



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
4th Sunday of Easter
May 7, 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.

Saint John the Evangelist

210 Central St., East Bridgewater 02333

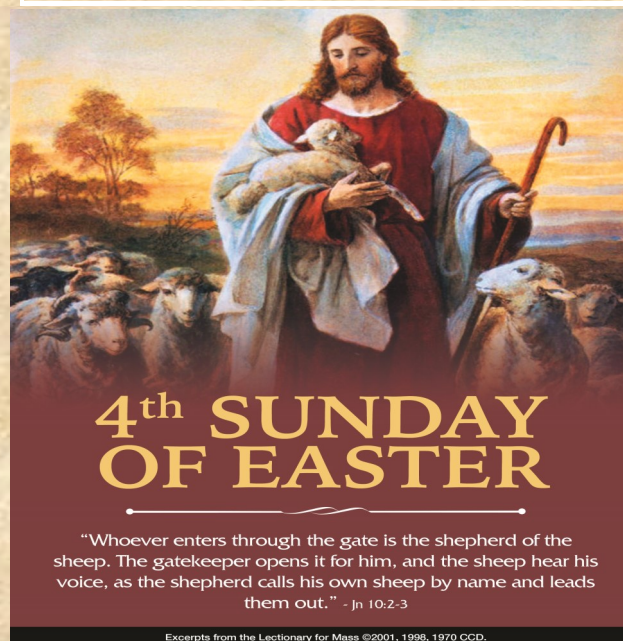
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 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

May 7, 2017—4th Sunday in Easter

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, May 13, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, May 14, 2017—Easter Sunday

8:00 - Armand Franiosi — Birthday Rem.

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 6, 2017

4:00 — Joseph Hyde — 11th Anniversary

Clare Hyde — 22nd Anniversary

Ann Polisenio — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, May 7, 2017

8:30 — Alice Ferioli — 100th Birthday
Celebration (living)

10:30 — Louise Plumb — 1st Anniversary

Monday, May 8, 2017

9:00 — Judith Romaniski — Birthday Rem

Friday, May 12, 2017

9:00 — Christina Power — 10th Anniversary

Saturday, May 13, 2017

4:00 - Judith MacLellan — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:30 — Carolyn Mary Oliviere - Month's Mind

10:30 — Mary & John Picanzo — Memorial

DEACONS' CORNER

This is a busy time of year for St. John's and St. Ann's. Shortly we will be starting a Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Samuel. We currently have 9 or 10 in the group that meets every Monday evening and we would love to have you join us in the Religious Education office of St John's. You have probably been reading in the newspaper lately about some of the changes at the Bridgewater State Hospital. It is now operated by Corrective Care Solutions which is a private company hired to provide treatment for the patients in the hospital. One of the changes is that the patients will be allowed to wear their own clothing rather than the prison issued clothing. I will be placing a box in St Johns and St. Anns so that you may place good but used clothing for the men to wear. Many of the men do not have family to support them in this effort and it would be great if we could help out. Clothing such as shirts / tops, pants / jeans, Sweaters / sweatshirts without hoods, and shoes / sneakers would be greatly appreciated.

May God Bless

Deacon Joe Hopgood

My Dear Friends in Christ,



In the classic Christian song "His Banner Over Me Is Love", we sing the verse that "He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep". I have to be honest and tell you that it took me the longest time to get over being called a "sheep". Being from the city, the only time I saw sheep was either at the 4H exhibit at the Brockton Fair or at a petting zoo. I thought of sheep as dumb and smelly, and I took some offense at being compared to these "creatures".

The point (in this song) of being called sheep is in regards to a trait in sheep of which I hadn't thought – trust. In fact, it was my friend, Fr. Rayappa (an Indian priest whose family are shepherds) who pointed this out to me. The reason why sheep follow a shepherd is because they *trust* him; the sheep *know the shepherd's voice* and they follow *only that voice* – other voices, other shepherds are ones which they will not follow. This is an admirable quality, one which we would do well to emulate.

Jesus uses this analogy for two reasons. Firstly, Jesus used "earthy" images because they were ones to which the people could relate; they were people of the land, many of whom worked with sheep. The fact that the Pharisees couldn't "relate" to this analogy shouldn't surprise us; most things which Jesus taught went "over the heads" of the Pharisees. Secondly, the aforementioned quality of trust is one of which Jesus speaks with great love and conviction. Jesus knows that He is the "Good Shepherd", sent by God to lead the people to the "sheepfold" of God. While we might have a hard time relating to Jesus as shepherd (most having never met a shepherd!), we shouldn't have any trouble relating to the fact that Jesus has come to lead us to God. It was for this reason that Jesus came into the world, it was for this reason why He died for us and it is for this reason why we have newness of life!

May we have an open heart, willing to hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. May we know that Jesus calls us to life in God for our good. May we trust that Jesus will lead us on right paths, guiding us in His Everlasting Way. May we, one day, come to the verdant pasture of the Kingdom, sharing in new and everlasting life!

Blessings of Easter Peace,

Fr. Paul

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

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

AT ST. JOHN'S —7 PM

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



We, Saint Ann and Saint John, are interested in your input. We would like to know how you think we are doing since we have become a collaboration. You ARE the parishes. Tell us what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Please fill out this form and return it in the baskets provided at the doors of the churches.

What do you feel is going well?

What would you like to see changed?

What improvements would you like to see?

Other?

GUESS WHO IS COMING?



Dear Father and parishioners: The Visitation of the National Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the Archdiocese of Boston will occur in May 2017. Schedule in the South Region follows.

May 1 St. Jerome Weymouth Mass 9:00 - 11:00 am; Immaculate Conception Weymouth 2:00 pm Mass at 7:00 pm Contact Claire McAuliffe at 781-335-865

May 2 St. Mary of the Sacred Heart Hanover 3:00 - 9:00 pm Mass at 7:15 pm Contact Carole Reilly 781-826-3159

May 3 St. Joseph Kingston 3:00 - 9:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Contact Rita Clasby 781-585-2477

May 4 St. Gerard Canton 3:00 - 9:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Contact Betty Ivanoski 781-821-8841

May 5 St. Mary Foxboro 3:00 - 9:00 pm Mass 7:30 pm Contact Frank Barros 508-446-2077

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."



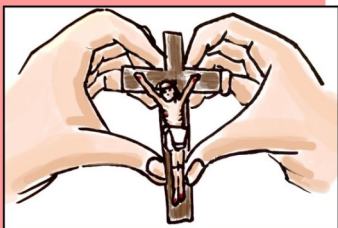
By giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your brothers and sisters in need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish strives to assist in God's work. Please continue to support and help us be a Good Shepherd to our neighbors.

Any East Bridgewater resident in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to contact our **HOT-LINE** at **508-378-3760**.



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.

May 5th, 2017

FAITH IS THE
BRIDGE BETWEEN
WHERE I AM, AND
THE PLACE GOD IS
TAKING ME

Summer at our Collaborative Something for everyone this summer! Service, Faith, and Fun for All Ages!



Hometown Mission Trip/Summer Shindig

Plans are underway to for a Hometown Mission Trip. In conversation with Vince Adornato, President of St. John's St. Vincent DePaul, a wonderful new idea had been created. Out of this collaborative brainstorming came the idea to create a day or two of service in East and West Bridgewater this summer. Tentative date will be Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th. Our Service Days will be looking for East or West Bridgewater residences that need help with yard work, simple home repair, or daily chores. Depending on the number of volunteers we will determine how many residents we will be able to help. It may also be possible to partner with other organizations in East and West Bridgewater to make these days successful. Our Hometown Mission Trip will need volunteers of all ages. You could volunteer for one day or both days. Volunteers with a variety of experiences and talents will help add to the service we are able to offer. Please contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490 to volunteer, to offer suggestions or help plan our first Hometown Mission Trip!



A great way to celebrate our days of service will be our
2nd Annual Country Shindig!
Saturday, July 8th at 5:00 pm
BBQ, Ponies, Games, Entertainment, Dancing
\$10.00 per person, \$25.00 family ticket, \$5.00 seniors/children

Our Youth Leadership Team will plan this event and all youth are welcome to join in the planning!
We had a great time last year.

Contact Us:

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www.stannswb.com
Google Calendars are
available on our websites.

Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team
Meets the 4th Thursday of
each Month

Youth Leadership Team
Meets regularly

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



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ADDICTION?

in/out patient health services

training on nasal Naloxone

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Community Covenant Church
400 Pleasant Street,
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Phone: 504-800-0942
E-mail: EBHOPE@comcast.net
www.ebhope.net
https://twitter.com/EBsHOPE

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://vbpro.events/p/stjohnstann>

Second Collection This 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. This 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 and our new Hometown Mission Trip.

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!



2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st Sign-Up Deadline Extended!



We have been given an extension to fill the 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.

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

STEUBENVILLE **FUEL**

4 spaces left!

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.



Let's Visit and Dream Together for Year 2! Coffee or Lemonade Chats are returning for the summer!

The nice weather is coming and we would like to visit with you to give you an opportunity to offer ideas, suggestions, and concerns about our Parishes, programs and Collaborative faith journey. The planning for our second year as a Collaborative Ministry needs to begin. We can chat one to one or you can gather a few friends to get together at your home, in our office, at the park or playground or under the tent at the Rectory. We will bring some goodies with us and a listening ear. No need for a huge time commitment, an hour will be a perfect amount of time to chat. We hope this will be a comfortable way to offer ideas. If there is a question that can't be answered, it will be brought to the right person and a follow-up answer will be given. Our Collaborative is a place for our families to come together in faith, grow in the love of Christ, and do so at each of our own individual paces. Our calendar is open for daytime chats or evening chats- whatever works best for you and your friends. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nenn71@hotmail.com to schedule your coffee, ice tea, or park visit!



PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

April 30, 2017 \$3,533



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.



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!



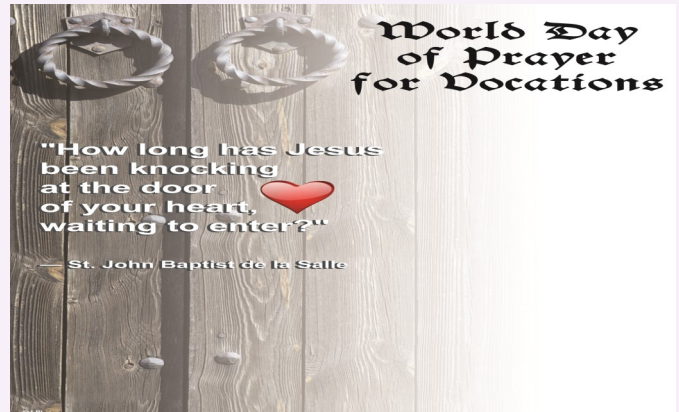
Saint Ann's will be holding
A
BABY SHOWER
On
May 6, 2017 & MAY 13, 2017

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.

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 7th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the [USCCB Vocations webpage](http://www.usccb.org/vocations) (www.usccb.org/vocations)

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.



Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 25

Wants to thank everyone
who attended
Sunday's Breakfast

And also

Those people
Who made
Donations.

HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

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PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 April 30—Offertory 4,795
Below goal: 1,105
 Home Mission 2nd Coll: 1046

 Total Under Budget = \$18,620
 Grand Annual \$30,798

May 14, 2017 — Snow removal — due to the deficit

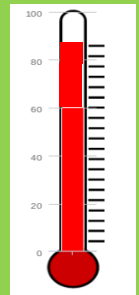
Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debeneditis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Carter Cullen Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, 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.

ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOAL \$36,000

CURRENTLY \$30,533

We are so close—only \$5,467 more to go.



Congratulations to the children who received their FIRST COMMUNION These past two weekends. May they continue to enjoy receiving the host week after week and continue to enjoy the love God has for them for a lifetime.

