



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*April 14, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent*



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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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., September—March

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, September—March

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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:00 - Viola Murphy — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Jeanne E. Kelly—Memorial

Saturday, April 20, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:00 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere — 2nd Anniv.

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:30 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere—2nd Anniv.

Saturday, April 20, 2019

4:00 - No Mass

Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:30 - Parishioners the Collaborative



My Dear Friends in Christ,

If someone were to ask you, “what is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be?

Most, I dare say, would answer “Christmas”...and they’d be wrong! Now, don’t get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, but it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services) with today’s celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Both read at today’s liturgy serve as “bookends” to our Holy Week services. The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus’ earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

(Confession Schedule
6:30—8:00 PM

St John’s
April 17

HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday —
St John’s — 7 PM
Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord

Good Friday Service—
St. Ann’s — 7 PM
St. John — 3 PM
Seven Last Words

Holy Saturday—
(Easter Vigil)
St John’s — 8 PM

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
Good Friday — Holy Land & April 28th — Catch Up Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
OFFERTORY 3/31/19	\$2,994	\$3,680	\$5,649	\$5,625
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000	\$17,091	\$32,000

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

April 28th Catch Up Second Collection

As we get closer to our June fiscal year end, we would like to ask for your help. Our weekly collections have been running below our budgeted amounts and below last year amounts. Also, our Grand Annual collection has not reached its goal. We will be having a second collection on April 28th We are asking you to do what you can to help us make up the deficit.

Forty days — Forty Items

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.

LaSalette Retreat Center

947 Park Street
 Attleboro, MA 02703

Wednesday, April 24th, 2019

Dedicated to Divine Mercy: A Day with St. Faustina

Presenter: Joy Jennings

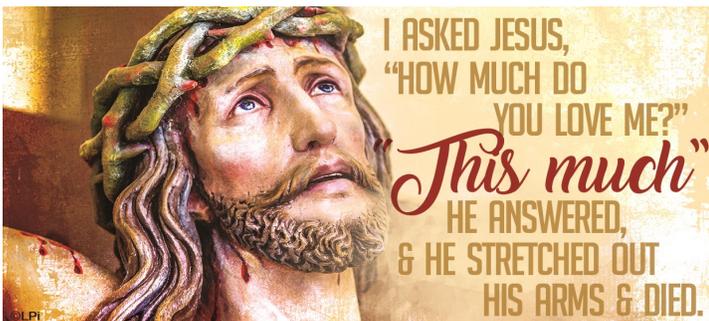
You are invited to celebrate the life of St Faustina Kowalksa, the humble Polish nun to whom the "Divine Mercy" devotion was entrusted. Come savor the graces, and learn how the Feast of Divine Mercy became a tradition to celebrate on the Sunday after Easter. We will examine St. Faustina as a young woman, the influences on her spiritual formation, and the extraordinary visions which gave rise to her fervor and determination to make this "vibrant feast of the faithful" so well-known in our time. This Day of Recollection will prepare for the "Feast of Divine Mercy" on Sunday, April 28th.

9:15 am – 4:00 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

Lunch and Mass included in the program.

Suggested Donation: \$45 per person

Call 508-222-8530 to register



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

Please visit the Glastonbury Abbey site for a complete listing of Holy Week Events.

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16 Hull Street, Hingham, MA 02043
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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.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
APRIL 28TH AT ST ANN'S PARISH CENTER
TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.



American Red Cross

THE ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
April 19, 2019 2 PM — 7 PM
St Ann's Parish Center

Call 800 -733- 2767 for an appointment
or walk- ins are welcome



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th

10:00 AM—12:00 PM St. Ann's Parish Center
RAIN OR SHINE

ALL AGES WELCOME (Egg hunt for Ages 1- 11)

Special prizes

Fun themed Games

Food & Drink

Tons of candy filled eggs

Special visit from the Easter Bunny



Please remember to bring your own BASKETS AND CAMERAS To capture all the FUN memories!

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, 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 Nicolar, Paul Martin & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



SEASONAL REFLECTION

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Hosanna to the Messiah!
While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

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**

IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after daily Masses.
Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.
Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)**

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**

April 14: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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.

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 carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

SEASONAL REFLECTION

Holy Saturday
April 18-20 Triduum

The Stillness of Holy Saturday
Holy Thursday brings us the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we exalt the cross and commemorate the death of Jesus. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate! But what about the day in between? Between death and life, the time holds its breath. For the first disciples, Holy Saturday was a day of silence, sorrow, and waiting. But redemption is already beginning! Jesus descends to the dead and frees righteous souls awaiting eternal life. On our own Holy Saturdays, we too wait in silence. But it is not the silence of disappointment and confusion. It is the silence of anticipation. Soon and very soon, dawn will alight on the horizon, and the stone will be rolled back. Until then, we wait in stillness.

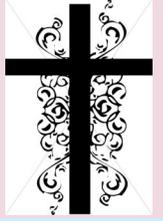
PALM SUNDAY



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.

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!



**THERE IS NOT,
NEVER HAS BEEN,
AND NEVER WILL BE
A SINGLE PERSON
FOR WHOM CHRIST
DID NOT SUFFER.**
—COUNCILS OF QUIERCY

A photograph of a large crowd of people, seen from behind, looking towards a bright light source, possibly a religious event or a large gathering.