



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
April 2, 2017*



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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.

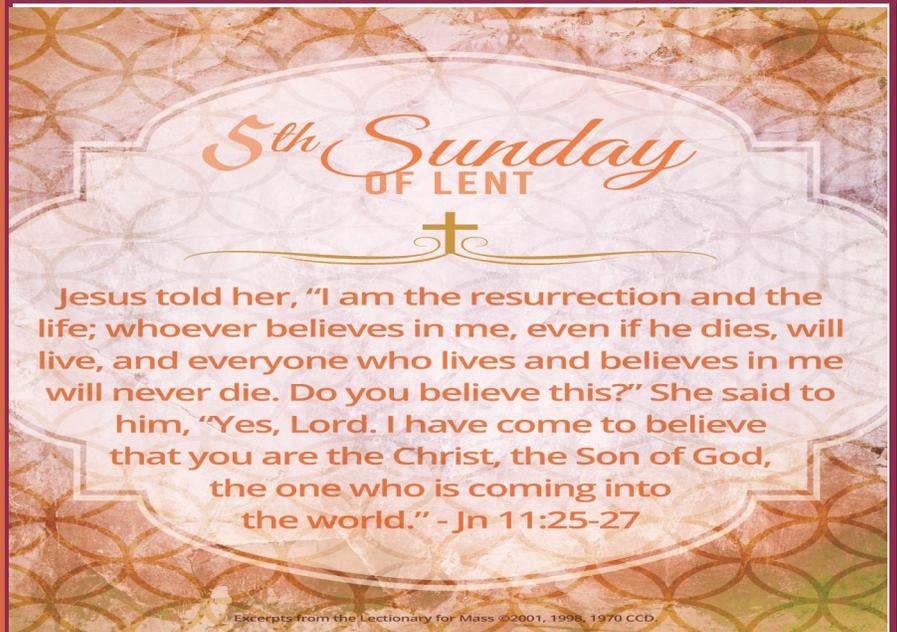
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Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

9:00 a.m.



*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
OF LENT*



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

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**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

April 2, 2017—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

8:00 - Robert Reardon—1st Anniversary

10:30 - Rose & Lucy Chaves — 14th & 32nd Ann

**Monday, April 3, 2017**

9:00 — Elaine Livingston — Birthday Remem

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

4:00 - Robert W. Small—3rd Anniversary

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Dorothy R. Walsh

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**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**Saturday, April 1, 2017**

4:00 - Helen Cabral - Memorial

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - George E. Short, Jr. — 2nd Anniversary

**Saturday, April 8, 2017**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

8:30 - Michael Andrews—3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**DEACONS' CORNER**

Lent gives us time to reflect upon who God is and how close we are to his embrace of love. As many of you know, we host a weekly Bible Study in the Religious Education office at St. John the Evangelist Parish. This Bible study is open to anyone who has a desire to grow closer to the Lord by reflecting upon scripture. You do not need to be an expert or even know anything about the bible but to just have a willingness to learn. I know we listen to the readings at Mass every Sunday however a Bible Study allows one to rest in the Word of God and to share your thoughts and feelings about scripture. It is a perfect way to discover God's love for us. Each of us is called to read the bible on our own but sometimes we just cannot fit it into our schedules. Perhaps participating in the Bible Study Group you will find that hour to carve out of your schedule. We meet every Monday evening and would be delighted to have you join us. If you wish to find out more, I may be contacted at [Deaconjoeh@comcast.net](mailto:Deaconjoeh@comcast.net) .

May God Bless  
Deacon Joe Hopgood



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

**ST. ANN'S PARISH  
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE**



The members are having a Bake Sale. A silent one, you see because we're all so busy, it's easier for you and me. You'll need no flour or sugar, nor yeast to make bread grow,

because a silent Bake Sale uses another kind of dough. Please tuck into the envelope your donation, large or small, throw it in the Collection Basket, and Thanks for answering the call.

St. Ann & St. John Parishes are holding a No Bake Sale on the weekend of April 1st & 2nd. Thanking you, in advance, for your generosity and support in making this "Bake Sale" a success!

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

The formation of Church Collaboratives is happening all through the Archdiocese of Boston. Churches are being introduced to the process in various time frames. One of the advantages to collaborate is the combination of some resources in an effort to save money and a better utilization of priests' times.

We are one collaborative with two churches working together in a joint effort to evangelize and build strong faith communities.

We pray for a name for our collaborative which represents our strength, commitment, and faith.

**PLEASE PRAY ON A NAME  
AND FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW!**

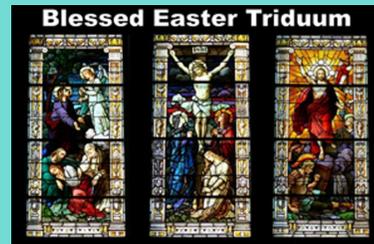
**COLLABORATIVE NAME**

The collaboration of St. Ann and St. John need a **COLLABORATION** name to define our newly joined faith community, **(THE CHURCHES WILL REMAIN ST. ANN & ST JOHN BUT THE COLLABORATIVE NEEDS A NAME.)**

**Do you have any suggestions?**  
Please list them below, cut out this form and put it in the collection at Mass.  
All names will be considered by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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**HOLY THURSDAY — April 13— No morning Mass**

—7:00—Evening Mass of the Lords Supper w/ Reposition and Adoration following in the Chapel at St. John until Midnight.

**GOOD FRIDAY — April 14**

—Seven Last Words, An Ecumenical Service — 3 PM — At St. John's

—The Passion of the Lord - 7 PM at Saint Ann's

**THE EASTER VIGIL —April 15**

—Mass at 8 PM at St. John's (mass must be scheduled 1/2 hr after night fall)

**EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**SAINT ANN  
8:30 & 10:30 AM**

**ST JOHN  
8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
SATURDAY  
10 AM**

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS**

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

During Lent, a diocesan program to encourage parishioners to go to confession called "The Light is on For You" will be held As follows:

St Ann's Mar 8, & April 12  
St John's Mar 22, 29, April 5



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
At 7 pm**

Will be held each Friday In Lent  
Except on Good Friday  
At Saint Ann's



Every Thursday night  
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
Doors Open at 5:00

Websites of interest for Lent:  
[www.lentmaddness.org](http://www.lentmaddness.org)  
[Discerninghearts.com](http://Discerninghearts.com)



# L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

**Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission:** Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

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**Facebook:**  
St. John the Evangelist-EB  
St. Ann-WB  
**Website:**  
www.stjohnneb.org  
www.stannswb.com  
**Google Calendars** are available on our websites.

March 31st, 2017



## We are almost sold out!

We are humbled and excited by the response to our Gala Night at the Auction!

The Gala Night at Halifax Country Club is going to be a great night!  
Wonderful Dinner \* A DJ \* Dancing \* Pin the Collar on the Pastor 50/50  
\* Putting Contest 50/50 and more!

PLUS the chance to win one of the over 150 really great items.  
As of the creation of this newsletter we have 40 tickets left and we are thrilled we may sell-out. It's going to be a fantastically fun evening!



## Tickets are On-Sale!

Thursday, April 6th  
6:00-10:00 pm at Halifax Country Club  
Deadline April 2nd

Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, a DJ and entertainment. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490, purchase tickets after Mass or stop by the Rectory. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$26.00 Senior Citizen.

NO PRAYER  
is too small for our  
LORD  
to handle.



Little Church Mouse  
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## Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring  
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team  
Meets the 4th Thursday of  
each Month

Youth Leadership Team  
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team  
Golf tournament Team

Reboot Live Team

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime  
to join us!



## 2017 Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

July 31– August 4th  
9:00 am– 12:00 pm  
St. John Parish Hall  
Age 3 and up  
\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap

Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family.

- Our Pre-School is open to children age 3– entering first grade next fall.
- Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6.
- Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up.
- We also need adult help.

This camp has always included families from all over the South Shore and we are so excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of St. Ann.

This summer will be held at St. John, but we will look into switching sites each summer.  
On line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

## Children's Lenten Activities

**Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Ann**

A children's version of the Passion of our Lord using the symbols of the season hidden in Easter Eggs . Contact us for more resources for daily children's devotions and adoration materials for young children.

*In addition to the wonderful Lenten story time, each family can make their own Resurrection Garden: \$7.00 for materials. Please RSVP at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com so that we can have enough materials.*



## 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip– Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st (Deadline: April 20th)



### **Special Incentive to Commit to Joining our Team by: Wednesday, April 5th**

Each year we fundraise to help with the cost of the Mission Trip. It is our hope our auction will help with costs but as a special incentive to fill our last 8 spots, everyone who pays the deposit by April 5th will be entered into a special raffle at our Auction for a refund of the \$90 deposit.

### **Trip is open to current 7th Grade Students-College-Adults**

Catholic HEART Workcamp is about SERVICE, CONNECTION and LOVING OTHERS. CHWC provides parish youth groups, teens and adult leaders service opportunities to restore homes and HEARTS, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled and offer assistance while partnering with social agencies. Our aim is to provide nothing short of amazing Catholic Mission Trips! Each Workcamp is equipped with a summer staff, director, manager, musician, nurse and priests to celebrate mass/confession. It is a youth friendly Christ centered Week of caring for others. Catholic HEART Workcamp faithfully is an excellent opportunity to "love the least of these".

**Lauren Benvie:** "Being older, it was an amazing experience to lead a group of young adults through the week of service and faith. Through many challenging discussions and acts of service, my faith in God grew stronger and I have become more confident in my faith and my leadership skills. I look forward to engaging more in my faith now that I'm home and sharing my experiences and all that I've learned the past two years in Nashville with those around me." Lauren has turned her Mission Trip experience into an amazing summer job.



**International Speaker  
Chris Stefanick-Reboot Live  
Wednesday, May 3rd  
East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School  
7:00-9:30 pm**



Tickets can be purchased on-line at :  
<http://reallifecatholic.com/reboot-live-participants>  
Or from Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



*St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900*  
 March 26, 2017 \$4,310  
*Below goal 1,590*  
 Total Under Budget = \$14,773  
 Grand Annual Total - Mar 19 \$29,793  
 Grand Annual goal \$36,000

April 2, 2017 — No-bake Bake Sale

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debeneditis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Carter Cullen Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Donna Shepard Folloni, Donna Millis, Jean Beaman, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH  
 IS  
 THE LAST  
 CCD CLASS OF THIS YEAR.  
 GOD BLESS THE CHILDREN OF ST JOHN'S**

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**EASTER FLOWER  
 ENVELOPES (in remem-  
 brance of loved ones)  
 ARE IN THE PEWS.**



**PLEASE RETURN THEM  
 BY:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:**

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**Your gifts help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of those who are struggling every day.**

Next Sunday, April 9, 2017 the team from Gouveia Real Estate will hold a **"Stuff the Gouveia Truck"** food drive at Roche Brothers in Bridgewater from 10AM-5PM. The proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry here at St. John's Parish and the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Please consider stopping by to help stuff the truck.

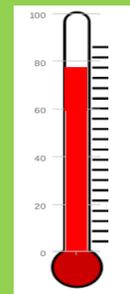
Is there an East Bridgewater individual, family or senior that you know who is in need of food or other assistance? Please encourage them to contact the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Together we are making a difference.

**ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL  
 PROGRESS**

**GOAL \$36,000**

**CURRENTLY \$27,753**

We are so close—only 23% more to go.



**Don't miss the biggest event of the year!**

**GALA NIGHT AND AUCTION**

**April 6, 2017**

**6:00- 10:00 PM**

**Halifax Country Club**

**Come and support the Parish and have a good time at the same time.**

**Dinner, Dancing, Auctions = Great Time.**

**Ticket on sale; \$30, Seniors \$26**



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# PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

## St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

March 26, 2017

\$3,407

April 2, 2017 — No bake, Bake Sale

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Wednesday, April 5th at 7 pm at Saint Ann's Church.**



### W.B. COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Ann's Church  
Parish Center

Friday, April 14, 2017  
1:00 – 6:00 PM

To avoid the wait

Call for an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Walk ins are also welcome!



### 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.

### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty.

There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.**

In remembrance of loved ones

**PLEASE RETURN THEM BY:  
APRIL 9, 2017**

