



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John  
March 15, 2020  
The Third Sunday of Lent*



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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**

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**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

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

9:00 - Pat Zemeotas — 1st Anniversary

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

4:00 - Ruth Hurley — Memorial

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

8:00 - Nancy Robichaud — Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

4:00 - Francis Barry — 22nd Anniversary

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Cardinal Announces 2020 Catholic Appeal**

*Annual Fund Supports Mission Critical Programs, Parishes, Schools & Ministries*

**Braintree, MA** -- The 2020 Catholic Appeal will be announced in parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston the weekend of March 7/8, 2020. **Commitment weekend takes place the following weekend of March 14/15, 2020.** The Catholic Appeal is the annual fund that supports more than 51 central ministries that enrich parish life, Catholic schools and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley said, "In this Lenten season of reflection and prayer, we look forward with great hope and anticipation to furthering Christ's mission to serve the least among us while passing on our faith to future generations. We are blessed with many thriving ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston that allow us to continue this important work and live our faith together."

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Have you ever been so caught up in your daily routine that you fail to see Jesus in it? Of course you have – we all have. I think this to be less of a condition of faith than a case of humility. What do I mean by that? Well, I believe that sometimes we forget the humanity of Jesus to such a point that we don't think that He ever would "lower" Himself to be with us. We want Jesus to be divine – and He is! We also want Him to understand those things we are going through in our daily lives – and He does.

Today's gospel is a perfect "case in point" of that phenomenon. When Jesus approach Jacob's well, He is thirsty; it is noon (it is most likely hot), and Jesus is tired from His journey. Who wouldn't be? What happens next is something which distinguishes this event from any ordinary encounter one might have at such a place. First off, there is the idea of a Jew asking for something from a Samaritan. Next, there is the cultural barrier of a man approaching a woman not his wife for any reason. Finally, there is the level of conversation in which Jesus engages the Samaritan woman. Any of these three things would make this event "stand out", but for all three to happen in the same encounter is truly amazing! Then again, Jesus is anything but conventional in His thinking, acting or living.

Jesus' desire for water is just the "jumping off point" for a further exploration into the Samaritan woman's life, the worship practices of Jews and Gentiles and the mission of Jesus. When Jesus reveals details about this woman, it is clear that He "knows" her (by "knowing", I speak here of her soul (note the conversation about her husbands)), even though they have never met. In speaking of "living water" (Jn. 4:10), Jesus is speaking about Himself being the "spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn. 4:14). In speaking of worshipping "neither on this mountain (Mt. Gerizim) nor in Jerusalem (where Jesus will complete His earthly mission)" (Jn. 4:21), Jesus expands the vision of His mission to include all places, all times, all peoples.

This is where we "come into the picture." Jesus sees into our souls (just as He did with the Samaritan woman), helping us to confront evil and sin which may be blocking us from fully experiencing God's goodness. Jesus gives us that "living water" (Jn. 4:10) when we approach Him in humility, He "quenches our thirst" for mercy and love (in our lives and in the world). When Jesus expands His mission, we are brought "into the fold", and Jesus becomes an integral part of our journey of faith.

Let us have the courage to invite Jesus into our lives, letting His "living water" (ibid.) satisfy our thirst for righteousness. Let us allow Jesus to heal us of that which is preventing us from loving fully God and neighbor. Let us use this Lenten journey as a time for deepening our relationship with the One who comes to bring life in abundance.

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 2/29—3/6/2020	\$ 3,023	\$3,412	\$ 5,334	\$ 5,333
GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 2/28/20	\$15,110	\$20,000	\$18,001	\$20,000

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**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](http://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  
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## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **Kiwanis Meet Your Neighbor Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, March 29, 2020  
7am-12noon

**NEW LOCATION** - East Bridgewater High School cafeteria

tickets available at the door

\$5 per person, \$15 family of 2 adults/2 kids  
great food-affles-entertainment

**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.

[Boston Pilot: Archdiocese issues liturgical directives for coronavirus prevention](#)

Amid growing apprehension of the COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) outbreak, the Archdiocese of Boston has issued messages to parishes and schools, offering reassurance that the situation is being monitored and advice for how to prevent and prepare for the virus' potential spread.

Liturgical directives to prevent the spread of the virus are effective Feb. 29 and will remain in place "until determined otherwise" by Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley. These precautions are similar to those implemented during flu outbreaks.

**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!**

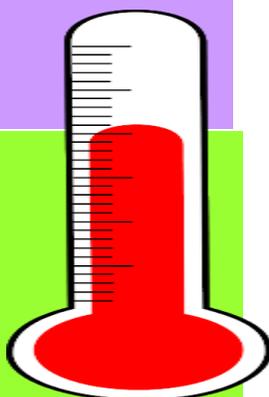
This will start Ash Wednesday.

Let us make a pledge to Our Lady.

**GRAND ANNUAL GOAL — \$20,000**

**As of March 6, 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.**

**March 15—Third Sunday of Lent:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

**Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**

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.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

***Don't forget the need is always there!***

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule) 6:30—8:00 PM**

<i>St Ann's</i>	<i>St John's</i>
March 11	March 4
April 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.

BRAINTREE -- The Pastoral Center's Bethany Chapel was full to capacity as Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley led the celebration of Ash Wednesday Mass on Feb. 26.

Cardinal O'Malley delivered his homily before the distribution of ashes. Looking at the reading from Matthew's Gospel, in which Jesus talks about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the cardinal spoke about the importance of motives that prompt religious acts.

"The Pharisees were great at public prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But it was more a case of spiritual one-upmanship than an act of penance. Jesus is urging us to look at our motives and to avoid temptation to do religious acts in order to increase our prestige," Cardinal O'Malley said.

He said that the human tendency to keep up appearances can undercut the true purpose of religious acts, which is to grow closer to God.

"Acts of piety have to be done with the proper inner attitude or they don't adhere to their purpose, and our only real reward will be the passing notice of people rather than growing closer to our God," he said.

He spoke about how Lent can be "reduced" to a time of setting health-related goals, such as improved diet or increased exercise.

"These acts of discipline can be spiritually beneficial if they help us to overcome our self-indulgence and unhealthy behavior. But the success of our Lent cannot be measured by the number of pounds we lose or how many steps we take each day," Cardinal O'Malley said.

He suggested that fasting be coupled with almsgiving, using the resources that would go toward one's own comfort to instead help the poor. He also said that Lent is a good time to examine one's prayer life and seek reconciliation in relationships.

In closing, Cardinal O'Malley explained the symbolism of the ashes, which "betoken the fragility of life," and the sign of the cross, which indicates that "the dust has been redeemed by the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ."

"Ash Wednesday is not meant to be a morbid reflection on death, but a serious reminder that life is always short and we must be good stewards of the time, talent and treasure that we have received," he said.