



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



February 11, 2018

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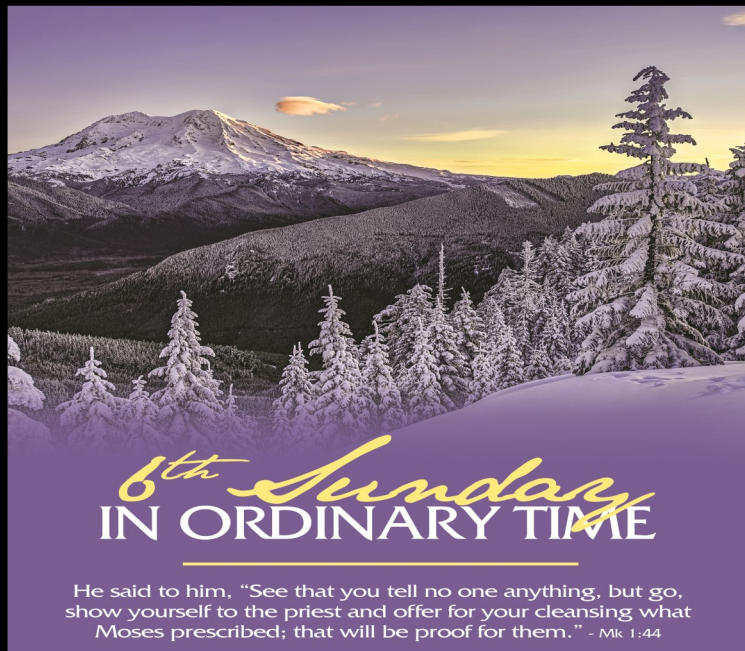
EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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, Fri.— 9:00 a.m



6th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 - Every 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

February 11, 2018—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:00 — Margaret Hogan Ferazzi — Memorial

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:00 — Robert & Theresa Mason; John & Mary Doherty — Memorial

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, February 17, 2018

4:00 — Mark Cosgrove — Memorial

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Margarida DeJesus — Birthday Remem.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 10, 2018

4:00 — Mark Creedon — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:30 - Lyndsey Pellegrino — Memorial

10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 21st Anniversary

Tuesday, February 12, 2018

9:00 - Sally B. Moran — Memorial

Saturday, February 17, 2018

4:00 - Susan Ledoux — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:30 - Arthur & Marilyn Pigeon — Anniversary

10:30 - William McCormack — 5th Anniversary

DEACON'S CORNER

St. Paul speaks to us clearly and succinctly in the second reading today: “whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” Can you make that your prayer this week that in all things large and small, in your words and in your actions, your prayer will be to give glory to God? If you do that, not only will you notice a difference in your attitude and in your life, but certainly others will notice the difference in you as well.

“Father we live in an angry world of increasingly angry people, where our lives are filled with change and transition – and we seem to be moving into a dangerous society that does not resemble a world we once knew. More and more Father, we feel a need to cling ever more closely to You, with each passing day – knowing that You are a God Who never changes towards us.

Protect us we pray from those that would seek to undermine our trust in You and may we patiently endure the hardships that we may be called upon to face. Develop in me a true attitude of praise and worship, no matter what the circumstances.. and help me I pray to build myself up in our most holy faith, looking for the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

No matter what difficulties and dangers I may have to face, I pray that in all things... by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, I may draw ever closer to you – with a genuine attitude of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have done in my life - in Jesus name I pray, Amen”



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Illness, in ancient times, was often seen as a reflection of one’s relationship with God. If one was healthy, one was “right with God”; conversely, if one was ill (say, with leprosy as seen in today’s readings) one was seen as “unfavorable” to God. It was in this light that today’s readings present a contrast as to how the revelation and presence of Jesus makes such a large difference in our lives.

In today’s first reading, Moses sets forth the steps one would take if they found themselves leprous. They are to first present themselves to Aaron, or one of the priests, for inspection. If they are found to be with leprosy, they are declared “unclean” and are to announce themselves as such. The person with leprosy would then separate themselves from the community until such time as the leprosy leaves them (something which would be highly unlikely, since they couldn’t get medical treatment). The members of the Israelite community (including the leprous person themselves) would not find this unusual, since it came from the priest.

Jesus, by contrast, takes a radically different approach to one with leprosy. Rather than follow the Mosaic Law, Jesus chooses a different “tack” by opting to unite Himself with the person with leprosy. This is radical not only in that it stands in contrast to Mosaic Law, but also in the fact that Jesus actually *touches* the person with leprosy. Even if one had sympathy for such a person, one would never actually choose to come into physical contact with that person. This is where Jesus shows us a “new way”. Jesus is “moved with pity” (Mk 1:41) at the plight of the man with leprosy. He has been separated from the community by his condition; he is also seen as being “in sin”, for the illness has to have a cause and the people automatically think it is because the man is not “right” with God. Jesus sees beyond all of this, choosing to align Himself with the man by not only physically touching the man, but also uniting the man back with the community through the Mosaic Law (“go, show yourself to the priest...” (Mk 1:44). In this way, Jesus once again shows Himself to be the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Where is it in our lives that we need to, in humility, approach Jesus for healing? Perhaps we have a “broken” relationship which needs God’s healing touch. Perhaps we have a physical malady in which we need to “align” our suffering to that of Christ who, Himself, knew what it meant to suffer. Perhaps we need to be an “agent” of healing, not being healed but bringing God’s healing touch to someone. In whatever way healing needs to take place, let us be “vessels” of God’s healing presence. May we know God’s healing, and may we be unafraid to bring it to those who need it. May we look to God to heal us, bring His healing touch into the world, and celebrate this healing with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

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

THE NEXT 2ND COLLECTION
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 — Catholic Charities

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	1/28/18		1/28/18		
OFFERTORY	\$3,203	\$3,680	\$4,713	\$5,700	
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd	\$8,270	\$32,000	\$23,907	\$32,000	

World Day of the Sick (2/11)

As the church prepares for the World Day of the Sick on February 11, please consider a prayer for those suffering from addiction and their loved ones struggling to cope with the impact of the disease. The Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services (AARPSS), is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston and collaborates with various agencies and organizations to assist parishes in serving the needs of those struggling with addiction including their families and loved ones. We seek to educate, prevent, treat, and find solutions for the disease of addiction. For more information please visit: www.aarpss.org or email aarpss@stjosephboston.org"



2018 Catholic Appeal

This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2018 Catholic Appeal. Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond parish boundaries. Our parish directly benefits from the ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2018 goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

The Light is on For You—Lent

The invitation to experience Christ's love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese of Boston. *The Light is on For You* initiative highlights the importance of this sacrament in the life of Catholics and increases its availability, hoping that every Catholic will visit this source of God's [mercy](#) and healing love.

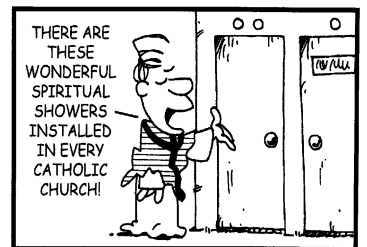
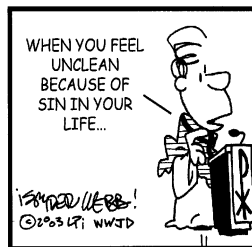
Lent is a time of prayer, [fasting](#), penitence, almsgiving and self-sacrifice in preparation to celebrate the passion of Christ, His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each year, the season of Lent provides an [opportunity](#) to [renew](#) faithfulness, and for those who have been away from the regular practice of the faith this initiative offers a chance to begin again.

Confessions will be available Wednesday evenings in Lent, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in all parishes.

Material is available to help with personal preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org. Please make plans to come and invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled with and begin anew a journey in faith during the Lenten season.

Encourage one another by reflecting on your experiences this Lent by using the hashtag #LiveLent on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](#) in your updates.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Together in Christ Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry
Leaving Footprints Of Faith, Hope, Love



Step Towards Becoming a Saint

Bring your family and friends! Together we will share Music, Fellowship, and Adoration. You are invited to grow in holiness wrapped in the love of our faith presented in word and song from these two extraordinary men of faith.

February 17th • 6:30PM

Together in Christ Collaborative

St. John Church, 210 Central Street, East Bridgewater Ma 02333



Jimmy Mitchell is a Catholic speaker and musician who believes that beauty will change the world. He frequently travels the world with the mission of helping others fall in love with God and realize their capacity for holiness.

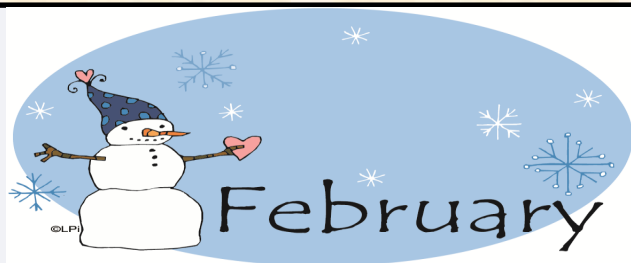
PJ Anderson is a Catholic singer-songwriter from Nashville. His music opens hearts to the love of the Lord and helps every worshipper enter into the presence of Our God.



Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information

*The background picture was taken on our Pilgrimage to Assisi with these gentlemen at San Damiano at the monastery of Saint Claire.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES



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.

**As of the first of the year,
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
address will be:**

103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater MA 02379

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DISCONTINUED.**

**Cursillo (3/1, 4/26)
An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith -
Men's and Women's Weekends**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekends are:

Women's Weekend March 1 - 4, 2018

Men's Weekend April 26-29, 2018

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at cmg829@comcast.net. Or call Lorraine Hopgood.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 14TH THIS YEAR.

MASSES AT SAINT JOHN — 9:00 AM

MASSES AT SAINT ANN — 7:00 PM

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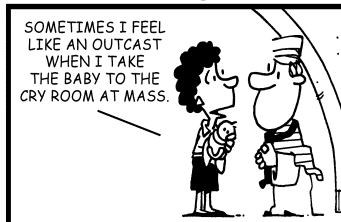
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THANK YOU ADVERTISERS



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, 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 Worwick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The Family Life Ministry will be selling LOLLIPOPS the weekend of February 10th and 11th. After each Mass.

Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

The first Saturday of the month at:
Holy Ghost Church, Whitman 11AM—12 Noon
Light lunch to follow. For more info contact:
Karen McWilliams 603-682-7933

Third Saturday of each month: at St. Ann's By the Sea, Marshfield, 10 AM—11 AM, light refreshments to follow. Contact Sean Flaherty 781-308-863

Fourth Saturday of each month at: St. Joseph the Worker, Hanson, 11:30—12:30, light refreshments
Contact: Fr. Mike Hobson 781-293-3581 ext 211
Rosary4recovery.com

Last week we announced that we're now offering online giving. If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, (or if you missed our second collection), you can go online and make a gift to the (special collection) fund or our regular offertory. Please check the bulletin or visit www.stjohne.org to find out how to give online.

For those already on the MyOwn Giving (Legacy) Program, you will need to set up an account with our new system on www.stjohne.org prior to February 28th. to continue to give online. It would be best to set up the new account on our web page before you discontinue the old account. Both can be accessed on the web page. You can access the links on the home page of the web page or in the Contributions section of the webpage.

If you have any difficulty with setting up your account, you can contact the Rectory Office at 508-378-4207

Remember for any contributions to be acknowledged in our computer system, you must be registered in the parish and have an account number. Those who would like to be on the envelope system as well as on online giving, please let us know. Our envelopes now have a box to check off if you give on-line. To get credit for cash donations, you must use the envelopes.

IMPORTANT DATES

2/14/18 — ASH WEDNESDAY — MASSES:

9:00 — St. John's; 7:00 — St. Ann's

2/14/18 — Shawl Meeting — Riddell Rd Hall — 2 PM

2/24/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM Mass

TAX FORMS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE MAILED TO YOU.

ANYONE GIVING CASH, NEEDS TO USE THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO KEEP RECORDS ON YOUR OFFERTORY. LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE PUT ON THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

If you are not registered with the church, no records can be kept.



St. John's Conference

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By making a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring hope to those who are struggling.

The St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** is open to anyone in need of food or other assistance. Please call **508-378-3760** and leave a message. Your call is confidential.



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