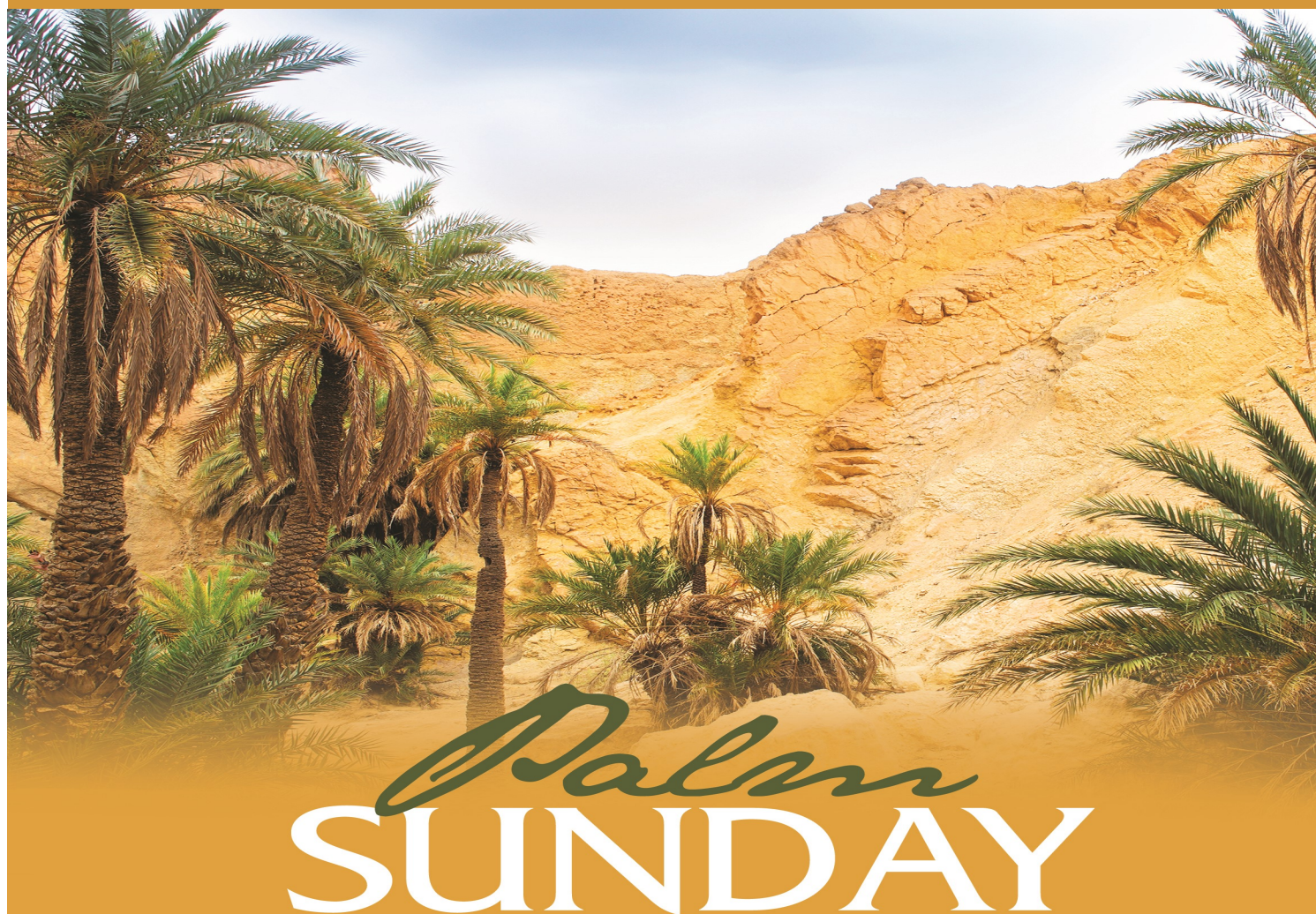




*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord  
March 25, 2018*



# *Palm* SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it.  
And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the  
road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from  
the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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**



**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 — FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**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

### 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.**





## 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 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

**Saturday, March 31, 2016**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

4:00 - Frances Ann Maloney — Memorial

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - James “Jim” Baker — Birthday Remem

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

9:00 — Rita Giovanoni — Month’s Mind

**Saturday, March 31, 2018**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

## DEACON’S CORNER—DEACON BRENDAN

This week we move closer to Easter in our Lenten journey. During Mass last week, Father Paul invited our elect, Katherine Gerrity, Stephanie Callender and Michelle Duff to come forward for the third Scrutiny. He said the following prayer:

“Father of Life, and God not of the dead but the living,

You sent your Son to proclaim life, to snatch us from

The realm of death, and to lead us to the resurrection.

Free these elect from the death-dealing power of the

Spirit of evil, so that they may bear witness to their new

Life in the risen Christ, for He lives for ever and ever.”

*MAY WE KEEP THEM IN OUR PRAYERS DURING  
THESE DAYS*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Palm Sunday has the unique distinction in the fact that **two gospel passages** are read. The first is the account of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem; the second one chronicles His Passion and death. The amazing thing is that while they are radically different in tone they are linked, one to the other, by the fact that Jesus is in the center of both “events”. He is certainly present, and at the center, of the gospel in total, but these two readings highlight the “apex” (high point) and “nadir” (low point) of His mission and ministry.



In the first gospel passage, read at the beginning of Mass, Jesus is greeted with cries of “Hosanna”, a word which is both a call for salvation and a declaration of praise. It is meant as a loving greeting, given by a people who recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is ironic, therefore, that many of those same people will be crying out to “crucify” Jesus (but more on that later). This is a momentous occasion, sweeping up all in its majesty and power. It is the ultimate “good time” event. In just a few short days, however, the whole mood and tone of the city will shift, giving way to the Passion and Death of Jesus.

This is where our second gospel reading comes into play. Traditionally read in “parts” (with the celebrant, lectors and congregation all taking part), this passage depicts the Passover meal, this particular one being what we would come to see and know as the “Last Supper”, with Jesus “breaking bread” with His disciples. It is in this “breaking of the bread” where the institution of the Holy Eucharist would begin and start to take shape. It is on this night, also, when Jesus would prepare His disciples for His coming Passion and Death. Jesus uses this occasion to “plant the seed of faith” for the disciples’ future missions, carrying on His word and spreading God’s Word. The arrest, “trial” and punishment of death on the Cross would follow. This is where the irony of the week’s events comes into play. It is basically the same crowd (in town for the Passover celebration) who cries out “Hosanna” on Palm Sunday who will cry out (equally full-throated) to crucify Jesus on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of the holiest week of the year. May it be a time of reflection, enlightenment and blessing for us all. May we not forget that the horror and sorrow of Good Friday is overcome by the majesty and life-giving love of Easter Sunday. May we enter into this week knowing that as we walk this journey of faith with our Lord, He has already “set the path before us” and awaits our own entrance into the Kingdom.

A Blessed Palm Sunday and Holy Week to you All,

Fr. Paul



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

### The Next Second Collection

Good Friday, March 30, 2018 — Holy Land Shrines  
Easter Sunday, Clergy Heath & Retirement Benefit Fund

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	3/11/18		3/11/18	
OFFERTORY	\$4,807	\$3,680	\$6,903	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,070	\$32,000	\$24,807	\$32,000

*During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love."*

- Pope Francis, [Message for Lent](#), 2018

CONFESSIONS — WEDNESDAY  
6:30—8:00 PM

MAR 28TH — SAINT JOHN'S

### 2018 Catholic Appeal

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.

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)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First: **Happy Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of Boston!**

Second: It is hard to believe that Holy Week begins in a little over a week. How has your Lenten journey been? Are you ready to enter fully into the celebrations that illuminate the path of Holy Week? What a profound opportunity awaits each of us in order that we might more fully understand the mystery of Christ's Passion!

As we enter into this climatic season of the liturgical year of the Church, I pray that our Lenten journey has prepared us well. These days give us a poignant and tangible opportunity to immerse ourselves into Christ's salvific actions. In a way, the commemoration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection during this week, and in particular the Triduum, can become a pilgrimage during which we can strive to imitate Christ's obedience to the Father's salvific plan.

I pray you are able take time to stop, listen and learn during these holy days ahead of us. This journey of faith ultimately culminates in the triumphant celebration of our identity as Christians. "We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song," Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us, so often. Even in the midst of persecution, loss, suffering, loneliness, and death we remain hope-filled due to the reality of Christ's victory! May we, through the graces available to us in this holy season, be witnesses of such hope and joy. May our lives radiate Christ's obedient love!

Be assured of our prayers for you and all those you serve in the parishes of our Archdiocese.

In Christ,

Michael Lavigne

Assistant Cabinet Secretary for Evangelization and Discipleship



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

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

At  
Friday, March 30th

SAINT ANN'S  
11 AM—2 PM



### 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.

PALM SUNDAY



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095  
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When estate planning, please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's.  
God Bless 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

### WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

IS IN DIRE NEED OF HELP! ESPECIALLY MEN

ANYONE INTERESTED  
PLEASE CONTACT:

CALVIN 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.

HOLY THURSDAY



**Norfolk County Catholics**, a new group for young adults in their 20s and 30s, is hosting a kick-off gathering on Thursday, Apr. 5 at 7:00PM at St. Mary Parish in Walpole. All are invited to meet other young Catholics, enjoy food and music, and learn about the mission of NCC. Free registration is available at [ncc-kick-off-event.eventbrite.com](http://ncc-kick-off-event.eventbrite.com). For more information, visit [www.norfolkcountycatholics.com](http://www.norfolkcountycatholics.com).



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



### Please keep the following in your prayers:

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

**Boston Cursillo** will host a **men's weekend** from Apr. 26-29 at the Campion Renewal Center in Weston. For more information, contact **Chris Graf**. "The Cursillo method aims at helping to transform, in a Christian way, the environments where people live and work through the involvement of 'new men and women' who have become such from their encounter with Christ." (St. Pope John Paul II, July 29, 2000).

## IMPORTANT DATES

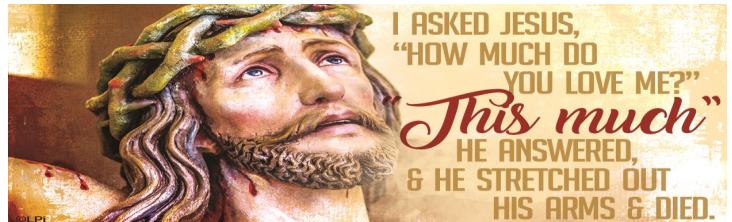
Mon. 3/26 — Rosary

Tues. 3/27 — Chrism Mass at The Cathedral

Fri. 3/30 — Blood Drive — at St. Ann's 11:00—2:00



When estate planning, please remember  
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God Bless You!



### St. John's Conference

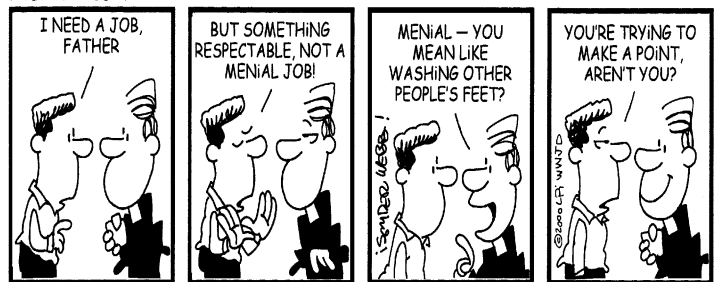
Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting \_\_\_\_\_ families, providing \_\_\_\_\_ in food, \_\_\_\_\_ in gifts, and \_\_\_\_\_ for utility and rent bills.**

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.

#### HOLY THURSDAY



Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect, and religious art can be a vehicle for both inspiration and contemplation. Two unique programs for families to consider attending: Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is hosting the rare exhibit "Heaven on Earth" by one of the greatest Renaissance artists of the 15th century, Dominican Friar **Fra Angelico**. The movie **Paul, the Apostle of Christ** opens in theaters on Mar. 23. For theater locations, film times, and ticket information, visit this site. <https://tickets.paulmovie.com/>



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