



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
EASTER SUNDAY  
Of the Resurrection  
of the Lord*



*April 1, 2018*

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*Alleluia*

CHRIST IS RISEN!

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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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 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 - 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**

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### 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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## St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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**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

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

4:00 - John & Cecilia Crowley — Memorial

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

8:00 — Stephen A. & Arthur R. Baggia — Mem

10:30 - Catherine A. Eisenmann — Month's Mind

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

9:00 — Rose Marie Chaves — Memorial

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## St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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**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

**Monday, April 2, 2018**

9:00 — George E. Short, Jr. — Memorial

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

8:30 - David & Dorothy Sibor, Anthony S.,

Irene & Anthony L. Domingos — Memorial

10:30 - Rosanne Patricelli — Birthday Remem



My Dear Friends in Christ,

We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song! I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very blessed Easter Day and Season. We tend to forget that Easter is a season, and not just one day on the calendar. In all truth, each day God gives us a “little Easter”. Each day is a new opportunity for us to “rise and shine” (even those of us who aren’t “morning people”!) and look for ways to serve our God in our brothers and sisters. Each day is a chance to engage in discipleship and to spread the Good News that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mary of Magdala (or Mary Magdalene, as she is more commonly known to us) is given that opportunity on that first Easter Sunday. Mary is given the chance to share the news of the Resurrection, even if she doesn’t fully understand what is happening. She approaches the tomb, which is empty, and on seeing the stone rolled away she runs to get Simon Peter and “the other disciple whom Jesus loved” (Jn 20:2) (who biblical scholars have come to identify as John, the “Beloved Disciple”).

Here is where “the plot thickens”, as writers like to say. On approaching the tomb, John arrives first but does not enter; he waits for Simon Peter to arrive. Why? Mainly because faith (as represented by John) always *precedes* knowledge/authority (as manifested in Simon Peter), but waits for knowledge to *verify* our faith before acting. Our first encounter with Christ – our Baptism - was taken on faith; the actions entailed in the Sacrament were undertaken by our Parents, Godparents and the Clergy who performed the Baptism. We trusted that our parents had our best interest at heart in bringing us to the baptismal font. It wasn’t until our Confirmation, when we had the wisdom to do so, that we fully took on our faith for ourselves.

Easter is a season of new possibilities. It gives hope in a brighter tomorrow, even in the midst of challenge and struggle. It helps us to realize that our lives do not end in death if we have faith that Christ’s life, death, and resurrection happened so that we might have newness of life. May we celebrate this day and season with a renewed sense of hope in God’s promise of Life Everlasting. May we come to the understanding that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us the gift of Eternal Life.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

THE STONE HAS BEEN

ROLLED AWAY.

HE IS RISEN, ALELUIA!!!

HAPPY EASTER



**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 | 3/18/18   |          | 3/18/18   |          |
| OFFERTORY              | \$ 3,780  | \$3,680  | \$ 5,467  | \$5,700  |
| SNOW REMOVAL           | \$1,130   |          | \$1,168   |          |
| GRAND ANNUAL           | \$15,220  | \$32,000 | \$25,345  | \$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

**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)

**Fools for Christ: Loving Kindly Online**

*But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.  
And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a  
flame of fire.*  
James 3:5-6

by Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP

Toxic environments take their toll on us mentally, emotionally, psychologically, and even physically. The heaviness, the unending negativity, the spiritual suffocation... A way out or a way through becomes a lost hope as we try to live and love as best we can.

We each can remember a past or present situation that is toxic in this way. I'd like to offer for your reflection a new toxic space that is victimizing all of us unawares. That negative space is created online by trolls, people who purposely or out of habit comment in social media and online news and blog articles with language that is insensitive, emotionally charged, and self-serving. These people's "tongue" is their keyboard through which they anonymously spew out ill-informed remarks that create a cycle of anxiety and shut down the hearts of those who have to read them.

It is the fool who realizes the power of the tongue that can burn down reputations, hopes and dreams, and the heart that lives with the vulnerable loving kindness that is the call of the disciple of Christ. It is the fool with the foolishness of the crucified Master who prays for those they meet online--whether they are virtuous or harmful. It is the wise fool who closes a page that is "on fire" with angry or derogatory comments in order to preserve the joy of spirit that is the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It is the fool that writes and comments with hope, offering readers a ray of light and love.

Such foolishness has its blessing here in a spirit that remains peaceful and trusting in the face of everything, and hereafter "the meek shall inherit the earth" (cf. Matthew 5:5).

*Sister Kathryn, Sisters of St. Paul  
Strength for the Week*

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



When estate planning, please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's.  
God Bless You!



### 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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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### WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

IS IN DIRE NEED OF HELP! ESPECIALLY MEN

ANYONE INTERESTED  
PLEASE CONTACT:

CALVIN GREY  
508-559-6569

**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).

### Confirmation

2nd Rehearsal & Dinner — Mar. 28 — 6:30 PM

Confirmation — April 3 — 7:00 PM



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

EASTER



### What is Easter?

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. ([Isaiah 53](#)).

#### When did Easter start?

The early Christians began remembering the Resurrection every Sunday following its occurrence. In A.D. 325, the Council of Nicaea set aside a special day just to celebrate the Resurrection. The problem with an official day was deciding whether the Resurrection should be celebrated on a weekday or always on a Sunday.

Many felt that the date should continue to be based on the timing of the Resurrection during Passover. Once Jewish leaders determined the date of Passover each year, Christian leaders could set the date for Easter by figuring three days after Passover. Following this schedule would have meant that Easter would be a different day of the week each year, only falling on a Sunday once in awhile. Others believed since the Lord rose on a Sunday and this day had been set aside as the Lord's Day, this was the only possible day to celebrate His resurrection. As Christianity drew away from Judaism, some were reluctant to base the Christian celebration on the Jewish calendar.

Finally the Council decided Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Since the date of the vernal equinox changed from year to year, calculating the proper date can be difficult. This is still the method used to determine Easter today, which is why some years we have Easter earlier than other years.

[www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-easter)



### 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).

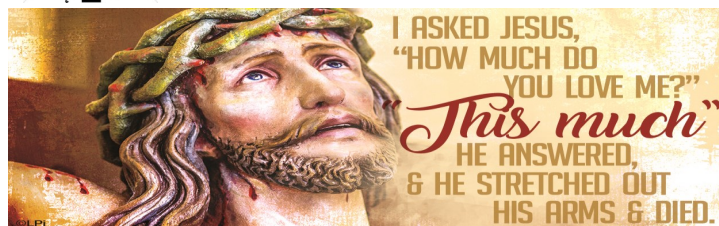
## IMPORTANT DATES

Sun. 4/8 — Shawl Mtg. — 2 PM  
 Fri. 4/13 — Confirmation Rehearsal — 6:30 PM  
 Sat. 4/14 — Confirmation — 10 AM



### DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8, 2018  
 Adoration & Chaplet  
 3 PM — St John's Church



### St. John's Conference

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show the love of the Risen Christ by bringing your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

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.

### PALM SUNDAY



### CONFIRMATION AT SAINT JOHN'S

REHREARSAL — APRIL 13, — 6:30 PM

CONFIRMATION



APRIL 14 — 10:00 AM

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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