



*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*March 24, 2019  
Third Sunday of Lent*



Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." - Jn 4:21, 23a

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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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—6:30, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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 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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Jackie Buccigross

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

4:00 - Martin J. Hanley — 29th Anniversary

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Nancy Robichaud — 3rd Anniversary

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

4:00 - Grace Cosgrove — Memorial

**Sunday, March 31, 2019**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Carmela Bersani — 1st Anniversary

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**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

4:00 - Shakman & Mitkus Families — Mem.

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

8:30 - Children being Confirmed

10:30 - Frances & Joseph Maloney — Memorial

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

4:00 - Richard Pratt — 8th Anniversary

Nicholas Pratt — 13th Anniversary

Mark Creedon — 8th Anniversary

Luke Creedon — Prayers for Healing

**Sunday, March 31, 2019**

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Rita Long — 1st Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was a boy, I can remember spending every Easter Sunday evening glued to the television, watching “The Ten Commandments”. It was one of the few times my mother let me stay up past my bedtime on a school night...quite a treat! I can remember the “Technicolor” that was employed (an amazing cinematic feature, long before CGI!), and how it brought the story of the Bible to life! One of the stunning moments was the scene of the “burning bush”, the moment in salvation history when Moses was on Mount Horeb and he came upon the bush that was burning, but not consumed. Today’s first reading recalls the account of Moses and the Burning Bush.

In our first reading, Moses is tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law. The “burning bush” (which, as I say, was burning but not consumed by the flames) catches the attention of Moses. Little wonder it does, between the sight of the bush and the presence of the angel of the Lord; it is a sight which would catch the attention of anyone looking on the scene! In the encounter, Moses hears the voice of God, telling him who He is and what He wants Moses to do. Moses is to lead the Israelites to freedom, freedom from the oppression of Pharaoh. When Moses asks who it is he should say has sent him, God replies “I am who I am” (Exodus 3:14). This is a key moment, for it reveals God as one of the “present moment” (signified by the fact that God uses the present tense). It is the same God who created the world. It is the same God who created us. It is the same God who is with us, here and now.

When we hear of this “God of the present moment”, we should take courage and have hope. Our God is one who is with us here and now. We do not have a God who set the world in motion and left us abandoned. We have a God who walks with us in this day and age, in this moment in time, in this Lenten Season (and in ALL Seasons).

May we take comfort in the fact that our God is one who is with us in all time, and for all time, until such time as He calls us home to Himself. May we know that when we call upon God, He does not need to be summoned for He is with us now. May we walk through this Lenten Season knowing that God walks with us now and into the Paschal Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Have a (Continued) Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

**LENT IS HERE.....**

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

<i>St Ann's</i>	<i>St John's</i>
March 27	April 3
April 10	April 17

**EASTER SCHEDULE:**  
 Holy Thursday — St John's — 7 PM  
 Good Friday — St. Ann's — 7 PM  
 (Easter Vigil) — St John's — 8 PM

**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 SUNDAY**

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

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

## The Next Second Collection Ash Wednesday — Catholic Charities

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available			
OFFERTORY		\$3,680		\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL		\$32,000		\$32,000

**Brian Manning has officially joined the staff of the Collaborative. He is currently training with Jackie. When he gets his feet planted firmly in our procedures, offertory totals will be available. Please give Brian a warm welcome.**



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](http://www.catholic.org/lent/story.php)

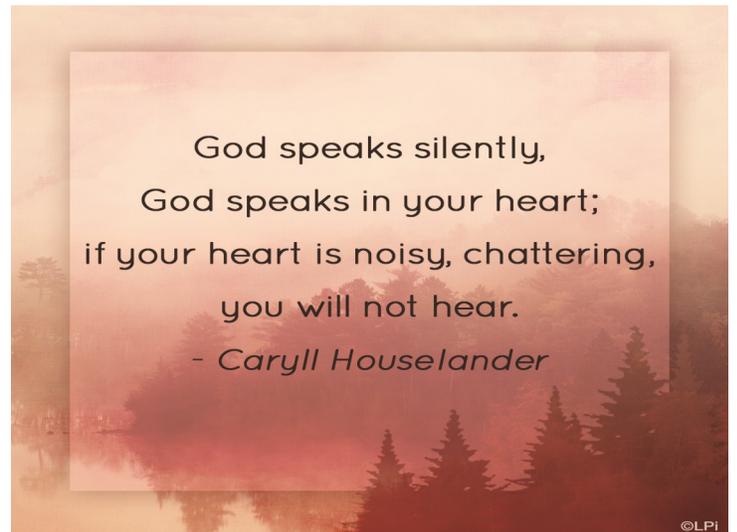
### Forty days — Forty Items

Wednesday, March 6th is the first day of Lent.

I have a challenge for you!  
Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into the trash bag provided.  
At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them.

**The collaboration has made arrangements with The St. Vincent de Paul Society. The week after Easter, bags can be dropped off for pick up at St Ann's.**

**Specific drop off details to be announced.**



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



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



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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## 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

March 24, 2019  
3rd Sunday of Lent

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### 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.

### CONFIRMATION INFO St. Ann's

1st Confirmation Rehearsal  
March 20th  
6 PM

2nd Confirmation Rehearsal  
March 27th  
6 PM Dinner to be followed by Rehearsal  
Gowns to be distributed

Confirmation  
April 3  
7 PM

### First Communion

Saturday, May 4, 2019

9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

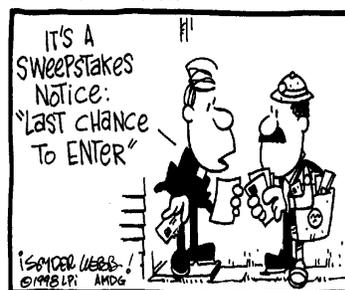
MEAT RAFFLE

MARCH 30, 2019

1:00 PM

ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicoliar & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**CONFIRMATION INFO  
St John's**

**Confirmation Rehearsal  
March 28th  
6:30 PM**

**Confirmation  
March 29th  
6:30 PM**

First Scrutiny

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us of everlasting water that heals us and gives us strength for the journey. There are those among us who long for this, but we who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also. Stop climbing that hill. Today, as you listen to the words of the Scrutiny prayers and ritual, let us be resolved to drink again from that everlasting water God has given to us.

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



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Rosary after daily Masses.  
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.  
Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)  
Catholic Women's Club Mtg — April 10th**

The April Baptism scheduled for April 14th (Palm Sunday) has been moved to April 28th.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul  
Saint John's Conference  
PO Box 544  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

**March 24: Third Sunday of Lent**

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**

**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.

**BAPTISMAL BIBS**

**Do you like to sew?  
Would you be willing to make the  
Baptismal Bibs  
For the children being Baptized?**

**If so, please contact the Rectory at 508-378-4207  
Or contact Lorry Hopgood at  
508-378-1521**

Easter Envelopes

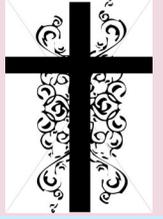
Easter Envelopes are at the doors of both churches.



**About the Archdiocese of Boston:** The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).

Prayer to  
**St. Michael the Archangel**  
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's  
When doing your  
Estate Planning!



**TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!**

<b>Saint Ann</b>	<b>Saint John</b>
	<b>March 24</b>

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.