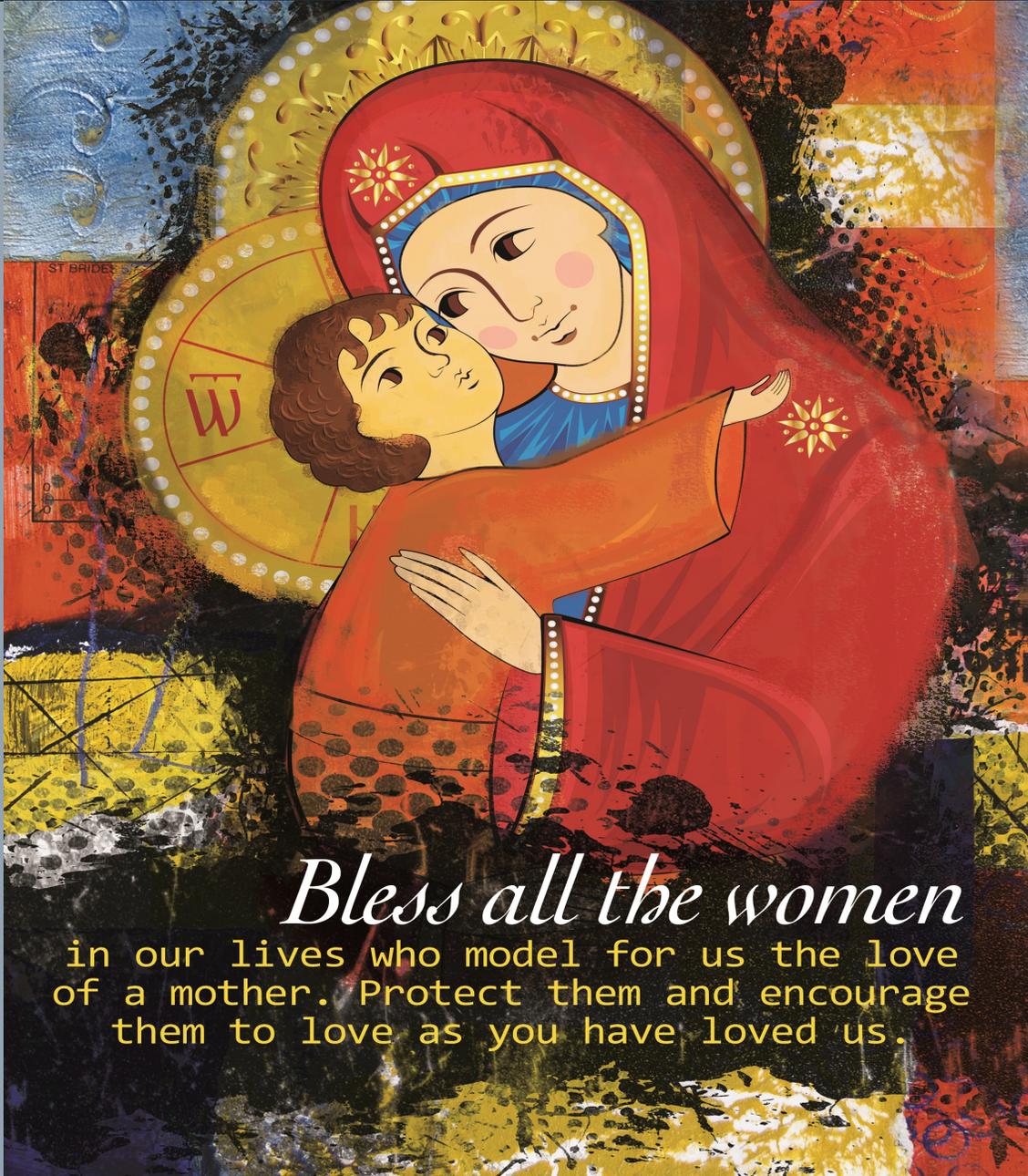




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter*



Bless all the women

*in our lives who model for us the love
of a mother. Protect them and encourage
them to love as you have loved us.*

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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Nancy Maloney

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Jackie Buccigross

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 11, 2019

4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:00 - Albert F. Murray — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Kimberly Russo — Memorial

Saturday, May 18, 2019

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00 - All the newly Baptized children of the Parish

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 11, 2019

4:00 - Joseph & Doris Corazzini — Memorial

Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - The victims of the Sri Lanka Bombings

Saturday, May 18, 2019

4:00 - George McGrath — 1st Anniversary

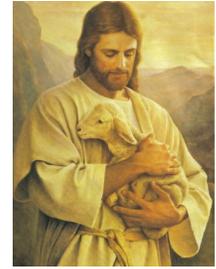
Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:30 - Bronislaw Rudinski — 25th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, May 20, 2019

9:00 - Ann K. Carrier — 6th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In writing this column, I recall a conversation I had with a seminary classmate of mine who is from Greece and has relatives who are shepherds. One of the interesting things he told me about the sheep is that when they have been with the shepherd for a long enough period of time, they become “attuned” to the voice of the shepherd. After a while they will not respond to another voice, not even another shepherd’s.

This is why Jesus uses the image of the sheep and the shepherd in conveying the relationship that we are to have with Him. Jesus knows us, and He knows us intimately. We, for our part, are called to know Him, to know His voice. The only way that we can do this is by “tuning out” other voices, voices which are contrary to the Lord’s. This can be a difficult, seemingly impossible thing. There are so many voices which run contrary to His that it can be hard to tell to which ones we are to listen. These “other” voices can lead us in directions which may seem, for a time, to be good places. Ultimately, however, the decisions we make and the roads we choose to walk are meant to lead us to deeper and complete relationship with and in God.

So how do we “tune out” these other voices? The first way, I believe, is to invite God into our everyday life. To make God a part of every decision, every conversation and every encounter we have with/in the world is vitally important. The next way is prayer. When we open up our mind and heart to God, God can show us amazing things! When we communicate with God, both speaking and listening, we can realize the good things God has in store for us. Finally, we need to act on that communication, practicing what we preach. In this way, we can establish, maintain and grow our relationship with God.

May we have the courage to “tune out” those voices which are not God. May we, in our decision-making and in our conversations, never be afraid to make God a part of them. May we know God, serve His people and love all who come into our midst. May we, when we hear the voice of the good shepherd (who is Christ) respond with full and open hearts. May we respond in love, willing to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters in the same way that Jesus has laid down His life.

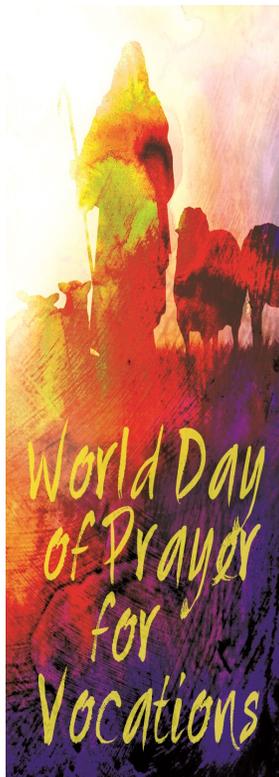
A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer
for Vocations, may each
person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning
marriage, the chaste single
life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would
guide, inspire, and strengthen
them.
May your Church and the
world be enriched by the "yes"
of your children.

Amen.



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

The Next Second Collection June 9th — Seminary Collection

| Financial Blessings | | St. Ann's | Budget | St John's | Budget |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS | | | | | |
| OFFERTORY & SPECIAL COLL. | 4/28/19 | \$ 5,200 | \$ 3,680 | \$ 9,778 | \$5,625 |
| GRAND ANNUAL | | \$20,088 | \$32,000 | \$19,634 | \$32,000 |

STOP THE ROE ACT.
Say No to HB 3320 and SB1209
Oppose the Roe Act Infanticide Bill



The Roe Act Infanticide bill filed in MA is part of a national effort promoting an extremist abortion agenda that recently made headlines in NY and VA.

This horrific legislation would:

- Legalize Infanticide
- Eliminate Parental Consent and Notification laws completely
- Remove the requirement later term abortions are performed in hospitals by doctors
- Expand on-demand no questions asked abortions beyond 24 weeks
- Increase taxpayer funding for abortion

Abortion is not a religious or moral issue, it's a human rights issue!!

There are 5 easily identifiable major issues that you should be aware of. If passed, the law:

1. Allows abortion on demand in our Commonwealth for all *nine* months of pregnancy;
2. Removes any requirement that even late term abortions be preformed in hospitals;
3. Removes any need for a young girl to obtain any consent whatsoever before undergoing an abortion procedure;
4. Removes any requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives the abortion procedure; and
5. Funds these types of abortions through the "Healthy Start" program even for women who do not qualify for MassHealth.

In 1770 Edmund Burke wrote **"the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."** Unfortunately many good people who may be strongly against abortion fail to express their opinions to those who will make the final decision. Contact you state senator and state representative and express your concerns. They represent you....or do they? The following information is provided to assist you.

The State Representative for East Bridgewater is Alyson Sullivan. She may be contacted at the State House, 24 Beacon St. Room 39, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-2488 Fax: (617) 626-0170 Alyson.sullivan@mahouse.gov

The State Representative for West Bridgewater is Michelle DuBois. She may be contacted at the State House, 24 Beacon St., Room 473F, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-2210 michelle.dubois@mahouse.gov

The State Senator for East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater is Michael Brady. He may be contacted at State House, 24 Beacon St. , Room 416A, Boston, MA 02133 Phone (617) 722-1200 Michael.Brady@masenate.gov

Sign a Petition at: www.SayNotoRoe.com

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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.

Congratulations to Saint Ann's First Communicants
who received the Sacrament last weekend.

9:00 Class

Lucas Brache
Michael Denson
Ella Holland
Rose LeBlanc
Aden Legros
Johnathan Legros
Kendall Martin
John Metherall
Emma Milton

Maria Murphy
Matthew Navin
Leah Perez
Owen Seckinger
Andrew Spadea
Keira Stipkovich
Mackenzie Terry
Hailey Thomas
Andrew Waite

12:00 Class

Julia Auger
Mason Bailey
Tyler Beady
Abigail Besarick
Madison Brown
Elijah Castillo
Matthew Clarke
Kyle Craig
Christopher D'Agostino
Isaiah David
Emma Deveau

Brendan Farrell
Alanna Fidalgo
Benjamin Gauthier
Chloe George
Jacob Hastings
Madison Leaden
Sydney Muller
Myles Mussari
Dylan Petronelli
Zachary Smith

GOD BLESS!

The most recognized date for the first Mother's Day in our country was in 1908. It was created by Anna Jarvis. She worked tirelessly to make this day a national day in the United States. She even incorporated herself as "Mother's Day International Association" and worked for the rest of her life against the commercialism that had taken over her commemorative day. There are many instances of marking certain days for mothers in world history. However, for us it has deeper meaning because it falls during the Marian month of May. We hold our earthly mothers in high esteem and hold our heavenly mother, the Virgin Mary, in high esteem also. **This Mother's Day take some real time and thank your Mom with more than just a box of candy.**

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.

Thank you to all Saint Ann's Parishioners who Supported the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEAT RAFFLE

MAY 25, 2019

1:00 PM

ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER

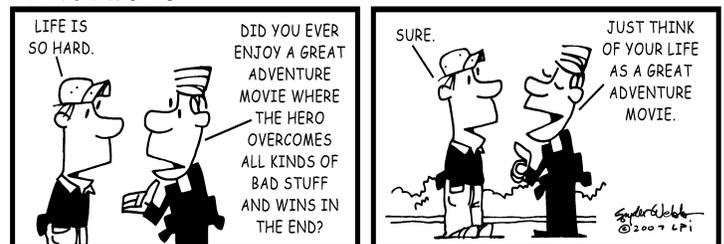
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED BLOOD

DURING HOLY WEEK.

WE COLLECTED 20 UNITS !

EACH UNIT SERVES THREE PEOPLE, SO WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR 60 PEOPLE!!!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, Joan F & Family, Joclyn & Family, John, Ann Marie & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

A special thank you to Denise Robichaud and Jane Piver for the extraordinary job they did decorating the church for Easter.

Mother's Day Blessing

The Synod on the Family was last October, and we now wait for Pope Francis to release his statement on what to do to strengthen the family in the twenty-first century. Many say that the family is under attack and we need to focus more intently on family values. One thing we may all agree on is the centrality of the figure of the mother in all families. It is that primary and central role of mother that draws family together. The mother is the glue that binds all families together. As we celebrate the tradition of Mother's Day, let us pray for our mothers, both living and deceased.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
creator of all good things in the universe,
your Son, Jesus Christ, loved his Mother
and modeled for us how we should love our mothers.

Bless all the women in our lives
who model for us the love of a mother.
Protect them and encourage them
to love as you have loved us.

Bless and protect those men in families
who have no female partners
and give them courage and strength
to love their children in the absence of a mother.

We ask all this in your
name.
Amen.



IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333

May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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.

SUMMERFEST CRAFT FAIR/YARD SALE

JUNE 8TH (Rain date June 22nd)
8:00—2:00

St John's Parking Lot
\$25 for a space, Bring your own table

You can sell your crafts or yard sale items

Please call MaryAnn Boyle 508-378-4704

PROPHETT FUNERAL HOME “Bringing the Community Together” Series

May 18th ~~~ 8:30 - 2:00 PM

Visit the International Museum of WWII, located in Natick. All expenses paid bus will leave St. Thomas Parking Lot 8:30 AM. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The International Museum of WWII is the most comprehensive collection the world. There are more than 7,500 artifacts, letters, documents, on display; everything from a Sherman Tank to personal letters of Churchill. It is a global perspective, yet very intensely personal.

Call John Cowan to reserve your seat,
cell # 774-259-1351

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!

