



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
COLLABORATIVE  
St. Ann & St. John*



*August 12, 2018  
19th Sunday in Ordinary*



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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., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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 Tuesday 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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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

4:00 - Ana Biagi — 23rd Anniversary

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Kenneth McLaughlin — 5th Anniversary

**Thursday, August 16, 2018**

9:00 — Pam Adornato — 2nd Anniversary

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

4:00 — Thomas Cosgrove — Memorial

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Donna McGrath — 16th Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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**Saturday, August 11, 2018**

4:00 - Mac Lindsey — Memorial

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Dorothy Lindsay — 3rd Anniversary

**Friday, August 17, 2018**

9:00 - Robert Smith — Birthday Remem.

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

4:00 - Jean Herbert — Birthday Remem.

**Sunday, August 19, 2018**

8:30 - Henry J. & Sue T. Antone — Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

## DEACON BRENDAN'S CORNER

If you have been reading the Deacon's corner for the last three Sundays, you know that I had reviewed the ceremony of Baptism. By way of context, I wish to provide you with the Church's policy regarding the qualifications for sponsors (godparents) who may be asked to fulfill this role. The church's policy is based on church law Canon 873,874.

First of all, only one male and/or one female sponsor may fill the role. To be admitted to the role of godparent, one must have completed their sixteenth year and have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. He or she may NOT be the parent of the child to be Baptized. Our pastor, father Ring requires the Sponsors to obtain from their respective pastors a statement that he or she fulfills the requirements to be a Sponsor (godparent).

Parents and godparents are to receive instruction about their responsibility and the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of Baptism before the child is Baptized. Every child has a right to receive the Sacrament of Baptism apart from the circumstances of the parents—for example parents are not married.

I outline the Church's policy in hope that it is informative and useful.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Something that has been (and will, I think, continue to be) debated is the “nature” of Jesus. For centuries, theologians have ponder the question of “what did he know, and when did he know it?” when it comes to the divinity and/or humanity of Jesus. Some “camps” will say that Jesus always knew He was divine; some will place this knowledge at the point when He was found in the temple by Mary and Joseph; some will say that He had some knowledge early, and that He “grew” into full understanding when He started His public ministry.

Certainly, when Jesus encounters the Jewish crowds in today's gospel passage, He has full knowledge of who He is. In this continuation of the “Bread of Life discourse” (found in the sixth chapter of John's gospel, and the source of our gospel for the last few weeks), Jesus declares Himself as having come “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). The Jewish audience (who has been following Him) are surprised (one might even say shocked) to hear this. They know Jesus to be the son of Joseph and Mary; they know His relatives (especially John the Baptist); they know His background – or at least they *think* they do. This encounter is much like when Jesus goes back to Nazareth, where the people “knew him when...” Much like that encounter, they feel they have Jesus all figured out.

There's only one problem with that logic: they're only seeing one “side” (the humanity) of Jesus. I say “side” because to speak of Jesus, one must walk a “theological tightrope”. One cannot give too much weight to either the divinity or humanity of Jesus; they are equal in measure, equal in importance. Without divinity, there is no salvation; without humanity, there is no connection to you and me – both are necessary for us to have any chance at full redemption. While it is true that God could have saved us anytime, any way, anywhere, God chose Jesus (with the fullness of humanity and divinity) to be among us, similar to us in all things but sin. In this way, “one of our own” saved us. This is where it gets tricky for the Jewish audience: according to tradition, no one is supposed to know the origins of the Messiah – but they know Jesus' roots. This is not so important for us as Christians (we should be happy that God loves us so much that He gave us Jesus as savior and messiah!), but it is a major issue for the Jewish audience of the day (and continues to be a point of division between Christians and Jews).

Today's passage gives us hope, both for today and for the future. Today's hope comes in the fact that Jesus gives us Himself as “food for the journey”, spiritual food that strengthens our souls. Future hope comes in the fact that Jesus came “down from heaven” (Jn 6:41), showing us the way to the Kingdom, and that with this “Bread of Life” we will live forever. May we come to know, appreciate and share this life, this life in Christ, with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

## The Next Second Collection Not until September!!!!

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	7/29/18		7/29/18	
OFFERTORY	\$ 3,740	\$3,680	\$5,406	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

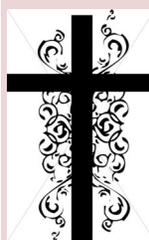
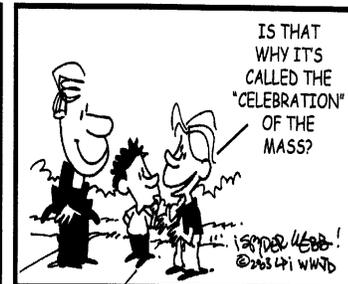
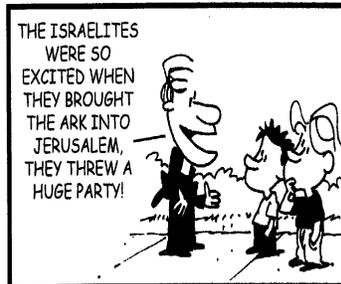
### Rosary Makers Needed

Anyone interested in learning how to make rosary beads which will be given to both churches and the Missions, please call:

Or  
Mary Ann Boyle— 508-378-4704  
Rose Penny — 508-583-5045



### ASSUMPTION



Please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's  
When doing your  
Estate Planning!

### LIFT Ministries' 12 Year Anniversary Celebration

Join LIFT Ministries as they celebrate 12 years of ministry with a special event on Saturday, August 25th at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro, MA. This outdoor event (weather permitting) will include Mass at 4pm followed by a BBQ and then LIFT at 7pm. This event is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. For more information or to order tickets for the BBQ, go to [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!



### Assumption of Mary



The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, as well as parts of Anglicanism, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assumption_of_Mary)

**Date:** August 15

**Masses: St. John 9 AM  
St. Ann 7 PM**

### SAINT JOHN'S OFFERTORY HISTORY

Date	Actual FY18	Prior Year FY17	Diff
2-Jul	\$6,530.50	\$5,503.00	\$1,027.50
9-Jul	\$6,600.50	\$6,944.50	(\$344.00)
16-Jul	\$4,160.00	\$4,160.00	\$0.00
23-Jul	\$0.00	\$4,114.00	(\$4,114.00)

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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### Consecration to Jesus through Mary

*"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that he will reign in the world."*

That's St. Louis de Montfort teaching about the relationship between devotion to the Queen of Apostles and devotion to her son Jesus Christ: the more one is consecrated to Mary, he argues, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.

by Jeannette de Beauvoir

### Give your children the gift of faith

#### Religious Education

Begins at

Saint Ann's

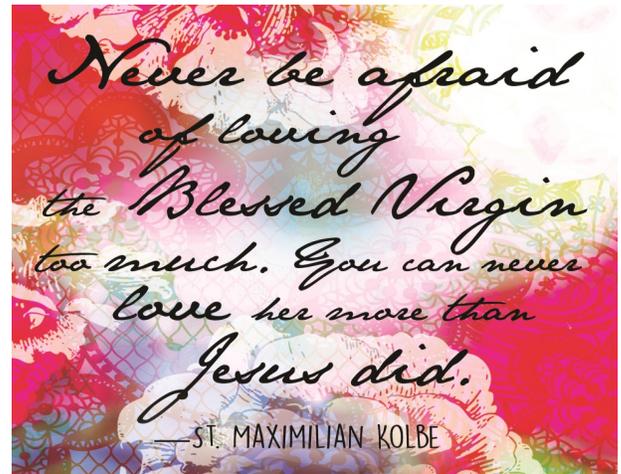
Sunday, September 16th

Register now to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of teachers for your children.



### 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.

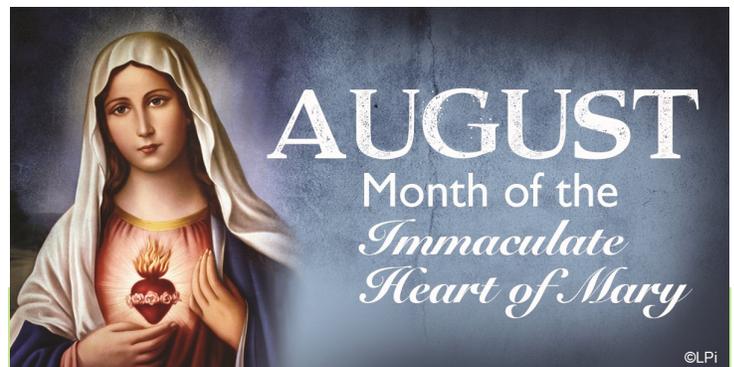


19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®**  
**MEAT RAFFLE**  
**SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM**

*Thank you to Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home for the wonderful night at the Rox that they provided for our parishes. Everyone who went had a fantastic time. The Rox won 5-1 with a spectacular Grand Slam in the 5th inning. Hope to see you all next year!*



SAINT ANN'S  
ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, 2018.  
MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE DATE BECOMES CLOSER.

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

# IMPORTANT DATES

**Rosary after daily Masses.**  
**Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.**  
**Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM**  
**August 12 — Shawl Meeting**  
**AUGUST 15 — ASSUMPTION OF MARY — HOLY DAY**  
**AUGUST 26 — PICNIC — FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS**

### St. John's Conference



The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to *live* the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

**Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.**

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 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



### SAINT JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**AUGUST 26TH THIS YEAR.**  
**(following the 10:30 Mass)**

**Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Various Salads, Corn on the Cob, Homemade sweets and Watermelon are on the menu.**

**Tickets are now on sale after all the Masses**

It is really helpful if people purchase tickets early, so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

**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, 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, Jim Cullen, Mary Jane Coakley, Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Mary Lou Boyle & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Building on the development of Catholic Church teaching against capital punishment, Pope Francis has ordered a revision of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to assert "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" and to commit the church to working toward its abolition worldwide.

The catechism's paragraph on capital punishment, 2267, already had been updated by St. John Paul II in 1997 to strengthen its skepticism about the need to use the death penalty in the modern world and, particularly, to affirm the importance of protecting all human life.

Announcing the change Aug. 2, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said, "The new text, following in the footsteps of the teaching of John Paul II in 'Evangelium Vitae,' affirms that ending the life of a criminal as punishment for a crime is inadmissible because it attacks the dignity of the person, a dignity that is not lost even after having committed the most serious crimes."

ASSUMPTION



## PATRON SAINT FOR PURGATORY?

FATHER KENNETH DOYLE

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 [Faith](#)

Q. Is there a patron saint for the souls in purgatory? (Columbus, Ohio)

A. Two saints in particular are often invoked on behalf of the souls in purgatory. One is St. Nicholas of Tolentino, a 13th-century Augustinian priest, and the other is St. Gertrude the Great, a 13th-century Benedictine nun.

Not long after his ordination, Nicholas had a striking dream in which a deceased Augustinian appeared to him and begged his prayers to be released from the "purifying torments" that he was undergoing. Nicholas spent that night in prayer and then offered his Masses during the following week for the suffering priest.

A short time later, that same priest appeared again and assured Nicholas that he had been released from purgatory. As a result, prayers for the departed souls became a distinguishing feature of Nicholas' spirituality and ministry.

Gertrude the Great was one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged devotion to his Sacred Heart. According to tradition, Gertrude was told by the Lord that the recitation of a particular short prayer would result in the immediate release of 1,000 souls from purgatory.

That supposed promise, however, appears nowhere in the recorded writings of Gertrude; and in the late 1890s, the Holy See challenged a rash of holy cards then being released with false promises and indulgences. The Vatican declared that any prayers guaranteeing the automatic release of a specific number of souls from purgatory were "apocryphal" and should be rejected by the faithful.

The feast of All Souls is celebrated by the universal church on Nov. 2, and countless Catholics pray for them regularly, especially during the month of November.

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