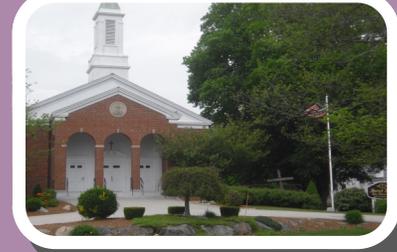




*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*



**March 4, 2018**

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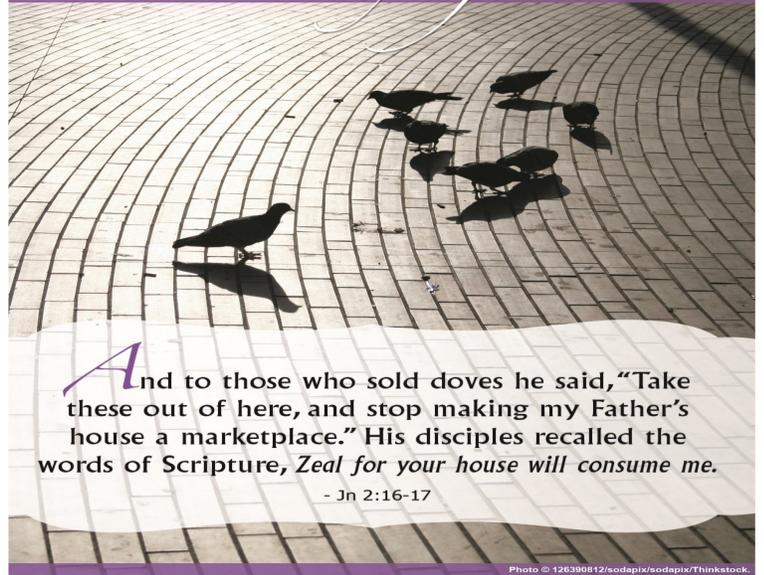
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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent*



**A**nd to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*  
- Jn 2:16-17

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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. Please call for registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – At both Churches  
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

March 4, 2018—Third Sunday of Lent

**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

4:00 — Stephen E. Hopkins — 19th Anniversary

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

8:00 — Robert Solakoff — Birthday Remem.

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

**Friday, March 9, 2016**

9:00—Donna McGrath — Birthday Remembrance

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

4:00 — James & Helen Lynch —1st & 3rd Anniv.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Martin J. Hanley — 28th Anniversary

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

9:00 — Paul Luddy —34th Anniversary

**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

4:00 - John & Mildred Connolly — Memorial

**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

8:30 - James “Jim” Baker — Birthday Remem.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

8:30 - Maryann Krakowski — 25th Anniversary

10:30 - Kevin F. Lyons— 4th Anniversary

**DEACON’S CORNER**

Last Sunday, Ken Weiner and Daniel Duff went into Immaculate Conception Church in Malden along with their sponsors and catechists to inscribe their names in the “Book of the Elect”. By doing so, they affirmed before Cardinal Sean, the Cardinal Archbishop of Boston, their sponsors and catechists their desire to join the Catholic Church during this Easter Vigil Mass here at St. Ann’s. Father Paul will Baptize, Confirm and give them their First Eucharist. Michael Gerrity will be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist during this Mass. Daniel and Ken now begin a period of Purification and “Enlightenment” in their final and intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments. May we keep them in our prayers during these weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil.

Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,



It is at this point in the journey of one going through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) that the candidate would undertake the first of the “scrutinies”, a period of deep introspection preparing one for reception of the Sacraments of the Church. We are blessed here in the Collaborative to have folks going through this process, and so we read the particular gospel passage appropriate for the day. The three “themes” covered in these scrutinies are “water”, “light” and “life”. Today’s gospel (along with the first reading) covers the first of these themes, “water”.

In the first reading, Moses is leading the Israelites from bondage in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. They have had it rough – they are running low, or are out of, food and water. They are grumbling against Moses and rebelling against his leadership. They are fed up! In complaining to Moses, their wish is to go back to Egypt, for they feel that it’s better to live in bondage than to die in freedom. Moses then moves up the “chain of command” and brings the people’s plea to God. God then commands Moses to draw water from the rock, striking it with the staff with which he previously parted the Red Sea. The people are then nourished with water from the rock, showing them that God is, indeed, in their midst (as they had doubted God’s presence).

In today’s gospel, we see again that theme of “water” at work. In this account of Jesus and the “woman at the well” (as she has been come to be known throughout salvation history), there are two different “types” of water at work here: there is actual, *physical* water, being drawn from a well, and there is *spiritual* water, found in the person of Jesus. It seems that there are many “surprises” throughout this passage, as well. Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well is unusual enough – a man speaking with a woman in public (unheard of at the time), a Samaritan and a Jew having anything to do with one another (unheard of, as well). Then you have the insights of Jesus which surprise the woman to the point of “provoking” her to engage in **discipleship**, by calling others to come and see this stranger who seems to know so much about her. She takes her personal encounter with Christ and brings others to the knowledge of the truth which she has encountered.

Throughout our Lenten journey, we are called to encounter Jesus in many ways, especially in the three-fold tenets of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May we direct our prayer to seeking to know Jesus better. May we fast so as to join in the sacrifice of Christ. May we engage ourselves in almsgiving, using our time, talent and treasure to build up our community of faith. May our Lenten journey be “successful” in drawing us ever closer into the mystery that is God.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

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

THE NEXT 2ND COLLECTION  
 Good Friday, March 30, 2018, Holy Land Shrines  
 March 17 & 18 — Snow Removal

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	2/18/18		2/18/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,382	\$3,680	\$5,477	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd	\$14,970	\$32,000	\$24,520	\$32,000

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.

CONFESSIONS — WEDNESDAY  
 6:30—8:00 PM

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 MAR 7TH — SAINT ANN'S  
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### 2018 Catholic Appeal

The success of the Catholic Appeal depends on the participation of the whole community. The Appeal represents the largest single source of funding for the Central Ministries' operating budget of \$32.3 million, supporting Archdiocesan total operations of approximately \$349 million. Pope Francis reminds us, "I, you, we all are part of the Church... We are all called to collaborate for the birth of new Christians in the faith, we are all called to be educators in the faith, to proclaim the Gospel."

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at

<https://wwmema.org/>.

**There will be a SPECIAL COLLECION FOR SNOW REMOVAL COST the weekend of March 17 & 18. The current costs are \$8200**

## The Light is on For You—Lent

The invitation to experience Christ's love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese of Boston. *The Light is on For You* initiative highlights the importance of this sacrament in the life of Catholics and increases its availability, hoping that every Catholic will visit this source of God's [mercy](#) and healing love.

Lent is a time of prayer, [fasting](#), penitence, almsgiving and self-sacrifice in preparation to celebrate the passion of Christ, His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each year, the season of Lent provides an [opportunity](#) to [renew](#) faithfulness, and for those who have been away from the regular practice of the faith this initiative offers a chance to begin again.

**Confessions will be available Wednesday evenings during Lent, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in all parishes.**

Material is available to help with personal preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org). Please make plans to come and invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled with and begin anew a journey in faith during the Lenten season.

Encourage one another by reflecting on your experiences this Lent by using the hashtag #LiveLent on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](#) in your updates.

### FASTING:

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and Good Friday (March 30th) 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 are allowed.

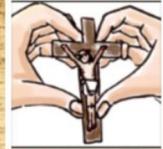
### ABSTINENCE:

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



## Saint Ann's & Saint John's Together in Christ Collaborative

presents:



### *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Gala Night at the Auction"*

To be held at:

The beautiful Emerald Hall—30 Central St, Abington, MA

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

All new venue, all new EVENT! If you liked last year you 'll LOVE this year!  
Per your feedback, we made some adjustments.

**2 dinner seatings!!**

**Seniors Early Seating: Doors open at 5:00**

(Our youth will be available for table service)

**Special Raffles held at 5:30 & 6:30**

**Late Seating: Doors open at 6:30**

**Music and Dancing begins at 6:00 pm**

**Raffles held at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30**

\*\*\**(Special Raffle for tickets bought by March 1st will be drawn at 9:00 pm)*\*\*\*

**Ticket prices: 1 for \$25.00**

**\$200 for a table of 8**

**\*\*If you purchase your tickets before March 10th,**

**you will get entered into a drawing for a special gift basket ONLY for early ticket**

**Buffet Dinner—2 Seatings**

Raffles

Silent Auction

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**  
**SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HR.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Will be at Saint Ann's**  
**At 7 PM every Friday of Lent**  
**except Good Friday.**

When estate planning,  
 please remember  
 Saint Ann's and Saint John's.  
 God Bless You!



**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.

Please keep Fr. Peter's brother, Benny, and family in your prayers.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
 IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT  
 CHRIS BAKER

@ 774-240-8095



or jchbaker@msn.com

**Cursillo (3/1, 4/26)**  
**An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith -**  
**Men's and Women's Weekends**

**Hundreds take step to enter Catholic Church**  
**during Rite of the Election**

MALDEN -- Hundreds of future Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston declared their intention to be received into the Church at Easter during special ceremonies held Feb. 18, the first Sunday of Lent, at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden.

The Together in Christ Collaboration is happy to have three parishioners who will be receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil, Please keep them in your prayers.

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**The West Bridgewater Food Pantry**

**Is in desperate need of help!**

**For details please contact**

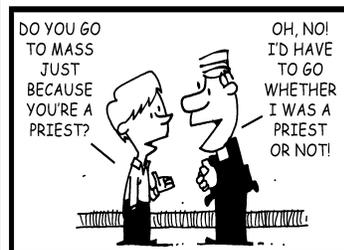
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT





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

*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, Marcus LaBree & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the*

### Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

**A Bruised Reed Shall He Not Break Isaiah 42:3**  
**Opioid Prayer Hour 4th Saturday of Each Month**  
**Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Hanson, MA**  
**11:30AM with a light Collation Following**

Opioid substance use disorder affects us all, whether as an addict, loved one, a family member or friend. It is a disease not a choice. Please join us for a family hour of prayer & support for all affected, especially those who are addicted. Father Mike Hobson will lead in prayer, reflection & awareness of how we as a people of God can reach out with hope to all who are suffering.

**Frank Kelly will be our guest speaker for Saturday February 24th 11:30AM at SJTW and March 3rd at Holy Ghost in Whitman 11AM. For questions please call Father Mike at (781)293-3581 ext.211**



Please check the bulletin or visit [www.stjohne.org](http://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](http://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. Our envelopes now have a box to check off if you give on-line. To get credit for cash donations, you must use the envelopes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/24/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM Mass  
WED'S — THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU — 6:30—8:00  
Wed. 2/26 — Rosary Meeting  
Sun. 3/11 — Shawl Meeting

### Choir Notes

#### **Join our Seasonal Choirs!**

Adult/Teen Collaborative Choir rehearsals are Monday evenings during Lent in preparation for the sacred Triduum.

Children's Choir is an opportunity for children to sing at St. John's Easter morning Mass.

Contact Paul Hoffman, St. John's Music Director, for details.

### St. John's Conference

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something 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.

Call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30pm.

3D SUNDAY OF LENT



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