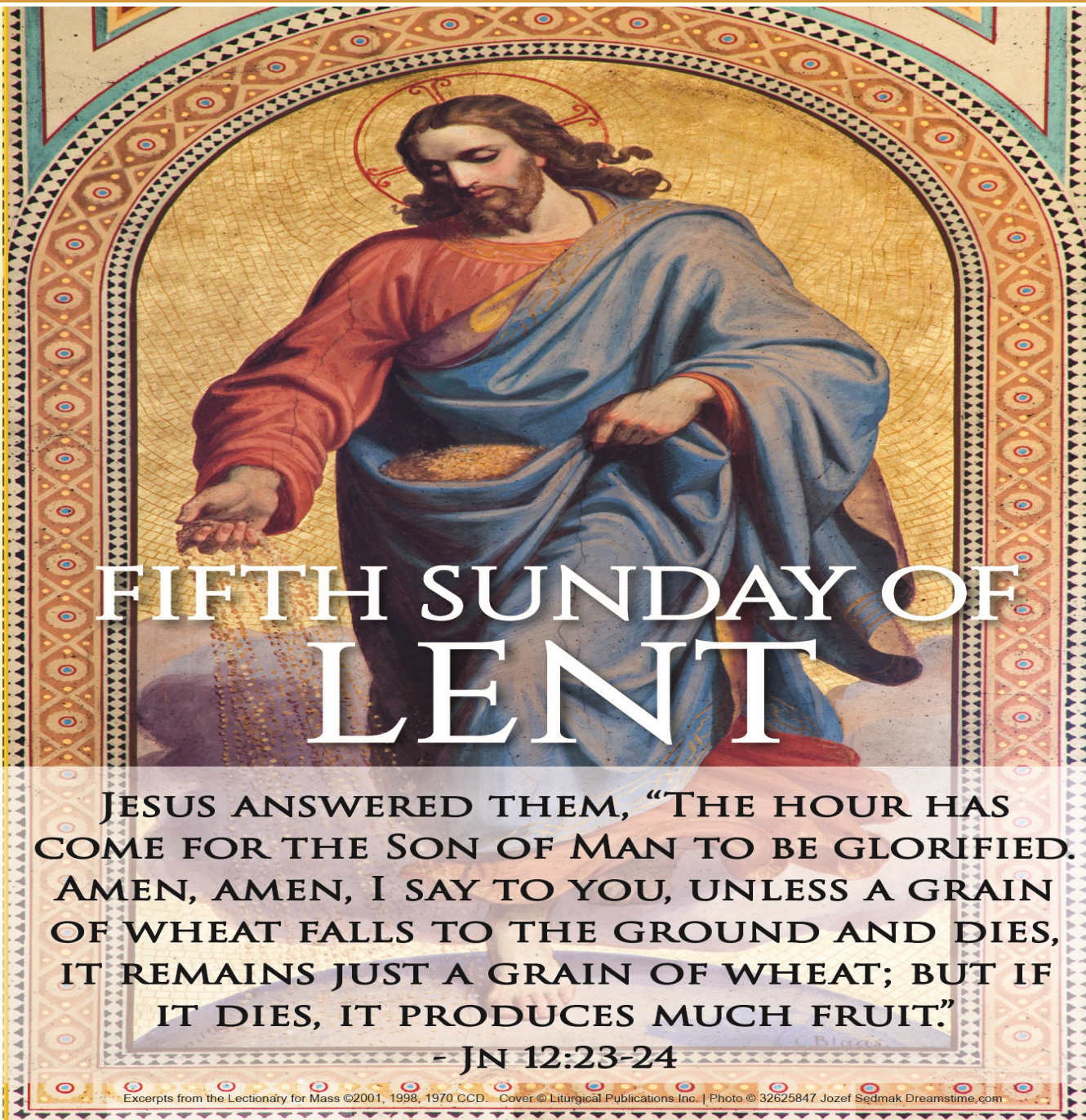




*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
5th Sunday of Lent  
March 18, 2018*



JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "THE HOUR HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED. AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT."

- JN 12:23-24

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## MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 17, 2016

4:00 - Francis Barry — Memorial

#### Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00 - Robert & Rita Farrell — Memorial

10:30 - Maria Chaves & Family — Memorial

#### Saturday, March 24, 2018

4:00 - Albert & Ronald Federico — Memorial

#### Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Nancy Robichaud — Memorial

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 17, 2018

4:00 - Shakman & Mitkus Families — Memorial

#### Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:30 - Mark Mitchell — Months Mind

10:30 - Robert Smith — 5th Anniversary

#### Saturday, March 24, 2018

4:00 - Frances Anne Maloney — Memorial

#### Sunday, March 25, 2018

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

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Tuesday, March 27, 2018S

9:00 — Rita C. Giovanoni — Month’s Mind

## HOLY WEEK

**HOLY THURSDAY— MASS — 7 PM — SAINT ANN’S**

**GOOD FRIDAY, THE PASSION OF THE LORD,**

3 PM — SEVEN LAST WORDS — SAINT JOHN’S

7 PM — MASS AT SAINT JOHN’S

**EASTER VIGIL — MASS — 8 PM — SAINT ANN’S**

**EASTER MASS AT SAINT ANN’S**

8:30 & 10:30

**EASTER MASSES AT SAINT JOHN’S**

8:00 & 10:30



My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old spiritual titled “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”. Could you imagine being a friend of Jesus? I’m not talking about a disciple, apostle or follower of Jesus – we’re all called to be that. I’m talking about a friend – someone with whom you “hang out”, have over to dinner, someone with whom you play golf or tennis. This is the type of relationship which Martha, Mary and Lazarus had with Jesus. Think back to the gospel passage (Lk 10:38-42) where Martha was busy preparing to host Jesus and Mary just sat there (or seemed to, to the untrained eye), ending with Martha being told that Mary had taken the “better part, and it shall not be taken from her” (Lk 10:42). This was a moment when Jesus showed He was a *friend* of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Their friendship was evidenced by the honesty of their words, something friends aren’t afraid to do.

The story of the “raising of Lazarus” is one of friendship, both human and spiritual. Jesus gets word that Lazarus is ill. One would think that Jesus, a friend of the trio, would rush right over (or perhaps send one of His disciples in His name). Yet Jesus waits for two days before departing from where He was. This may seem strange, but Jesus assures those around Him that “this illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God...” (Jn 11:4). Jesus has already formulated a plan in His mind; He knows exactly what He is going to do, for He knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows He has power over life and death, so He knows that even if Lazarus experiences an earthly death that this particular episode will not end in death.

There is another reality at work here as well. Jesus knows that He has power over life and death because, as He proclaims to Martha, He is “the resurrection and the life” (Jn 11:25). It is in this “vein” that Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Jesus isn’t concerned about the crowds and their wailing; He isn’t concerned about the stench emanating from the tomb; He isn’t even concerned about Lazarus being dead. Jesus knows who He is, what He is about and what He is doing at all times. This is a powerful lesson for us. While we don’t have power over life and death, we have power (in the form of “free will”) to decide how we are to live in this life, and thus how we are to spend Eternal Life. God wants us to be with Him in the Kingdom, sharing Eternal Life, but the choice is ours. We choose God by how we choose to live our lives, either in union with God or with the world. Whatever choices we make, the choice is ours. Let us choose wisely and well, so that we may spend Eternal Life in the Kingdom with God and all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### PATORAL STAFF

#### **Pastor:**

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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, 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.**

**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. 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**

## DEACON'S CORNER –DEACON BRENDAN

Before I share some information about the history of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, let me define the word "Rite" as a set form for celebrating Catholic liturgy in the presence of the worshipping community.

The practice of preparing and welcoming new converts, then primarily Gentiles, to membership of the Christian community began in the time of the apostles. New members were instructed in the teachings of salvation and the belief of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and of course, they were baptized and welcomed to the table where they shared Eucharist. As time went on, the Catechumenate (RCIA) process developed. Individuals would inquire and be assigned a catechist who would instruct them in the Christian faith. They would have a sponsor as well. During their journey in formation, the Catechumens would periodically be examined to determine their understanding and acceptance of the Gospel message. The process itself suffered setbacks over the centuries because of different reasons. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, there was a resurgence of effort among theologians and pastors to have a more thorough response to those adults who were interested in converting to Catholicism. In 1965 during the second Vatican Council, it was voted overwhelmingly to reinstate and restore the Catechumenate. The bishops mandated that the Rite be implemented in all the parishes in the United States. The content of instruction would be Sacred Scripture and Catholic Doctrine as each relates to the other. Paramount to the instruction would be the overall picture of how God spoke through the prophets and Leaders of the Hebrew people until finally sending His only Son to redeem all mankind. The Catechumen's progress and understanding would be considered by all involved with the hope of them receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist from the hands of their pastor during the Easter Vigil.

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection  
Good Friday, March 30, 2018 — Holy Land Shrines

**Snow Removal — March 17 & 18, 2018**

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	3/04/18		3/04/18	
OFFERTORY	\$159	\$3,680	\$3,489	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,070	\$32,000	\$24,845	\$32,000

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

CONFESSIONS — WEDNESDAY  
6:30—8:00 PM

MAR 21ST — SAINT JOHN'S  
MAR 28TH — SAINT JOHN'S



#### 2018 Catholic Appeal

Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond parish boundaries. Our parish directly benefits from the ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2018 goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online. This week-end will be the in-pew appeal for your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### LOGO FOR THE COLLABORATIVE

Month's back we asked the members of the collaborative to come up with a name for the collaborative, it was such a success, that NOW we are asking members of the collaborative to design a logo for the **Together in Christ Collaborative.**

All entries should be submitted to Fr. Paul for prayerful consideration. You can drop them off at the Rectory or email them, [fr\\_plrstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net)

### 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](https://twitter.com/#!/LiveLent) on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](https://twitter.com/BostonCatholic) in your updates.

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**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.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

At SAINT ANN'S  
11 AM—2 PM  
Friday, March 30, 2018  
(Good Friday)



### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be at Saint Ann's  
At 7 PM  
Every Friday of Lent except Good Friday

A special thank you to those parishioners who were thoughtful and placed their March 4th envelopes in this past week's collection. Thank you for your generosity.

*Thank you*

### SAINT ANN

#### GRADE 9 RETREAT

MARCH 24, 2018

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

STONEHILL COLLEGE

FATHER PEYTON CENTER

518 Washington Street

North Easton, Ma



New mailing address:  
P O Box 474  
West Bridgewater MA 02379

### WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

### IS IN DIRE NEED OF HELP!

### ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT:

**CLAVIN GREY**  
**508-559-6569**

Our catechumens are excited about their impending celebration of the Easter Sacraments at our Easter Vigil. Let us keep them close to our hearts as they enter into final, intense preparation for the sacraments.

Let us pray.

Good and forgiving God,  
The Easter Sacraments are drawing near  
and your children who are preparing for Baptism,  
Confirmation and Eucharist confess their faith in you.  
Help them to strive against worldly desires  
and rescue them from ignorance of you.  
Give us courage to walk with them as they approach your altar  
for the first time and receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
Help us to be models of Christian life for them  
and welcome them to the Mystical Body of Christ.  
We ask all this in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### There will be a SPECIAL COLLECION

### FOR SNOW REMOVAL COSTS

the weekend of March 17 & 18.

The current costs are \$8200

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Every Thursday night  
At 6:30  
In St. Ann's Parish Center  
Doors open 5:00

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debeneditis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Floence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, 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 military.



Please check the bulletin or visit [www.stjohnneb.org](http://www.stjohnneb.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.stjohnneb.org](http://www.stjohnneb.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

Mon. 3/26 — Rosary

Tues. 3/27 — Chrism Mass at The Cathedral

### 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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.**

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.

### KIWANIS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH  
7:00 AM—12:00 NOON  
AT GWM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast includes: eggs, bacon, pancakes, toast  
Coffee, milk & OJ

\$5 per person, \$15 for a family of four

Any questions, please contact Diane Kennedy  
508-631-1925

### COLLABORATIVE MISISON STATEMENT

The Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John is a prayerful community in the Roman Catholic tradition called to witness the forgiving, healing, and saving presence of Jesus Christ in our sacramental, liturgical, and social activities. Parishioners are called to respect all life and to offer evangelization for the parish, our town, and surrounding communities. We are called to respond to the Gospel through the example of our lives. We reach beyond our parish to serve the needs of all people in our neighborhoods and around the world.

**We are a community of faith, hope, and love.**

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