



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 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.

**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 Tuesday 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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

April 30, 2017—3rd Sunday in Easter

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 29, 2017

4:00 - Cliff & Doris Briggs—14th & 16th Ann.

#### Sunday, April 30, 2017—Easter Sunday

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:30 - June M. McHugh –Birthday Rem.

#### Saturday, May 6, 2017

4:00 - Charles E. Moore — 4th Anniversary

#### Sunday, May 7, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Thomas Buckley — 2nd Anniversary

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 29, 2017

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

#### Sunday, April 30, 2017

8:30 - Arthur Rix — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Joseph M. Utka— 1st Anniversary

#### Saturday, May 6, 2017

4:00 - Joseph Hyde — 11th Anniversary

Clare Hyde — 22nd Anniversary

Ann Polisens — 7th Anniversary

#### Sunday, May 7, 2017

8:30 — Alice Ferioli — 100th Birthday  
Celebration

10:30 — Louise Plumb — 1st Anniversary

## DEACONS' CORNER

This Monday we enter the month of May. It is a special month for it brings warmer weather. More importantly, we have the opportunity to remember either in her presence or in her memory the deep love our own mothers have shown to us over the years.

The entire month is dedicated to the Queen of all mothers, the very Mother our Lord, Jesus. There are many titles attributed to Our Blessed Mother, among them, Daughter of Zion, Mother of the Church, Servant of the Lord, Virgin Mary, Madonna, Mother of perpetual Help, Mother of Mercy, Seat of Wisdom. The one title we all can appreciate is Advocate which stresses Mary's intercessory relationship with Her Son or with Her Father.

Remember Jesus Himself did not refuse His Mother when She requested that He do Something about the potential embarrassment of the bride and groom when the wine ran out at their reception.

She is our Holy Mother and deserves our veneration throughout the Month. She Herself has asked that we pray for peace in the world.

God Bless,  
Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,



“...He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Lk 24:35). When I was studying for the priesthood, we used to perform “practice Masses”; they obviously weren’t “valid” as we weren’t yet ordained. This “run through”, however, gave us a great opportunity to get the mechanics down for when we would be celebrating Mass for real (after ordination). Fast-forward to my first Mass: I was at the point of the Mass where the host is elevated and the words are spoken (or *were* spoken, under the *former* translation), “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, happy are those who are called to His Supper” (the words have been changed with the new translation of the Roman Missal, of course). At that point in the Mass, in my very new priesthood, it was as if I was receiving Jesus for the first time; my hands literally trembled, recognizing that I was holding **Jesus** in my hands! I believe I understood, in a very real way, what the disciples on the road to Emmaus felt “in the breaking of the bread” (ibid).

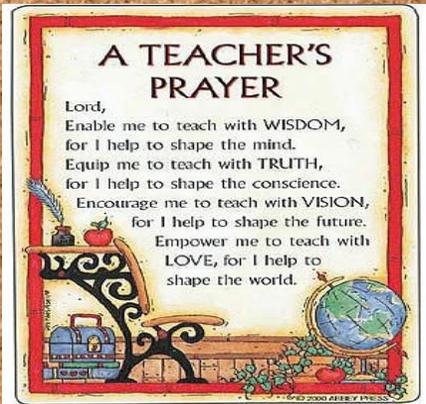
This post-Resurrection encounter of the disciples with the Risen Christ is a “watershed” moment in their lives, and in salvation history. It begins with incredulity, with the disciples amazed that someone doesn’t know what went on in the days of Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection. Where was this guy (who, due to their grief, perhaps, don’t recognize Jesus *as* Jesus) when all of this was happening?? How could he not know what went on these past few days?? Jesus doesn’t take them to task, however – He takes the opportunity to teach them all about Himself, doing this through Scripture. The invitation is then proffered to Jesus to join them for supper. It is at this point, at this *Eucharistic* moment, that the disciples **finally** recognize Jesus! How often in our own lives, due to worldly anxiety, do we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst? How often do we fail to see Him walking with us, teaching us, sharing Himself with us? It is in the breaking of the bread that we most powerfully “see” Jesus, under the appearance of bread and wine. Jesus reveals Himself to the disciples at the table, as He did so often, so that this Eucharist that we share on Sundays and Holy Days might be made all the more “real”. When we gather as a community of believers, as a family of faith, we are made ONE in the one bread and one cup. It is in this common meal that we come together, unity among diversity. We may come to the table with our diverse and disparate “baggage”, but we leave the table with the same Jesus. It is in this common worship, in the “breaking of the bread” (ibid) that Jesus powerfully reveals Himself to us. May we recognize Him not only then, but in the “ordinary” moments of our lives.

Have a Blessed (Continued) Easter,

Fr. Paul

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

## NATIONAL TEACHERS WEEK



**ATTENTION!!!!!!  
ADORATION IS MOVING TO TUESDAY NIGHTS**

**AT ST. JOHN'S —7 PM**

**EVERY TUESDAY EVENING  
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

### 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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**THURSDAY  
MAY 4TH**

### GUESS WHO IS COMING?

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, between 3:00 and 8:30 p.m. ---- the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing the statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima to St. Joseph's Parish in Kingston, MA. We are blessed to be one of only 23 parishes in the diocese to be visited by Our Lady. This will be a time to honor Our Lady and bring all the cares of our hearts to her for her intercession. Please join us! Watch for future bulletin notices.

### Third Sunday of Easter:



In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that as we reach out daily to our neighbor it is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

**Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to provide food and other assistance to our neighbors by sharing the love and care of Jesus.**

Do you need food or other assistance? Do you know an East Bridgewater resident who needs help? If so please call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish strives every day to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.



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



# 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.

April 28th, 2017

## Contact Us:

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St. Ann-WB

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www.stannswb.com

**Google Calendars** are

available on our websites.



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

## THIS IS A NIGHT FOR ALL!

Chris Stefanick, a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth, is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker, who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput (pronounced SHAP-you), calls Chris, "one of the most engaging defenders of the Christian faith on the scene today."

Chris's live seminars reach more than 85,000 people per year. His videos and radio spots reach more than 1 million people per month. And his educational initiatives are turning-the-tide in the Church. He authored what is being welcomed as the best Confirmation program in the English language: Chosen. Already used by more than 100,000 teens per week. (As one Latino parish in Florida recently stated: "After starting Chosen, we have moved from losing 90% of our kids after Confirmation, to keeping 90%!").

Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as:

**Powerful** for us all,

**Beautiful** in its application to LIFE,

**Engaging** for those searching, and

**Fun & Captivating** for all ages, including our youth!

**DO NOT MISS** the opportunity to hear one of the most sought after voices of our time!

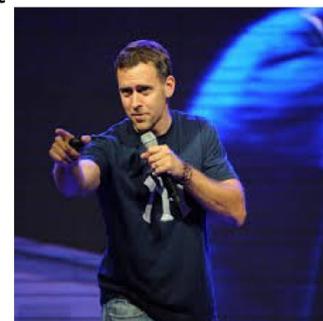
**OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO LIVING THE LIFE  
GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!**

**Come! Be energized! Invite someone!**

For more information and to register:

Go to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or email Nancy Smith at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com)

Tickets are \$20.00 (tickets can be purchased at the door)



You're kind of a big deal.  
And so is every soul God  
puts within your reach.  
Remember that and you'll  
change the world.

- Chris Stefanick -

[www.reallifecatholic.com](http://www.reallifecatholic.com)

## 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

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime  
to join us!  
Our office is always open  
for a visit, cup of tea, and  
your ideas.

## Second Collection Next Weekend-Parish and Youth Ministry



Each year two second collections are designated for our Parish and Youth Ministry Programs—one in the fall and one in the spring. Next weekend is the spring collection for our Parish and Youth Ministry. Money collected this time of year will help with our Summer Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, and programs like the Country Shindig that was a great event for all ages last summer. Together we are building a vibrant and active family of faith with programs for all members of our Parish family. Your generosity in this second collection is very much appreciated as always!



## Summer at our Collaborative-Something for

### 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**

Time to register 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.

On-line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>



### 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st

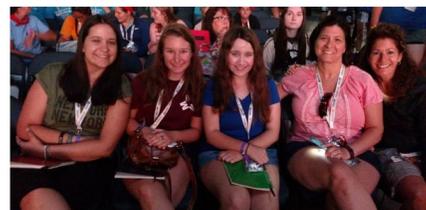


We have just days left to fill our remaining spots for our Catholic Heart-Richmond, Virginia Trip. This is an amazing week of service to the communities in and around Richmond Virginia. The trip is open to students entering the 8th grade in the fall and up. This will be our 4th summer serving with CHWC. This is a trip rooted in our faith, but don't dismiss the possibility of coming because you think a "Church" trip is boring. The days are filled with service and activities that are fun, entertaining and help us grow in our faith, while we are having a ton of fun. We have a dance party one night, enjoy Taco Tuesday together and lots of other surprises. The cost is \$630 and it includes the \$350 registration fee for Catholic Heart for our lodging and food during the week. We have, in the past, held fundraisers like a Meat Raffle or Car Washes to help with that cost. Chaperones are welcome, pending a Cori Check, and will find this week as rewarding as our Youth! We are sure you have questions and we are here to answer them! We can also put you in touch with our past attendees. Don't let an unanswered question be the reason you don't join our team! Please Contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to sign-up or to ask questions.

## STEUBENVILLE **FUEL**

**July 14-16, 2017**  
**U Mass Lowell**  
**\$270 program, lodging, food**  
**\$50.00 deposit due to reserve your spot**

Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This weekend is open to students in 8th-12th grade. There will be thousands of youth from around New England and beyond. Life Teen hosts Steubenville Youth Conferences with the hopes of strengthening and inspiring teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great "introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship.



# PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

## St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

April 23, 2017 \$3,335  
 Good Friday 421



### 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.



### First Communion Information

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 9th & Fri. May 12th, 6:30 PM  
 First Communion: May 13th, 10:00 AM

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 16th & Friday May 19th, 6:30 PM  
 First Communion: May 20th, 10:00 AM

### 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!



Saint Ann's will be holding  
 A  
**BABY SHOWER**  
 On  
 May 6, 2017 & MAY 13, 2017

Donations of clothing, diapers, wipes, baby incidentals, etc. are welcome. If you choose to make a monetary donation, checks should be payable to:  
**Friends of the Unborn.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the beautiful Easter Flowers. Your generosity is Truly appreciated.



God Bless.....



## Pancake Breakfast

ALL YOU CAN EAT  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 30th

8:30—11:30

St Ann's Parish Center

Tickets \$5

Pancakes, sausages, milk, juice, coffee

RAFFLES, RAFFLES, RAFFLES

A Visit from Frozen's ELSA

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 25 in West Bridgewater

The annual blood drive on Good Friday yielded 26 pints of blood which helps 78 people in need. Each pint serves three people.

Thank you to the Red Cross employees and especially to all of the donors and volunteers who make this drive successful each year.



## Prayer before work

Dear Lord,

Today, I offer you myself.  
 Come breathe your life  
 Into my working day.  
 Cause me to awake, to embrace the moment,  
 And to go in Your name.

Today, thank you that I can run without fear,  
 Serve with kindness,  
 And walk with You in this great adventure.

Amen.

[www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com)

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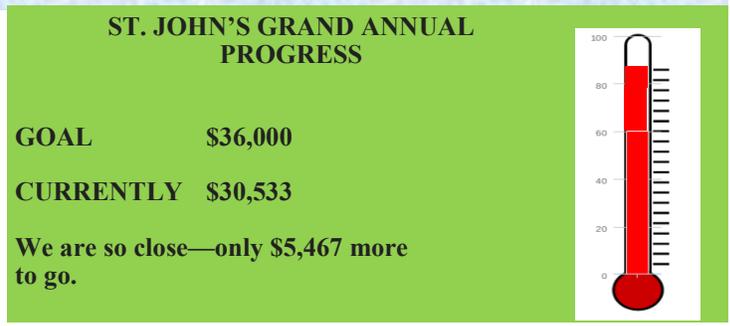
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#### Director of Music: Matt Cunningham

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# PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S

<i>St John's Shared Treasure:</i>	Goal	\$5,900
April 23—Offertory		3,538
<i>Below goal:</i>		2,362
Home Mission 2nd Coll:		1046
<b>Total Under Budget = \$17,515</b>		
Grand Annual		\$30,533



## First Communion



Rehearsal –May 4th—6 PM  
 First Communion –May 6th—9 AM

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debenedictis, 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, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

