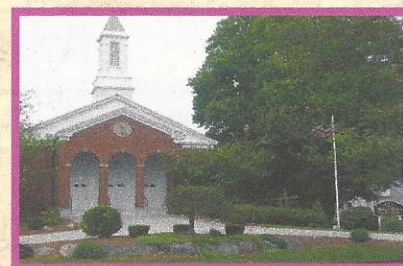




*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*September 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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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.

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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 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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 8, 2018

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — 26th Anniversary
Leena Shepard — 16th Anniversary

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:00 - Carol Fitzgerald — 1st Anniversary
Susan Fitzgerald — 4th Anniversary
10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, September 15, 2018

4:00 — Fredrick H. Mitchel

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John
10:30 - E. Bridgewater Police

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Maria Chaves & Family—Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, September 8, 2018

4:00 - John & Mildred Connolly — Memorial

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's
10:30 - Dr. Edward S. Morkis, Jr. — 5th Anniv.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

4:00 - Nicholas Pratt — Memorial

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
10:30 - Souls in Purgatory

DEACON BRENDAN'S CORNER

Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,
you create all things in this world
as gifts for your created beings.

This day is made holy
by the presence of new life,
made real by the love of spouses
and their collaboration with you.

On this day bless all grandparents
and their grandchildren.

May they both praise you
for their place in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Rite of Baptism, there is an optional "action" undertaken by the priest/deacon in which the "Prayer of Ephphatha" is invoked. It is a prayer in which the celebrant blesses the ears and mouth of the one being baptized, thus readying that person for hearing and speaking God's word. The word "ephphatha" means "be opened", and it was used by Jesus to cure the man with the speech impediment.

Jesus, in healing the deaf man, did more than restore the man's hearing. He brought him "back to life" in a real way, restoring him to fullness of relationship within the community. While the scripture does not say this, it is assumed (given the feelings of the culture of Jesus' day) that the man born deaf must be a sinner. Sin and sickness were so closely "linked" that the worse the illness/impediment, the worse the sin. The deaf man, therefore, must be a sinner. In healing the man with the impediment, Jesus shows Himself to be the master of sin and sickness, with the ability to break the "chains" of sin and free one who is "bound" in this way.

One of the interesting aspects of this healing comes after it. Jesus orders the healed man (and those around him) not to tell anyone of this healing. Of course, human nature being what it is, the more Jesus tells them not to speak of this healing the more they do so. This "spreading the good news" is human and natural – and Jesus knows it, I think. I believe that Jesus, who knew human nature (being fully human Himself, of course!) knew exactly how people would react; he counted on that reaction to assist Him in sharing God's healing power.

Where is it that we need healing? Where is it that we have been healed? Who is it among family, friends and neighbors that need to hear the "good news" of God's goodness to us? May we have the insight to recognize the good God had done for us. May we have the courage to share this good news with all whom we meet!

A Blessed Week to All,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

September 9, 2018 — St. Benedict's School, Uganda

September 16, 2018 — Clergy Health and Retirement

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	8/26/18		8/26/18	
OFFERTORY will be available next week		\$3,680		\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,920	\$32,000	\$26,420	\$32,000

GRIEF SUPPORT

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church and Saint Basil Chapel in Bridgewater are pleased to announce the next series of Grief Support sessions to begin on

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
At 6:30 PM

The meetings are expected to run for nine weeks. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one are invited to join this Christian-based Bereavement Support Group. Meetings will be held at St. Thomas Parish Center, 103 Center St., Bridgewater, MA 02324.

For more information, call Carol at 508-697-2281 or Ginny at 508-697-7649.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let Jesus heal any disappointments in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are:
Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA
Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA.

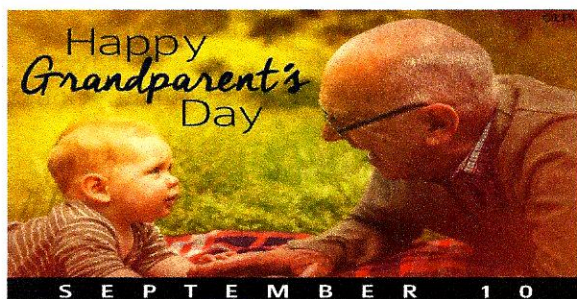
For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

OPENING THE NEW YEAR
WITH

MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
AT NOON
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE HALL

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

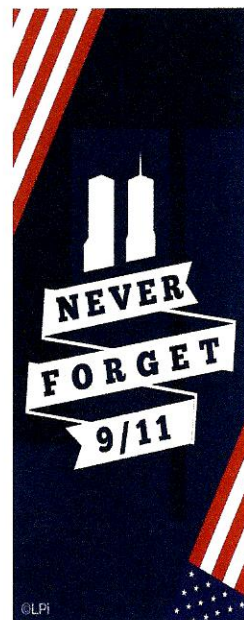


HEAL YOUR FAMILY

All families face challenges. Come pray with your family about these trials and seek strength and healing. A prayerful afternoon starting at 2:00 with Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary, ending with Mass and an Anointing will unify your family. We hope to see you on Sunday, September 16 for this prayerful event. Join us at St. Joseph Chapel near The Father Peyton Center, 500 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Event is free, family-friendly, handicap accessible and open to the public. For more infor-

Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,
You have created the human person as good.
You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.
We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.
Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us.
Give us the strength and courage to forgive.
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.
Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God.
Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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Give your children the gift of faith



Religious Education

Begins at

Saint Ann's

Sunday, September 16th
Catechetical Sunday

Grade K-6 — Sunday Mornings
9:30—10:15 AM

Grades 7—10 — Sunday Nights
6:30—7:30 PM

Mass — 2nd Sunday of the Month

**NEED: ONE GRADE 5 TEACHER & AIDE
ONE GRADE 6 TEACHER & AIDE**



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®

MEAT RAFFLE
SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 1 PM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

OPENING THE NEW YEAR
WITH
MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
AT NOON
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE HALL
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!



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.

Save the date!

SAINT ANN'S WILL BE
HAVING A FUN
FUNDRAISER
THE SUNDAY OF VETERAN'S
DAY WEEKEND.



**DON'T FORGET THAT SAINT ANN'S WILL BE
HAVING A RECYCLE ELECTONICS DAY ON
OCTOBER 13TH
9:00—2:00
IN THE PARKING LOT**

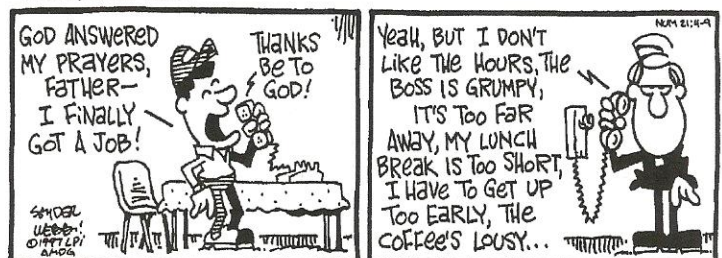
MORE SPECIFICS TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK.



**"Love, an abundant love,
is the expression of our
Christian religion."**

—Mother Teresa

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margeson, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Martha Bundeffer, 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, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CARMEN PEARSON FOR ALL HER EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S (AND ALL THE PAST PICNICS) A SUCCESS.

SHE BEGINS WORKING ON THIS MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND RECRUITS AN AMAZING CREW OF PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT HER VISIONS, ENSURING WE ALL HAVE A GOOD TIME.

We are lucky to have such dedicated parishioners!

Successful Parish Picnic

A message from Carmen Pearson-Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make our parish picnic a success. Donations were received from Roche Bros., Stop & Shop, Trucchi's, Lipinski Farm, Coca Cola and The Commercial Club. A special thank you to: Bill Dowling for the use of his grill and to Lisa and Jim Motos for transporting the grill, to Loretta Connelly in obtaining the coolers of ice, all the grillers, all those who helped in preparing the foods, John Tibbetts for the music enjoyed by all, Charlene Tibbetts who ran the 50/50 raffle, Brenda Armand for her Count-How-Many-in-the Jar Contest, and the many donations of the delicious desserts and to Kerri, Cody & Dakota Fabroski who set up the tent and tables.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Blood Pressure Clinic will continue this year after the 4 PM Mass on the 4th Saturday of the Month.

September 29	February 23
October 27	March 23
November 24	April 27
December 22	May 25
January 26	June 22

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

September 9 — Shawl Mtg — 2 PM

September 12 — CWC — mass @ noon followed by lunch @ St John's Hall.

Saturday, September 15 — EBBA Business Expo/ Family Fun Day — 10 AM—2 PM

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

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law. Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul **HOTLINE** at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

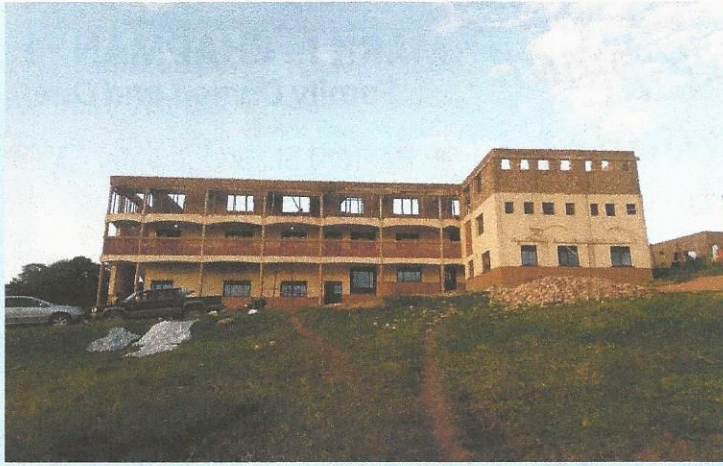
The Food Panty is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Panty hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN — DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

Forms can be obtained on-line at
www.stjohnneb@comcast.net
Or in the Religious Ed Office
508-378-1521

Classes begin the week after Columbus Day.
October 9—14th



To the Parishioners of St. Ann and John, peace and love from St. Benedict school, Uganda. This is the girls' dormitory yet to be completed. This is where we are now. Thank you for your generous contribution.

As you see it in the picture, what remains is roofing, plastering, installation of water and electricity at a cost of USD 50,000:00 Then the parents will bring the beds and mattresses for their daughters.

Am kindly appealing to your continued generosity. Our target is to complete this building this year so that we embark on the boys' dormitory next year.

Send your check through St. John or St. Ann. Include in the memo St. Benedict school.

Kindly contact me on my email below for a one to one talk or for more explanations. Thanx so much.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba

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