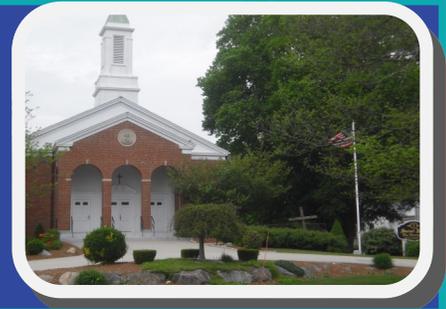




*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
1st Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017*



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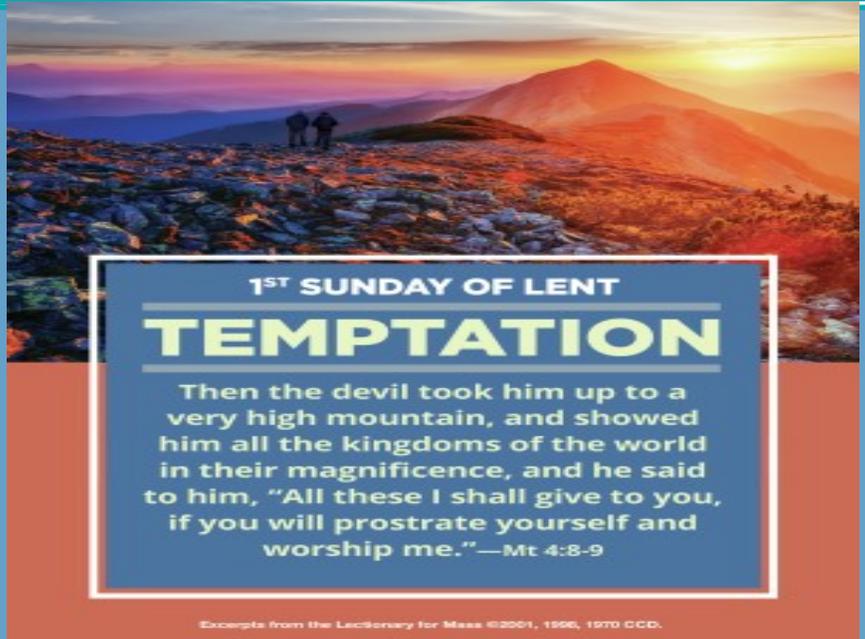
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**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
TEMPTATION**

Then the devil took him 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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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

March 5, 2017—First Sunday in Lent

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 4, 2017

4:00 - Paul M. Luddy—33rd Anniversary
William A Luddy—41st Anniversary

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

Saturday, March 11, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John
10:30 - Maria Chaves—Birthday Remembrance

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 4, 2017

4:00 — Patsy Booth —1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:30 - James “Jim” Baker — Birthday Remem
10:30 – Parishioners of Saint Ann suffering with
health issues

Saturday, March 11, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:30 - Phyllis Carlton Berry— Memorial
10:30 – Robert D. Smith—4th Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER

A few weeks ago, Deacon Joe wrote an informative narrative about the mission and work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. About five years ago, the Regional Headquarters of this Society granted permission to several parishioners to begin a conference at Saint Ann's Parish. The saint whose name the members chose is Saint Katharine Drexel whose feast day we celebrated Friday, March 3rd.

She was born in Philadelphia, PA in the middle of the 19th century. Her family was worth millions. Her parents taught her and her sister by word and example that they were indeed blessed with great wealth and that their good fortune was a loan from God to be shared with others.

Twice weekly, the Drexel family distributed food, clothing, and financial assistance from their family home. When needy widows and single individuals were too embarrassed or proud to come to the Drexel address, the family would seek them out and quietly and respectfully assist them.

Saint Katharine Drexel Conference at Saint Ann Parish strives with your help to give food and other types of assistance with the same spirit and example of the Drexel family. It is worthy to note that Katharine Drexel was the second American born to be declared a saint by the Church.

God Bless You
Deacon Brendan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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, understandably 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 Divine 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 ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S



Next week, Catholics across the Archdiocese will be invited to pledge their support to the 2017 Catholic Appeal. The Appeal helps to maintain the many ministries that serve the Catholic faithful in our part of Christ's vineyard. Please be sure to read the insert in today's bulletin to see how these ministries impact our parish and the life of our Church.

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.



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

Triduum/Easter Choirs

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

Practice for these choirs are on Mondays
Adults/Teens 7:15 PM; Children Choir 6PM

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

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.

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 As follows:

St Ann's Mar 8, & April 12

St John's Mar 22, 29, April 5



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 7 pm

Will be held each Friday In Lent

Except on Good Friday

At Saint Ann's

COLLABORATIVE NAME

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

(BUT ALSO KEEPING THE NAMES OF ST ANN & ST JOHN)

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.

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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.

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www.stannswb.com

Google Calendars are available on our websites.

March 3rd, 2017

Auction and Golf Tournament News



Thursday, April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
Halifax Country Club

Steps to Success for our Gala Night at the Auction



Do you have a business? Can you offer a service? Do you have an idea for something that would be really fun to have as a raffle? Do have personal connections? The Auction Team is busily soliciting donations but we need your help to reach our goal of 150 items. The items will include live auction items, silent auction items and raffles.



Do you have baskets, ribbon, or basket stuffing sitting around that you would be willing to donate? The baskets will also need clear cellophane wrap. We have a great start, but we still need about 50 baskets for our raffles.



Tickets are on sale!

\$30.00 per person/ \$26.00 Senior Citizen

Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, a band and entertainment from our very talented youth. Our goal is sell 30 tables of 8. It's to be a great night out. Free babysitting can be arranged courtesy of our Young Adult College Students.



We are told the goal for successful raffles is to be creative when putting the baskets together. Are you crafty? We need a team of volunteers the week of March 27th-March 31st to assemble and create our raffle baskets. Our goal is to have 100 raffle baskets. Exact times will be determined based on the volunteers



The **Golf Tournament** is looking for Tournament Sponsors and Hole Sponsors. Please contact Russ @ russchampoux@gmail.com

For tickets, questions, donations or basket drop off:
Contact Nancy at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490

YOUR KNEES CAN BUCKLE
FROM STRESS OR YOU CAN
KNEEL IN TRUST.

CHOOSE.

MARK HART



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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

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime to
join us!



Lenten Mission with Mary “Do Whatever He Tells You” Hosted by Fr. Tom Carzon, OMC 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

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

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

Confession

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.

Tuesday, March 14th at St. Ann

10:00 am: Morning conversation and prayer

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mass

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.

Special Prayer Time for Your Home with Mary

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 of your choice. The host home would pray the rosary as often as possible and even invite friends and family to join them 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.



Hospitality Team Needed

We would like to serve refreshments after our Mission Talk on Sunday, breakfast pastries for our morning prayer and conversations, and a closing reception after Mass on Tuesday. If you would like to contribute a baked good or help set-up or clean-up please contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490.

PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S

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

February 26, 2017	\$3,721
<i>Below goal</i>	2,179
Special Parish Collection	\$1,522
Grand Annual Total - Feb 19	\$27,228

*March 5, 2017 — No Second Collection
March 12, 2017 — Special Parish Collection to Offertory Deficit*

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, Donald Rush & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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First Sunday of Lent:

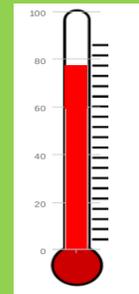
Lent is a call to "give alms for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are people struggling to make ends meet within walking distance of your home. When in need, they reach out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They are, in effect, reaching out to you!

Is there an individual, family, or senior citizen in town who you might know that needs food or other assistance? Please have them contact St. Vincent de Paul on our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** so that together we can help those in need.

Have you considered becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul? We could use a few good men (and women). It takes several hours each month. Members pick-up food from various locations, stock the shelves and provide assistance during the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month when the Food Pantry is open. You can call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** and leave a message.

ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

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



Don't miss the biggest event of the year!

GALA NIGHT AND AUCTION

April 6, 2017

6:00– 10:00 PM

Halifax Country Club

Come and support the Parish and have a good time at the same time.

Dinner, Dancing, Auctions = Great Time.

Ticket on sale; \$30, Seniors \$26



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PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:
February 26, 2017 **\$3,234**
Special Collection **\$1,600**

Second Collection : March 5, 2017 — No second collection
March 12, 2017 — Special Parish 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.

UPCOMING RETREATS FOR CONFIRMATION
10th Gr.—Sat, March 11th & 9th Gr.—Sat. March 18th
Stonehill College — 8:30-Noon

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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, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. 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!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting a food drive in the weeks ahead. Cloth bags will be provided for your donations as you leave the church in the next few weeks. The dates for this drive will announced shortly.