



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017*



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*7th Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.” —Mt 5:38-39

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**EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**St John’s**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA  
Daily Mass, Monday – 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.  
Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, 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 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 - 2nd and 3rd Wednesday 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

February 19th — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 18, 2017

4:00 - Patrick W. Sullivan — Birthday Rem

#### Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Children Suffering in the world

#### Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:00 - Stephen Hopkins — 18th Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Lori Hannan — 4th Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 18, 2017

4:00 — Susan Ledoux — 4th Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 19, 2017

8:30 - Arthur & Marilyn Pigeon—Memorial

10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 20th Anniversary

#### Saturday, February 25, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

#### Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:30 - Emil Grodecki — Memorial

10:30 - William McCormick — Memorial

## DEACONS' CORNER

This weekend has been extended for we celebrate Presidents' Day Monday, a national holiday. Recently, I have come to the conclusion that many people look upon the office or the rank (to use a military term), and the person or persons holding that office or rank as one and the same. I refer to the military for its members always show the respect and decorum due to the rank regardless of how they may view the person holding that rank.

As we celebrate Presidents' Day, we all would do well to be aware of this distinction when we speak of any office of responsibility such as president, teacher, cleric or parent. With the title, comes the expectation of respect for that title or rank.

As Christians, we struggle to love our neighbor as Jesus commands us and as Christians and Americans, let us also encourage each other to exhibit respect toward all people.

God bless you.  
Deacon Brendan

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend a Pro-Life Rally sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. At this rally, there were speakers who reminded us that we are called to value life in all stages, from pre-birth to our growing years to our “golden years” to the end of our earthly existence. It bolstered my resolve to be a “person of life” in all stages, from conception to natural death. This is the position of the Church and it is one I am proud to hold. I believe that God made all life sacred and that the most effective way that we can convert minds and hearts on life issues is to hold to this principle.

One of the challenges we face in being “people of life” is the radical viewpoints that folks from the “fringes” (“left” or “right”, for lack of a better term) hold when espousing their positions. A conversation can begin – and end – often times with the phrase “this is the way that it is, and that’s that!” This is not to say that we shouldn’t have principles or viewpoints which hold a measure of objective truth; it was Alexander Hamilton who said that “those who stand for nothing will fall for anything.” There is much to be said, for example, for the position that life begins at conception. I believe that by having a “standard” focal point on which we can place ourselves is a key in “converting” those folks who, in their minds and hearts, don’t hold this view. It will be in converting minds and hearts, I believe, that we shall win people over, or at the very least be open to conversation and further discussion. The “radicalization” of conversation, however, can bring a “death knell” to any dialogue.

Jesus, in today’s gospel, confronts the radical nature of such dialogue when he broadens the viewpoint of the Mosaic Law. The adage “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth” can be used by both “sides” of a discussion, for example. Jesus moves the conversation forward, however, when he challenges the listener to go beyond the literal interpretation of even Holy Scripture. In “going the extra mile”, one is pressed to see beyond their own viewpoint and to extend themselves to be one with the “other”. In seeing the inherent “personhood” of another, one can no longer engage in demagoguery, “demonizing” the person. They must see the need of the other, and respond to that need. Sometimes, that need is to “convert” a mind/heart; sometimes, it’s simply to listen and to be open to dialogue, conversation and even understanding.

May we hold fast to the truths of our faith, but may we also be willing to “go the extra mile” and get out of our “comfort zone” to truly hear and see the “other”. May we strive for “perfection”, not in the eyes of the world but in the eyes, mind and heart of God.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

## FR. BILLS & MAIN SPRING

Are you free on Mondays and looking to give back? We're in dire need of volunteers to help us on Mondays to prepare and serve lunch at The Table, our community lunch program at MainSpring House in Brockton. Volunteers must be at least 16 and available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Table provides free, healthy meals for low-income and homeless individuals and families six days a week. If you're available to help us on Mondays, please contact our Volunteers Service Coordinator, Mary Ann Mendes, at 617-376-2255 ext. 2237 or at [mmendes@helpfbms.org](mailto:mmendes@helpfbms.org)

## LENTEN MISSION

The Collaborative Lenten Mission will be held from March 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>h</sup>.

Father Thomas Carzon, OVM, who conducted the Advent Mission, will preside.

Please check the PYM pages for specifics



## EASTER SCHEDULE OF DATES

MARCH 1 — ASH WEDNESDAY  
 APRIL 13 — HOLY THURSDAY  
 APRIL 14 — GOOD FRIDAY  
 APRIL 15 — HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL  
 APRIL 16 — EASTER SUNDAY

## GETTING PREPARED FOR LENT

### FASTING:

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (March 1, ) and Good Friday (April 14) are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but, eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids including milk and fruit juices between meals are allowed.

### ABSTINENCE:

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken at all.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be at both churches at 9 AM and 7 PM  
 Ashes will be distributed at Mass.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During Lent, a diocesan program to encourage parishioners to go to confession called "The light is on for you" will be held at both parishes, when possible, on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: March 8, 22, 29, April 5, and 12.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 7 pm

Will be held each Friday In Lent  
 Except on Good Friday  
 At Saint Ann's



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

## Current collaborative Finance Council Members

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## COLLABORATIVE NAME

The collaboration of St. Ann and St. John need a new name to define our new faith community.

Do you have any suggestions?

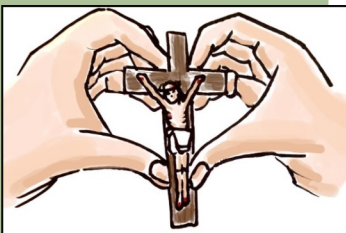
Please list them below, cut out this form and put it in the collection at Mass.

All names will be considered by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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# L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

**Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission:** Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

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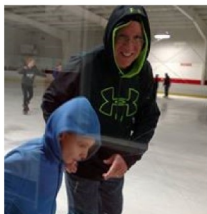
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**Google Calendars** are

available on our websites.

February 17th, 2017

## Family Skate Night– Bridgewater Ice Arena



Sunday, February 19th

7:00-9:00 pm

\$5.00 per person, including skate rentals

\$20 family package, including skate rentals for the whole family

One of our favorite events and all are welcome!

Snacks will be on-sale



This is always a fun event! We have rented the entire rink.

All are welcome! You do not have to be a Parishioner of St. Ann or St. John.

## Lenten Mission with Mary “Do Whatever He Tells You” Hosted by Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV March 12, 13, 14



### Overview of the Mission

A century ago, our Lady appeared to three young shepherd children at Fatima. She called them to offer prayer and penance for conversion and peace in the world by following Jesus more closely.

Sunday, March 12th at St. Ann's

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mission Talk: “**Do Whatever He Tells You**” John 2:5

Enjoy a conversation about Mary's invitation to conversion that is rooted in our Baptism. Together, we will learn more about our call to serve and live out our vocations in life and bring healing and transformation of our lives and the world.

Monday, March 13th at St. John

10:00 am: Morning conversation and prayer

Monday, March 13th at St. John

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mission Talk: “**Behold Your Mother**” John 19:27

Join Mary at the foot of the Cross and share in her compassion for her Son. We will learn to trust in the mercy of God for our sins.

Confession

Tuesday, March 14th at St. Ann

10:00 am: Morning conversation and prayer

Tuesday, March 14 at St. Ann

6:30 pm Adoration and Rosary

7:00 pm Mass and Mission Talk: “**Devoted to Prayer..with Mary, the mother of Jesus**”

**Acts 1:14**

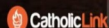
Learning to live in daily prayer and conversation and following Christ in our daily duties.

To learn more about Marian Consecration go to: [www.33daystomorningglory.com](http://www.33daystomorningglory.com)—Thirty-Three Days to Morning Glory Closing Reception

In preparation of our Lenten Mission with Mary, families or individuals are invited to sign up to host, for a week, in their homes, our statue of our Lady. She will be passed to a new family or individual each week at Mass. The host home would pray the rosary daily and invite friends and family to join them during the week in praying for our Parish Family. We will have wonderful resources for your family and friends to enjoy praying and learning more about the Rosary. If you would like more information or would like to become a host family contact Nancy Smith at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com).



Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you.



## Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring  
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team  
Meets the 4th Thursday of each Month

Youth Leadership Team  
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team (including our auction and golf tournament teams)

Reboot Live Team

You are welcome anytime to join us!





## Timber Lanes Bowling Partnership

We have joined Timber Lane's in Abington Fundraising Program. All you need to do is either bring our flyer with you or show the flyer on your phone for this great deal. (Up to six bowlers, shoes, and two hours of bowling for \$24.95.) We will receive half every time you present the flyer! Go to: [www.candlepin.com](http://www.candlepin.com), under 50/50 fundraising, look for our name and click on the link for the flyer.



## Auction and Golf Tournament News

The following are the needs set forth and we welcome your ideas suggestions and participation:

- A minimum of 150 donated items for our live auction, silent auction, raffles, and games (including services, sports items, themed gift baskets)
- A minimum of 200-250 adults enjoying a night out that will include dinner, dancing, entertainment and the auction. If you buy a ticket and bring a friend we will reach our goal!
- 3-6 groups or individuals that would like to entertain our guests throughout the evening with song, dance, or magic, and a DJ or a band willing to donate his/her services

The Golf Tournament will need a team and with your help and participation we can collect the needed raffle items, a title sponsor, hole sponsors, and ideally 144 players. Please contact Russ at [russchampoux@gmail.com](mailto:russchampoux@gmail.com) to become part of the team!



**Gala Night  
at the Auction  
Halifax Country  
Club  
Thursday,  
April 6th  
6:00-10:00 pm  
\$30.00 per person  
Dinner, Dancing,  
Silent Auction,  
Live Auction,  
Games**



## Collaborative Apparel Line

Enjoy this fun way to show our Parish Family Spirit!  
We have sweatshirts, a Jacket, and a t-shirt to choose from.

The order will be placed on March 17th and will be delivered by April 1st

We have some samples if you have questions regarding size.

You can check out the styles at Time Out Sports: <http://www.timeoutsportswear.com>  
LST860 , ST860, 995M, J768– Mens, L768– Ladies, DM108l or DM108

The color chose is grey. The sweatshirts and jackets will be embroidered and the t-shirts will be screen printed.

Contact Nancy Smith at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) or 508-838-8490 for complete order form.

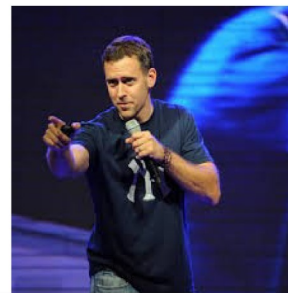


## Reboot! Live!

Reboot! Live! Is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, to dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Chris Stefanick is the author of the Chosen Confirmation Program that is used at St. John. This is not just for the teens. The adults will love this talk too.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at :  
<http://reallifecatholic.com/reboot-live-participants>  
Or from Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com)



**Wednesday,  
May 3rd at 7:00 pm  
East Bridgewater High School  
Auditorium  
\$20.00 per person**

**Save the Date:  
Golf  
Tournament  
Friday,  
September 15th  
at Riverbend  
in West  
Bridgewater  
\$150 per golfer  
Individual or  
Teams of (4)  
Raffles and Lunch**

## Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family. This is our 15th summer. Our Pre-School is open to children age 3– entering first grade next fall. Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6. Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up. We need adult help too. Most summers we have close to 100 volunteers and 50 campers.. This camp has always included families from all over the South Shore and we are so excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of

St. Ann. Please note this is a different week this year due to the Pilgrimage to Rome. This summer will be held at St. John, but we will look into switching each summer. On-line registration will be open next week!

**July 31– August 4th  
9:00 am– 12:00 pm  
St. John Parish Hall  
Age 3 and up  
Cost and Program Details to follow**



# PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



*St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900*  
 February 12, 2017 \$3,644  
*Below goal* 2,256  
 Religious Education Prog. \$1,034  
 Grand Annual Total - Jan. 8 \$24,278  
 (Will be updated next week.)

February 19, 2017 — No second Collection  
 February 26, 2017 — Special Parish Collection

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonalD, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonalD, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha BundeFF, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Donna Shepard Folloni, Donna Millis, Jean Beaman, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

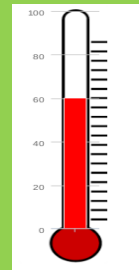
**When we provide for our neighbor's in need, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.**

Have you considered becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul? We could use a few good men (and women). It takes several hours each month. Members pick-up food from various locations, stock the shelves and provide assistance during the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month when the Food Pantry is open. You can call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** and leave a message.

Any East Bridgewater resident who needs food or other assistance is encouraged to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE**. The phone number is **508-378-3760**. Please know that everything is kept confidential.

## ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

**GOAL** \$36,000  
**CURRENTLY** \$24,278



## Triduum/Easter Choirs

Practice for these choirs will begin on February 27th  
 Please contact Paul Hoffman for more details  
 paulhoffman02@hotmail.com

Please take a moment to watch the 2017 Catholic Appeal video to see the positive impact that Central Ministries make throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you in advance for your support of this year's Catholic Appeal.

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen

## PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

**St Ann's Weekly Offertory:**  
**February 12, 2017**                    **\$3,364**  
**Religious Education Prog.**            **\$ 966**

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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](mailto: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.

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S



St. Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank those that are dropping their contributions into the white boxes at the front and side entrances of the church.

These boxes are under lock and key and are emptied quite frequently by a designated member of the conference. The monies collected are deposited into the conference's checking account and used to assist those families who ask for help from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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#### West Bridgewater Food Pantry

**The cupboards are empty.**

**There are many families in need of assistance. Cereal, cookies, cake mix, juice, crackers, & pudding are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.**

**Help is needed! Please contact Calvin Grey at 508-559-6569 if you are able to volunteer!**

#### SPECIAL PARENT MEETING FOR CCD FAMILIES

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

**Either morning or evening session (preferred) of your child's class**

**Meet with Father Paul and some staff to build Faith Family relationship.**