



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
March 8, 2020
The Second Sunday of Lent*



LORD,
WE PLACE
OUR TRUST
IN YOU.

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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.

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, 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

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

9:00 - Donna McGrath — Birthday Remem.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00 - Luddy, Tokane & Olshaw Families

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John
10:30 - Martin J. Hanley — 30th Anniversary
6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00 - Kevin F. Lyons — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
10:30 - William Buckley Jr. — 1st Anniversary

Monday, March 16, 2020

9:00 - Robert D. Smith — 7th Anniversary

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I have the opportunity to get to the movies I like to get there early enough to see the “Coming Attractions”, those features that will be arriving in the theatre in the next few weeks and months. Today’s gospel is a “preview” of sorts, for it places in our minds and hearts the end result of Jesus’ earthly mission. In the Transfiguration, Jesus shows Himself to Peter, James and John as He will be, after the Resurrection. This moment prepares us, as well, for the glory of the Lord, not only at the end of time but at Easter as well. In this way we recognize that Jesus, in His glorified form, will transform us by His presence in our lives. Again, this personal transformation needs to happen here and now, not at the “end time”. The transfiguration of Jesus goes “hand in hand” with our “metamorphosis of the spirit. As Jesus is changed, so are our hearts, minds and lives.

The Transfiguration also shows to us another very important aspect of our lives of faith. Appearing with Jesus are Elijah and Moses. In their joining with Jesus on the mountain, we see that Jesus, true to His word, is the fulfillment and embodiment of both the Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah). We, for our part, are called to follow the Law (of God) both in letter and in spirit. We do this by taking that law and living it out in the everyday. We fulfill and emulate the role of Elijah in this scene by speaking with a prophetic voice, speaking a word that must be uttered to a world yearning to hear truth (whether they know it or not!). This is not easy; it is done oftentimes when we “bear (our) share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God” (2 Tim 1:8b). In doing this, however, we fulfill our baptismal call to serve our brothers and sisters, our community, our God.

As we move through our Lenten journey, may we continue to seek out the Lord by our works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let all who come across our path “find a blessing” (Gn. 12:3) in us, as they did with Abram (who, himself, will go through a “transformation” in going from Abram to Abraham, the “father of many nations”). Let us experience the Transfiguration time and time again by exploring and discovering who God is for us. May we, when we discover God at work in our lives, be willing to let God work in and through us. May this “sneak preview” God affords us on this day awaken in us the hope and promise of the Almighty One. May we be “transfigured”, changed not in body but in spirit, a Spirit of hope, joy and love.

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 2/22—3/8/2020	\$ 3,324	\$3,412	\$ 4,441	\$ 5,333
Support of the Church Around the World	\$922		\$ 1,001	
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$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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Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway.

Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, something that costs us. We will receive blessings from God in return.

Pope Francis said in his Ash Wednesday homily, 'Lent is also a privileged time for prayer', He quoted St. Augustine, who described fasting and almsgiving as "the two wings of prayer," because they are signs of humility and charity.

Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

During Lent do you think God needs the chocolate, candy, and other trivial things we give up? No He needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts.

So when you fast, do not proclaim it, do not look hard done by, smile and go about your day happy. We are told this in the Bible.

In fact he wants us to stop our obsession with the ME and start thinking about what truly matters in life. www.catholic.org/lent/story.php?id=54465

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.



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS OF THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE!!!!

Any checks used for collections should be made out to the appropriate church, ie. St Ann or St. John, including second collections going to the Archdiocese. Our business manager sends ONE check to the Archdiocese from each church. You may use the memo line to distinguish the appropriate collection. Thank you for assistance in this matter.

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.

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.

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!

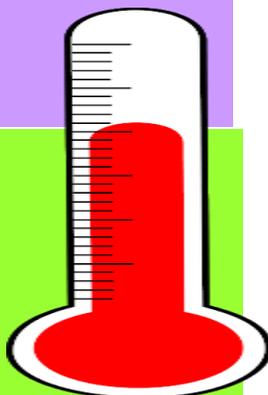
This will start Ash Wednesday.

Let us make a pledge to Our Lady.

GRAND ANNUAL
GOAL — \$20,000

As of March 3, 2020

\$18,001— St John
\$15,110 — St Ann



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
East Bridgewater MA 02333

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.



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” — Mt 17:4-5

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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule)

6:30—8:00 PM

St Ann's
March 11
April 4

St John's
March 4
March 25

April 8 at both churches

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

At St John's after the 9:00 am Masses
At St. Ann's — 7:00 PM
Except on Good Friday

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday — St Ann's— 7 PM—April 9th

Good Fri —7 Last Word of Christ — St John's
3 PM —April 10th

Passion of the Lord— St. John's— 7 PM—April 10th

(Easter Vigil) — St. Ann's— 8 PM — April 11th

EASTER SUNDAY — April 12th

St. Ann — 8:30 & 10:30 — St John — 8:00 & 10:30

Friday's during Lent, St. John's will have a 6:30 AM Mass
As well as the 9:00 AM.

TEEN MASS

6:00 PM

MARCH 15, 2020

TRINITY CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, April 4 10:00 am – Noon
Lower Campus (Pre-School-Grade 3) 631 N. Main
St. Brockton

Upper Campus (Grades 4-8) 37 Erie Avenue
Brockton

Come and learn how we can make a difference in
your child's life
Everyone is Welcome!

For more information or just to let us know that
you're planning to visit call us at the Lower
Campus (508 583-6231) o the Upper Campus
(508 583-6237). If you prefer to just stop by you
will be most welcome. At TCA your child's future
is bright. YOU'LL BE SO GLAD YOU CAME!