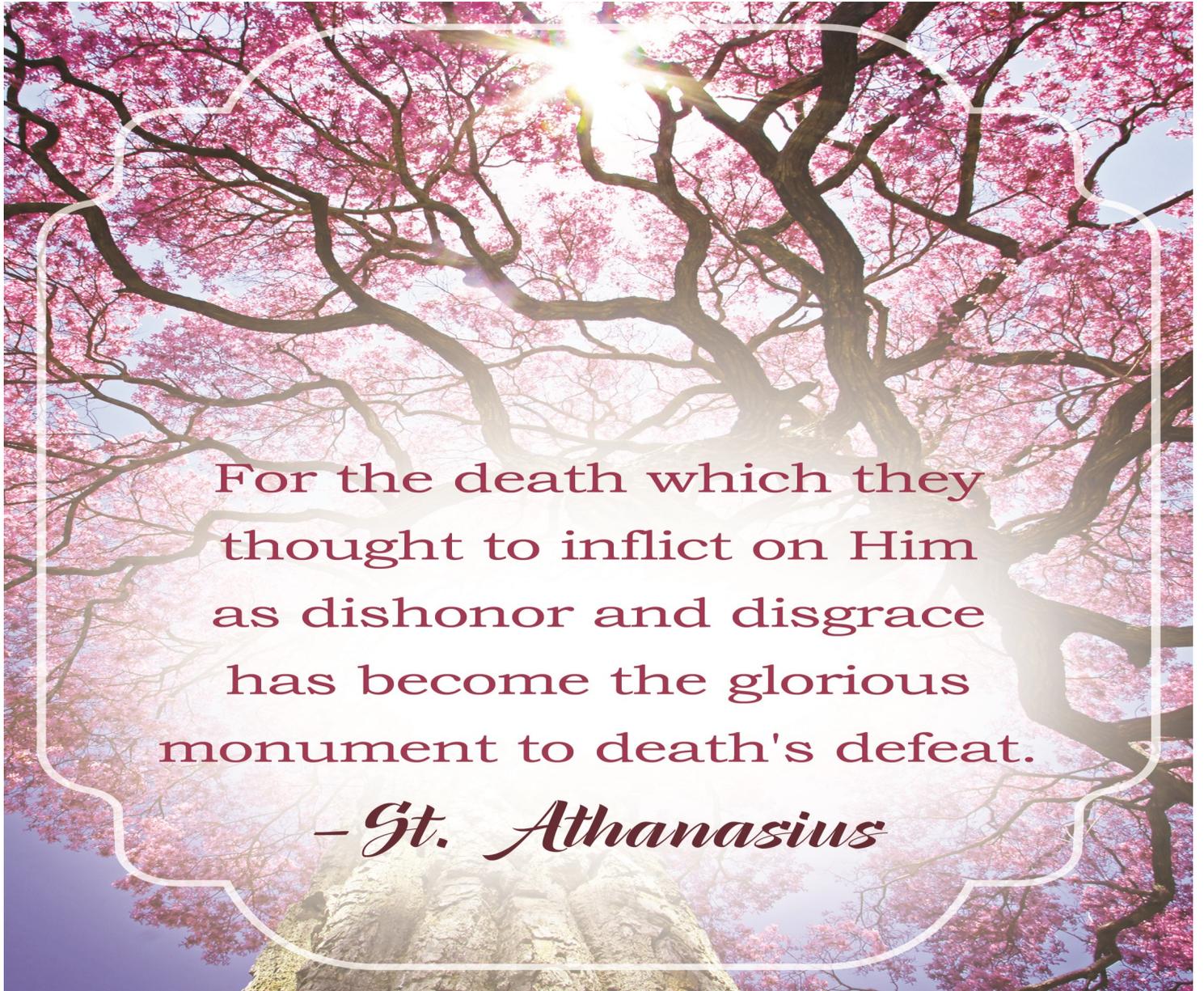




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John*



*April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Lent*



**For the death which they
thought to inflict on Him
as dishonor and disgrace
has become the glorious
monument to death's defeat.**

- St. Athanasius

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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, 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Friday, April 27, 2018

9:00 — John & June McHugh, Dorothy Walsh — Memorial

Saturday, April 28, 2016

4:00 - Felice Rondeau — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:00 - E. B. Police Department —

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00 - Francis Crowley — Memorial

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Thomas Buckley — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, April 28, 2018

4:00 - Ann & Frank Manning, John & Kathleen Garvey — Memorial

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:30 — Parishioners of Saint Ann’s

10:30 — Joseph Utka — 2nd Anniversary

Friday, May 4, 2018

9:00 — Fr. William J. McConnell — 5th Anniv

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00 — Helena Cabral — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carmen Mathes — 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

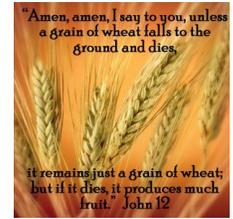
9:00 — Judith Romanski — Memorial

DEACON’S CORNER — DEACON BRENDAN

On Tuesday, we turn the calendar to the month of May, a special month traditionally celebrated with May processions in honor of the Blessed Mother. Still, it is important to remember that we are still in the Easter Season.

On Wednesday, we celebrate the feast of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was the Bishop of Alexandria. He championed the Council of Nicea and arduously defended the Church against the Arians. We recite the Nicene Creed every Sunday which came out of this Council. In fact, he wrote a treatise on the Incarnation entitled “The Discourse on the Incarnation”. He is known as the Doctor of the Incarnation.

On Thursday, we celebrate the feast of Saints Philip and James. Philip from Bethsaida was among the first disciples called by Jesus.(Jn.1:43-44) James was known for his piety. He is the patron saint of the dying. He was a well-known leader of the Jerusalem Church and an author of an Epistle. Both saints are mentioned in the Roman Canon.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

My mother was a great gardener; she could take any plant, any flowering thing and bring it back to life. She had the ultimate “green thumb”. One day, I saw her taking perfectly good, growing flowers and cutting the tops of them clear off! She then explained to me the concept of “pruning”, of trimming the heads of flowers to help them grow back stronger and more vibrant than before. It is something, I must admit, remains a bit of a “mystery” to me!

Once again in the gospel, Jesus uses a very “earthy” image to convey His relationship with us. Last week, if you recall, it was Jesus as “the Good Shepherd”. On this week, Jesus uses the image of “the vine and the branches”. In speaking in this way, Jesus conveys the fact that He gives life, and life abundantly. Just as the “branches” cannot live without the nutrients which come from the “vine”, we cannot live without the “nourishment” which comes from Jesus. There are times, as well, when we as “branches” need to be “pruned”. It may feel like the type of pruning which my mother’s flowers received that seemed so foreign to me but which, in the end, we come to realize that it was necessary for our growth.

It was this type of “pruning” that St. Paul received at God’s hands. As most know the story, Paul (then known as Saul of Tarsus) made his living as a lawyer prosecuting (persecuting, really) Christians. It would seem unlikely that God would use such a person to do His work, yet that is exactly what God did. When one thinks about it, Saul/Paul is exactly the type of person God would use to get His message across – after all, who better to promote Christianity than one who used to actively work against it? The conversion of Paul is one of the great “lessons” God offers us in not seeing mere appearance, but seeing into the heart of a person. Paul is symbolic of the power of God at work in the world.

As we move through the Easter Season, let us continue to work towards promoting, protecting and defending Gospel values. Let us help others to see the beauty in the faith, a beauty which transcends all time and brings to us God – the God of both the Eternal and the Eternal Now (the present age which is situated in eternity).

A Continued Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	04/22/18		04/22/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,777	\$3,680	\$3,659 (est)	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,220	\$32,000	\$25,420	\$32,000

We have never been where we are today as a nation. While division abounds in almost every segment of America, it is time to cry out to God in prayer for America. No longer can the people of God be silent before the Lord. We need to call out to God passionately and urgently until the glory of God is experienced in every corner of our nation.

1. PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF AMERICA TO COME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP THAT WILL LEAD TO RIGHTEOUS AND PEACEFUL LIVING IN AMERICA.

"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- Father, we appeal to You for our President and Vice President, members of the Cabinet, along with the members of both the House and the Senate, to make decisions that will lead toward a more righteous, peaceful, and orderly America.
- Lord, we also ask that these leaders lead us to ways that represent You and Your ways; including decisions that will lead toward the dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception until death.
- Lord God, may these leaders provide ways for our nation to be secure from terrorism inside and outside of the borders of America. Sovereign Eternal God, miraculously give unity of thought and strategy for the good of our nation between the White House, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate.

2. PRAY FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH OF AMERICA.

"Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, and that you be united with the same understanding and the same conviction." 1 Corinthians 1:10

- Confess and repent of the sin of division in the Church of America, supported by the sins of skepticism, criticism, and cynicism; due to an arrogance toward brothers and sisters who may look different than us, and may believe something a little different than us about secondary matters of the faith.
- God is calling His Church in America to unify upon the authority of the Bible and the centrality of Jesus Christ, the only Savior of the world. Ask God to move us back to these basic beliefs.
- Ask God for thousands of local churches to unify as one body of Christ, agreeing together that God is our greatest need in America.
- Call upon God for Jesus' Church in America to walk in unity, harmony, and oneness, so His Church personifies, calls, and leads America to unity.

3. PRAY FOR EVERY TOWN, CITY, AND COUNTY IN AMERICA TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PRAYER OBSERVANCE ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 3, 2018, RESULTING IN A MIGHTY MOVE OF GOD.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

- Ask God to call His people to prayer in every town, city, and county in America on **May 3**.
- Plead with God for His people in every town, city, and county to come together in humility to pray for America on the National Day of Prayer on **May 3**.
- Appeal to God for the people of God in every town, city, and county to come together to seek the will of God above all turning from all sinful and evil ways.
- Ask God to answer these prayers, speak to our nation, forgive our sins, and to bring healing to our lives, relationships, families, churches, businesses, schools, states, and all of America.
- Ask God to empower the NDP staff and thousands of NDP volunteers with the power of the Holy Spirit as they lead thousands of prayer observances on the National Day of Prayer.
- Appeal to God to supply the needed financial resources for the organization of the National Day of Prayer Task Force so this 2018 opportunity will be maximized.
- Call upon the Lord to anoint powerfully and lead clearly Dr. Ronnie Floyd, the President of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, as he oversees the strategic leadership of this massive prayer movement on **May 3, and the National Observance of the National Day of Prayer in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, DC, at 7:30 p.m. EDT.**

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)

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

The 26th Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 21st**, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the Seminary for each golfer and a guest. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psjis.edu/golf-tournament



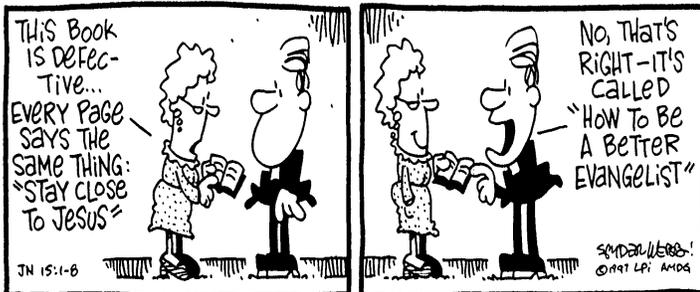
FIRST COMMUNION

REHEARSAL — MAY 8th & 11th
6:30 PM

FIRST COMMUNION

MAY 12th
10:00 AM

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMMER.

TRAINING IS AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CALL either RECTORY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND AVAILABLE (EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS).

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095
or jchbaker@msn.com



New mailing address:
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WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all of Saint Ann's Parishioners who stepped up to help.

Your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive this weekend is greatly appreciated!

Items needed: cereal, canned fruit, cookies, brownie mix.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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MAY 3, 2018

National Observance of the National Day of Prayer in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, DC, at 7:30 p.m. EDT.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, April 28 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Thursday, May 3, — World Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3 — 1st Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, May 5, — First Communion

Thursday, May 11, — Ascension of the Lord, Masses 9:00 AM at St. John's, 7:00 PM at St. 's

St. John's Conference

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul showed that you are indeed disciples of Jesus as it brought your love by assisting families, providing food, for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless you!

Call the St. Vincent de Paul HOTLINE at 508- 378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.



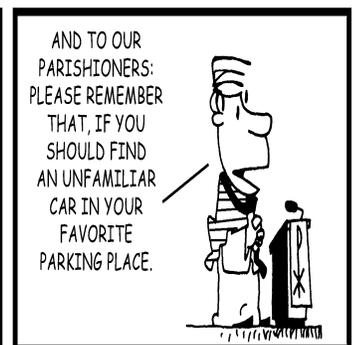
The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR
CONFIRMATION ON APRIL 14 TH.

MAY THEY HAVE A LIFE-LONG RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS AND THE CHURCH.



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, 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, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



St John's will be permanently moving to the NEW CONNECT NOW GIVING PROGRAM by JUNE 1ST

Please cancel your old account with the MyOwn Giving Program (Legacy) and follow the steps provided on our website to open a new account in the CONNECT NOW GIVING PRORAM.



FIRST COMMUNION

REHEARSAL — MAY 3RD, 6 PM

FIRST COMMUNION

**MAY 5TH
10:00 AM**

WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK

Saturday, May 5 and 12, 2018 a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound* will be offered at Saint Joseph Manor, Brockton from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Timothy Duff, a certified chaplain, will teach the course.

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issue, spiritual needs and concern, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and other are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. **Pre-registration is require. Please register by April 30.**

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