



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter*



Jesus said to his disciples: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” - Jn 14:26-27a

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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.

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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 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, May 25, 2019

4:00 - John Conant — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial

Saturday, June 1, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, June 2, 2019

8:00 - All the souls in Purgatory

10:30 - The children of the Parish

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 25, 2019

4:00 - Richard Caputo, Jr. — Birthday Remem
Richard & Vivian Caputo — Memorial

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Del DaCosta — 10th Anniversary

Monday, May 27, 2019

9:00 - Erminia Victoria — 14th Anniversary

Saturday, June 1, 2019

4:00 - Mary McNeill — Memorial

Betty Booth & Pat Booth — Memorial

Sunday, June 2, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Brian Landolfi — 1st Anniversary

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**THURSDAY
MAY 30TH**

9:00 AM MASS AT ST. JOHN

7:00 PM MASS AT ST. ANN

Holy Day of Obligation

My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In entering into a deeper relationship with God through this sacrament, these young men and women had bestowed upon them a fresh outpouring of grace which will, please God, give them the strength to take on roles of service in the Church as well as live their lives rooted more deeply in the power of God. The beauty of this Sacrament comes when the bishop, in the laying on of hands and the imposition of Sacred Chrism, asks the Holy Spirit to be with them and give gifts which will help these young people to grow in faith, hope and love,



The Holy Spirit, promised to the apostles in this gospel passage, is coupled with another gift: peace. This gift of God's peace, a peace which only God can give, is meant to calm the fears of the disciples as they are given charge of the new entity which will be seen by many as a manifestation of God's love. They are fearful because they feel that they are being abandoned. I know this fear of abandonment and what it looks/feels like each time I leave my dog, Nellie, behind (even for a brief period of time). Her following me to the door is a sign to me that she has a sense of my leaving without the security of knowing that I will return. When I do return, her joy is measurable, palpable! Just as I reassure Nellie that I will return, so does Jesus assure that He will return. Better still, Jesus reassures His disciples that He will not leave them abandoned. This is where the Holy Spirit comes into play.

The advocacy of the Holy Spirit is something upon which we can rely as well. In receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (seven, traditionally, in number but truly as infinite as God Himself), is the power of God at work in our lives which gives us the courage to love as God loves. This love, again like that gift of peace, is a type of love which the world does not/cannot give. The love which the world gives is conditional and finite; the love which God gives is unconditional and infinite. The difference is rooted in God Himself. As the infinite Creator of all that was, is and is to come, God knows what we need before we do. God anticipates those needs and gives us remedies (such as the gifts of the Holy Spirit) to meet those needs.

May God, the giver of all good gifts, allow us to feel the power of the Spirit at work in our lives. May the love of God, which surpasses all known love, take root in our hearts and bear great fruit. May the Holy Spirit given at Baptism, Pentecost, and Confirmation, enflame our hearts with a love of God and God's people. May we have no fear of what the world can do to us, secure in the knowledge that God will not leave us abandoned.

Have a Blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Paul

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 5/5/19 | \$3,565 | \$3,680 | \$6,053 | \$5,625 |
| OFFERTORY 5/12/19 | \$3,791 | | \$4,597 | |
| GRAND ANNUAL | \$20,088 | \$32,000 | \$19,734 | \$32,000 |

A panel of three “lay business leaders” and Boston College alumni discussed problems plaguing the Catholic Church and their potential solutions at the Church in the 21st Century Center’s fourth “Revitalizing Our Church” panel on Monday night.

Denise Morrison, retired president and CEO of Campbell Soup Company and BC '75, said that one of the issues the Church faces is the varied nature of families today. She said that the Church was more successful when the “nuclear family”—a family comprised of two heterosexual parents and their children—was more common in the United States.

“You’ve got six different types of families out there, whether it’s multigenerational, multicultural, same sex, single mothers—it’s a hodgepodge,” Morrison said. “That’s so significant because our Catholic faith has been built on the nuclear family.”

She also referenced the Church’s sexual abuse scandals, a decline in priestly vocations, and a decline in members of the Church as issues that the Church must overcome in order to continue to survive.

“It comes back to purpose,” Morrison said. “The purpose of bringing Jesus to the people.”

Chuck Clough, founder and CEO of Clough Capital Partners and BC '64, echoed Morrison’s point about the Church being under stress, but he said that it is Catholics’ responsibility to ensure that the Church survives so that it can be enjoyed by future generations.

Clough, who has been ordained as a deacon, went on to say that the 19 percent decline in parish attendance and 57

percent decline in Catholic marriages in the Archdiocese of Boston over the last 10 years are alarming statistics because they show that there is an absence of young people in the Church.

“I grew up in the streets of Boston, and [children’s lives] away from school were dominated by parish life,” Clough said. “You didn’t live in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury—you lived in St. Thomas parish.”

Clough said that the decline in clergy will become an issue for all Catholic universities in the future, although he clarified that it is not a pressing issue at BC, as there are currently plenty of Jesuit clergy on campus. He recalled how University

President Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J., started a trustee committee in 2001 to ensure that Jesuit values would still be promoted on campus after all of the clergy had left on campus.

The decline in clergy only means that lay members of the Church will have to assume a larger role in its success, according to Clough.

“The most powerful homily is a lay person telling about their faith life, their conversation to faith,” Clough said. “I am thinking of a model ... where we can be called to live out our baptism.”

Jack Connors Jr., a founding partner of Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolus, Inc. and BC '63, then spoke about what he sees as the “broken business model” of the Catholic Church.

“I think that after 2,000 years, it’s time for a reboot,” Connors said. “I think 2,000 years ago, things were a lot different. I don’t think [Jesus] would be impressed by any of the abuse charges, I don’t think he’d be impressed by the Vatican museum that has amazing resources, [while] there’s an awful lot of poor people just outside the Vatican that can’t afford a meal.”

Connors mentioned that he has worked with the parish school system, and that while he was very impressed with the size and number of Catholic schools when he first got involved, they have since been in decline. He said his work with them, however, has shown that they are a great resource and that they can be more effectively run. Con’t on page 5

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.

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“Success for the future of our faith is a team sport,” Connors said.

Morrison responded by saying she hopes that lay people could be more involved in advising clergy leaders, and she wants the communication between the Church and its members to improve.

Connors then said that he believes that Catholics today need to take a more active role in the “building and rebuilding” of the Catholic Church in order to help it become more successful.

“I think we’ve got to go out and get more people to appreciate the faith, because that’s what it’s really about,” Morrison said in agreement.

SAINT ANN’S annual baby shower for the “Friends of the Unborn is being held the weekends of May 18 & 19 and May 25 & 26.

Suggestions for donations are as follows:

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| Onsies | Socks |
| Summer hats | Blankets |
| Diapers | Diaper Bags |
| Coupons for diapers | Bibs |
| Pacifiers | Sleepers |

Monetary donations can be made to
“Friends of the Unborn”



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**MEAT RAFFLE
WILL RESUME
IN SEPTEMBER**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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, William Neyman & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

9:00—2:00

Bring these items to the parking lot:

Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Computer Tower, Lighting, Vacuum, Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Record Player, Video equipment, Game Console, Xbox, etc., Tape Players, Typewriters (Small items with a plug and more)...\$5 ea.

Appliances: Stove, dishwasher, Washer, Dryer...\$20, Ex. Equip... \$20, Dehumid.AC...\$15, Dorm Fridge \$15-20, Large Fridge \$35

Glass Monitors, Flat Panel Monitors, etc...\$15 ea.

TV's: 15-35, Large Projection TV...\$40, empty Propane Tanks...\$10.

Scrap/Junk Metal...\$10 car load, Small copier...\$5, large copier...\$10

Cables, Keyboards, Car Batteries, Cell Phones...No Fee

Also included: Bicycle Recycle Day, no fee.

Bring your unwanted old or new bicycle and drop it off, it will be reused again. Mountain, Road, BMX, Cruiser, Old (1940's to current)/New, Kids, etc.

Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

(We can pick up bicycles if you cannot get them there)

Questions: Please contact Dennis Wood 508 277 7513

THIS IS THE LAST MONTH FOR THE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC. IT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.



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
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May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting many families, providing food, and money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You for your continued generosity.

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



SAINT JOHN'S IN NEED OF A TEAM OF CLEANERS.

TWO PEOPLE TO WORK AS A TEAM HELPING TO KEEP THE CHURCH CLEAN FOR MASSES ON THE WEEKEND.

IT WOULD BE A FIVE-WEEK ROTATION, SO YOU WOULD ONLY HAVE TO CLEAN EVERY FIFTH WEEK.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY.

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 25TH
FOR THE PARISH PICNIC

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!

