



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
2nd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2017*



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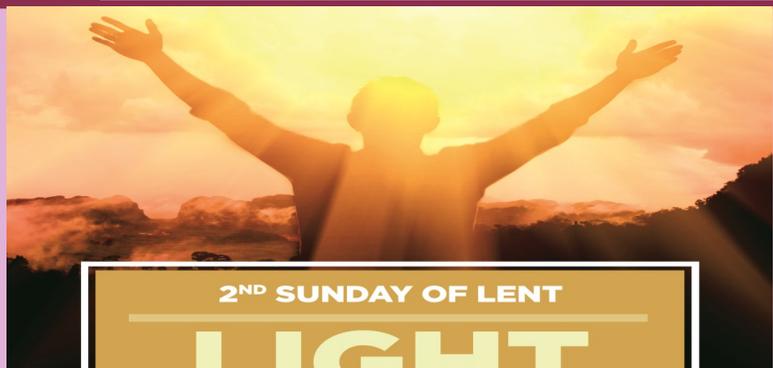
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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT

And he was transfigured
before them; his face
shone like the sun and
his clothes became
white as light. —Mt 17:2

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EUCCHARISTIC 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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

March 12, 2017—Second Sunday in Lent

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, March 18, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00 - For Christians in war-torn countries

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John suffering
with addiction

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 11, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:30 - Phyllis and Carlton Berry—Memorial

10:30 - Robert D. Smith—4th Anniversary

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

9:00 — Kevin F. Lyons — 3rd Anniversary

Thursday, March 16, 2017

9:00 — William Kurkul — Birthday Remem

Saturday, March 18, 2017

4:00 — John and Mildred Connolly—Memorial

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:30 - Mary and John Reddington—Memorial

10:30 - Guido and Luigi D'Alessio—Memorial

DEACONS' CORNER

We are getting into that time of the year that we start to enjoy some warm days only to be reminded that winter has not left us. We experienced this just this past week with the arctic weather.

Our Lenten Journeys have officially begun with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. We have begun a period of turning within ourselves so that we may reflect upon our relationships with God. As Christians throughout the year we should have our relationships with God burning hot all the time but there are times when we get caught up in worldly activities and find our relationships with God cooling off, just like the weather we experience in March. Rekindle the fire for God within your heart if you have allowed it to cool off. If your relationship with God still burns bright and hot, throw another log on the fire and draw ever closer to Jesus Christ with prayer and silent reflection. Know that God loves you and is waiting to hear your prayers of thanks and petition.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood

My Dear Friends in Christ,

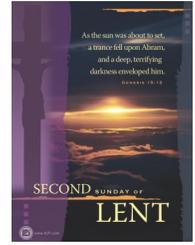
When I have the opportunity to get to the movies I like to get there early enough to see the “Coming Attractions”, those features that will be arriving in the theatre in the next few weeks and months. Today’s gospel is a “preview” of sorts, for it places in our minds and hearts the end result of Jesus’ 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 ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S



This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the annual Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to

make our pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at:

bostoncatholicappeal.org

Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.

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

Cardinal O'Malley OKs corned beef for

St. Patrick's Day



Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston can feel free to enjoy their corned beef on St. Patrick's Day, which falls on a Friday in Lent this year, thanks to a one-time dispensation granted by Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley.



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.



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.

March 10th, 2017

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www.stannswb.com
Google Calendars are available on our websites.

Why should I support the Auction?



The Ministry has left footprints of love, faith, service, and friendship from Nashville to New Hampshire. These footprints come in all sizes from our littlest of littles to our most senior of seniors. Only with your support of this fundraiser will the Ministry be able to continue to help create a vibrant and active Faith Family.

Did you know?

The Parish and Youth Ministry is the vehicle by which our Parishes are striving to be a place of Mission and not a Parish of maintenance. The important work being done is being done under the mandate of being self-funded. In the first two years the Ministry has met this mandate and with your continued support we are confident we will reach this goal again this year.

What does the money support?

- Vacation Bible School
- Parish Missions
- Prayer Groups
- Adult Faith Formation
- Family Faith Formation
- Growth in our Prayer lives
- Retreats
- Service to our local communities
- Service for our Parish properties
- Leadership Opportunities
- Mission Trips
- National Resources such as speakers
- Leadership Opportunities

Tickets are On-Sale!

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



Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, a band and entertainment from our very talented youth. Free babysitting can be arranged courtesy of our Young Adult College Students. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or purchase tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$26.00 Senior Citizen.



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

We are incredibly thankful to Prophett Funeral Homes & Cremation Services for becoming our first sponsor and for their genuine support of the Ministry.

HE DIDN'T
SUFFER
SO WE WOULDN'T
HAVE TO;
HE SUFFERED
SO WE'D KNOW
HOW TO

CHRIS STEFANICK
CATHOLIC SPEAKER

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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 tournament 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, 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

3:00-4:00: A Special Hour for our Volunteers at both Parishes

Our volunteers do so much for our Parishes. We have added this hour just for you as we prepare to kick-off our Mission. Come rest and relax for an hour and rejuvenate your giving spirit.

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 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 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.

PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



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

March 5, 2017 \$5,581
Below goal 319

Grand Annual Total - Feb 19 \$27,453

March 12, 2017 — Special Parish Collection to Offertory Deficit
March 19, 2017 — Leadership Retreat Ministry

Second Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel Jesus is transfigured. From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters in need? Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help those who are struggling celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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 the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

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 Bundeuff, 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.

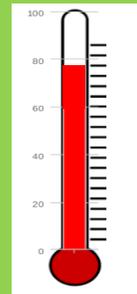
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ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

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



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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:

March 5, 2017

\$3,606

March 12, 2017 -Special Parish Collection -Roof of Parish Center

March 19, 2017 -Leadership Retreat Ministry

UPCOMING RETREATS FOR CONFIRMATION

10th Gr.—Sat, March 11th

9th Gr.—Sat. March 18th

Stonehill College — 8:30-Noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENT & FAMILIES

At the request of our Pastor, Fr. Paul Ring, the classes for Sunday evening, March 12, will be replaced by a special collaborative Lenten Mission, on Monday, March 13th at Saint John's Church. The Mission will start at 6:30 PM and will last approximately an hour and a half. We are asking that you attend this evening with your child. Fr. Ring, along with the Parish and Youth Ministry, are the sponsors of this program and hope to open our hearts and minds to listen and experience the voice of God within our hearts as we approach the Lenten Season.

Please make sure that your child/children check in with their teacher so that they will not be marked absent.



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

If you didn't have a chance to take a blue St. Vincent de Paul bag for food contribution, you are welcome to take one today and return it next weekend. The bags will be at the door of the Church. Please bring your food donation into the Sanctuary and place them in front of the altar table so that they may be blessed .