 19th c. Irish poet and writer, was once quoted as saying “I can resist anything but temptation”. There is a lot of truth in that statement when it is looked at critically. One of the hardest things to avoid is temptation which, once given into, often (more often than not, truthfully) leads to sin. But while it is hard to avoid, it is not impossible for “nothing is impossible with God” (Lk 1:37). Therein lays the key for us as Catholic-Christians: God.

We begin our Lenten journey through the Sunday readings with the temptations of Jesus in the desert by Satan. Jesus is coming off of a forty day fast and is, no doubt, hungry (keeping in mind the humanity of Jesus). This is why the first temptation that Satan presents is centered on food; the devil knows how to attack someone, in presenting sin in the form of something “good” - in this case, food. We all need food to live, and Jesus is no exception. In giving into this temptation, however, Jesus would be denying a greater good – in this case, “every word which comes from the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4). We are “fed”, spiritually, by the Word of God, and it is this “food” which will sustain us when we are tempted to give in to worldly desires.

The second temptation, security, is another “good”. We all want to be safe and secure, to know that we will make it through the day. That “good” goes awry, however, when we “push our limits” beyond what is safe, believing that we can do anything we want and God will take care of us. As I often remind others (and try to remind myself, as well!), “God ‘has our back’”, and we would be foolhardy to take liberties with this security, to “put God to the test” (Mt 4:7, paraphrased).

The third temptation, power, is another thing which is “good”. It is good to be in control, to have one’s destiny figured out, to have the “road ahead” mapped out. This “good” becomes challenging, however, when we think that *we* do it all, that *we* have the power. True power, Jesus shows us time and time again, comes from service – serving those ends which God has designed for us (for our own good), serving the needs of our brothers and sisters (and, thus, putting ourselves second to those needs). The beauty of this thinking is that there is a “freedom” to serving God; we don’t have to have all the answers, we don’t have to have everything all figured out. When we give ourselves over to God, and His Devine Will, we experience a “power” which only God can give: the power to see the gift of Eternal Life which God has awaiting us.

Jesus’ temptations are not unlike ones which we face each and every day. If we model ourselves after the person of Christ, we will have mastery over sin and temptation, we will be free to see the good God has in store for us and we will know the fullness of love God has awaiting us – and that is the greatest “good” of all.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

April 10 — Good Friday — Holy Land Shrines; April 12 — Easter — Clergy Health & Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY 2/15—2/21/2020	\$ 2,769	\$3,412	\$ 43,108	\$ 5,333
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/14/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$16,751	\$20,000

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

THE GRACE OF LENT MARCH 15, 16, & 17

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SPEAKER AND AUTHOR, ALLISON GINGRAS

Shares the blessing of including prayer, sacraments, and the saints in our Lenten journey. She uses humor, stories everyone can relate to, and a solid faith in her inspiring presentations.



For more information
on Allison's ministry visit:
www.ReconciledToYou.com

**MARCH 15 - ST. JOHN'S:
6 PM MASS FOLLOWED
BY PRESENTATION &
REFRESHMENTS**

**MARCH 16 - ST. ANN'S:
9 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY MINI-
MISSION & REFRESHMENTS**

**7 PM ADORATION, PRESENTATION
& REFRESHMENTS**

**MARCH 17 - ST. JOHN'S:
7 PM RECONCILIATION,
PRESENTATION & REFRESHMENTS**

**COME ONE NIGHT OR TO ALL THREE
THERE IS NO COST FOR THE MISSION
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
FR. PAUL RING
508-954-4167**

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (March 7, April 4, May 30)

"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself." – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee.

The *Project Rachel* ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Winter/spring dates are March 7, April 4 and May 30. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY WHICH IS
FEBRUARY 26TH THIS YEAR.**

EASTER THIS YEAR IS ON APRIL 12TH

8. What are the rules for abstinence in Lent?

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (as well as Good Friday).

The law of abstinence binds those who are 14 years old or older.

According to the Church's official rules:

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat [*Paenitemini*, Norms III:1].

9. Do you have to give up something for Lent? If you do, can you have it on Sundays?

The traditional custom of giving up something for Lent is voluntary. Consequently, if you give something up, you set the parameters. If you choose to allow yourself to have it on Sundays as to promote joy on this holy day, that is up to you.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC
REGISTER

01 March: 2 p.m. Showing of movie "Unplanned" in St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center. Free.



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.

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.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Ann's would love to have some new members! There is work to be done, discussions to have, and decisions to be made and we need more voices and more help.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have been looking for a way to participate, please come to a meeting and see what we are all about! The next one is March 10th. For more information, contact Chris Baker at 774-240-8095.



**BINGO HELPERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH THE
THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO. IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CALL SAINT ANN'S RECTORY OFFICE.
YOUR HELP WILL BENEFIT SAINT ANN'S
GREATLY.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE OFFERED EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING DURING LENT AT SAINT ANN'S
PARISH AT 7 PM. (except on Good Friday)**



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicoliar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Kathleen Jezard Maher & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— 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 Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
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March 1—First Sunday of Lent:

Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GRAND ANNUAL.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOUR CONTRIBUTION, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Please sign up to pray the Rosary every day during Lent to finally stamp out Roe vs. Wade.

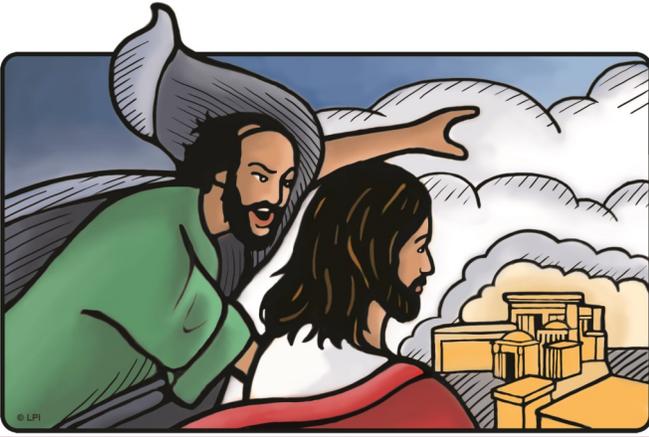
There will be posters on the altars at Saint Ann's and Saint John's, as well as a basket of Rosaries for everyone, Compliments of our Rosary Makers

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

This will start Ash Wednesday.

Let us make a pledge to Our Lady.

Your Easter Sunday will mean a lot more!!!



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— Mt 4:8-10a

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**TEEN MASSES
6:00 PM**

**March 8th
@ St. John's**

**February 29th — 8:00 - 12:00
9th Grade
Confirmation Retreat
St Ann's Parish Center**