



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
Palm Sunday  
April 9, 2017*



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**Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord**

"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest."  
And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken  
and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is  
Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." *Mt 21:9-11*

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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

April 9, 2017—Palm Sunday

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:00 - Robert W. Small—3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Dorothy R. Walsh

#### Saturday, April 15, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

#### Sunday, April 16, 2017—Easter Sunday

8:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:30 - Michael Andrews—3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Tuesday, April 11, 2017

9:00—Steven Hasomeris, III—6th Anniversary

#### Saturday, April 15, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

#### Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

10:30 - Parishioners of the Collaborative

## DEACONS' CORNER

Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest; This weekend we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, we find ourselves on the cusp of celebrating our Lord's Passion through which the great gift of salvation was made possible by Jesus Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection on the third day. We have many things to be thankful to God for, but above everything else our salvation is at the top of the list. We began our Lenten Journey with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, a day upon which we recognize our mortality and the need to place God first in our lives. What you may not know is that the ashes you received on Ash Wednesday are made from the Palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday. So, in a sense over the Lenten season we are journeying from death into life. It is a life that all those who believe in Jesus Christ contemplate and nurture as they mature in their faith journeys. This weekend contemplate the love God has for us and Jesus Christ's total obedience to God the Father. If you haven't made it to the Sacrament of Reconciliation the light is on for you this Wednesday evening at 6:30 to around 8:00 pm. Take advantage of this grace filled moment before we begin the Easter Celebration.

May God Bless  
Deacon Joe Hopgood

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



If someone were to ask you, “what is the holiest day in the Church year”, what would your answer be? Most, I dare say, would answer “Christmas”...and they'd be wrong! Now, don't get me wrong – I like Christmas as much as the next person, but it is second to Easter, the most sacred day of the Church Year. We begin our “final approach” into Easter (as well as our Holy Week services) with today's celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (interchangeably referred to as either “Palm Sunday” or “Passion Sunday” (due to our reading of the Passion Narrative today)).

Today is unique in that two gospel passages are read, one depicting Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and one speaking to us of Jesus' Passion and Death. Both read at today's liturgy serve as “bookends” to our Holy Week services. The entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (intoned at the beginning of Mass) speaks of the kingship of Christ, for it is a celebration befitting royalty, with people lining the streets offering shouts of praise and acclamation to Jesus. They recognize Jesus as Messiah at this moment, and pledge their loyalty to Him with shouts of “hosanna” (a word which means “save us” or “help”, an appropriate cry made to Jesus). The interesting thing is that the same crowd who is crying “hosanna” is most likely the same crowd who, in a few short days, will be calling for blood with cries of “crucify him”.

This is where the second gospel (read at the usual time) comes in. It is the telling of the Passion and Death of Jesus, about how He was betrayed and handed over to be killed just a few hours after celebrating the Last Supper (a Passover meal) with His disciples. This depiction of the last hours of Jesus' earthly life serve as a reminder to us of how much Jesus gave Himself for us, offering His life so as to save ours. The telling of this Passion narrative shows to us that Jesus, He without sin, became sin for us and won for us newness of life. Jesus did all of this without rebelling, without turning back, not shielding Himself from the torture and torment that He knew awaited Him. This is true love, the self-emptying love by which Jesus shows us how we are to act.

May this Passion/Palm Sunday be a fitting time for us to unite ourselves with Jesus. Let us make the long walk to Calvary with Him so that we might have a share in His Passion, Death and, ultimately, Resurrection. May we have the courage to not turn back, to not shy away from all that Jesus suffered, so that we might have a share in new and everlasting life!

Wishing You All A Blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Paul

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - APRIL 9, 2017

"Hosanna to the Son of David;  
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
 hosanna in the highest."  
 And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken  
 and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is  
 Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Mt 21:9-11)  
 First Reading:  
 The Lord GOD is my help,  
 therefore I am not disgraced;  
 I have set my face like flint,  
 knowing that I shall not be put to shame.  
 Psalm:  
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)  
 Second Reading:  
 He humbled himself,  
 becoming obedient to the point of death,  
 even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)  
 Gospel:  
 And they placed over his head the written charge against  
 him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. (Mt 27:37)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The formation of Church Collaboratives is happening all through the Archdiocese of Boston. Churches are being introduced to the process in various time frames. One of the advantages to collaborate is the combination of some resources in an effort to save money and a better utilization of priests' times.

We are one collaborative with two churches working together in a joint effort to evangelize and build strong faith communities.

We pray for a name for our collaborative which represents our strength, commitment, and faith.

**PLEASE PRAY ON A NAME  
 AND FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW!**

### COLLABORATIVE NAME

The collaboration of St. Ann and St. John need a **COLLABORATION** name to define our newly joined faith community,  
**(THE CHURCHES WILL REMAIN ST. ANN & ST JOHN  
 BUT THE COLLABORATIVE NEEDS A NAME.)**

**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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**HOLY THURSDAY — April 13— No morning Mass**  
 —7:00—Evening Mass of the Lords Supper  
 w/ Reposition and Adoration following in the Chapel  
 at St. John until Midnight.  
**GOOD FRIDAY — April 14**  
 —Seven Last Words, An Ecumenical Service —  
 3 PM — At St. John's  
 —The Passion of the Lord - 7 PM at Saint Ann's  
**THE EASTER VIGIL —April 15**  
 —Mass at 8 PM at St. John's  
 (mass must be scheduled 1/2 hr after night fall)

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

<b>SAINT ANN</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM	<b>ST JOHN</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM
<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> SATURDAY 10 AM	<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b> FOLLOWING 10:30 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 As follows:

St Ann's April 12 —6:30—8:00

**GUESS WHO IS COMING? On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, between 3:00 and 8:30 p.m. ---- the World Apostolate of Fatima is bringing the statue of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima to St. Joseph's Parish in Kingston, MA.**  
 We are blessed to be one of only 23 parishes in the



Every Thursday night  
 At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
 Doors Open at 5:00  
 No Bingo on Holy Thurs., April 13th.

Cleaners needed to prepare Saint Ann and Saint John  
 For the Easter Masses.  
 Please contact Nancy Smith if you can help.





# 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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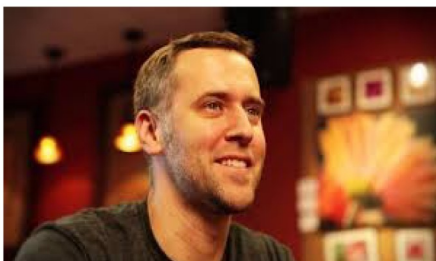
**Website:**

www.stjohnneb.org

www.stannswb.com

**Google Calendars** are available on our websites.

April 7th, 2017



**International Speaker  
Chris Stefanick-Reboot Live  
Wednesday, May 3rd  
East Bridgewater Junior/  
Senior High School**

DON'T MISS THIS!

**REBOOT! LIVE!**

Featuring:

CATHOLIC AUTHOR & SPEAKER, CHRIS STEFANICK

Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as:

**Powerful** for us all,

**Beautiful** in its application to LIFE,

**Engaging** for those searching, and

**Fun & Captivating** for all ages, including our youth!

**DO NOT MISS** the opportunity to hear one of the most sought after voices of our time!

OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!

**Come! Be energized! Invite someone!**

For more information and to register:

Go to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or email Nancy Smith at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com)

Tickets are \$20.00

This is a very special opportunity for our Parishes!



We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders.

*Pope Francis*  
Palm Sunday, 2013

## 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  
Golf tournament Team

Reboot Live Team

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime to join us!

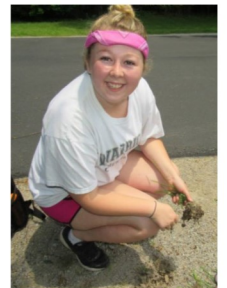
## 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip– Richmond, Virginia

### Trip is open to current 7th Grade Students-College-Adults



Catholic HEART Workcamp is about SERVICE, CONNECTION and LOVING OTHERS. CHWC provides parish youth groups, teens and adult leaders service opportunities to restore homes and HEARTS, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled and offer assistance while partnering with social agencies. Our aim is to provide nothing short of amazing Catholic Mission Trips! Each Workcamp is equipped with a summer staff, director, manager, musician, nurse and priests to celebrate mass/confession. It is a youth friendly Christ centered Week of caring for others. Catholic HEART Workcamp faithfully is an excellent opportunity to “love the least of these”.

**Lauren Benvie:** “Being older, it was an amazing experience to lead a group of young adults through the week of service and faith. Through many challenging discussions and acts of service, my faith in God grew stronger and I have become more confident in my faith and my leadership skills. I look forward to engaging more in my faith now that I'm home and sharing my experiences and all that I've learned the past two years in Nashville with those around me.”



### 2017 Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

July 31– August 4th  
9:00 am– 12:00 pm  
St. John Parish Hall  
Age 3 and up  
\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap



Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family.

- 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 also need adult help.

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.

This summer will be held at St. John, but we will look into switching sites each summer. On line registration: <https://vbapro.events/p/stjohnstann>

In continuation 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)



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**For those wondering how the auction went: We will have a wonderful review in the next bulletin. In order to meet publishing deadlines this week's bulletin was done on March 30th.**



# PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



*St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900*  
 April 2, 2017 \$5,520  
*Below goal 380*  
 Total Under Budget = \$15,153

*Grand Annual Total - Mar 19 \$30,193*  
 Grand Annual goal \$36,000

April 9, 2017 — Special Parish Collection

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Carter 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, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

## First Communion



Rehearsal —May 27th—6 PM  
 First Communion —May 29th—9 AM

Rehearsal —May 4th—6 PM  
 First Communion —May 6th—9 AM

The "Caring Hands" shawl and afghan making group recently sent items to the Good Samaritan Hospital, West View, West Acres, and Baypointe.

We will happily accept yarn donations.



## Palm Sunday:

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help our neighbor's as they carry their cross during difficult and challenging times.**

Today the team from Gouveia Real Estate will hold their **"Stuff the Gouveia Truck"** food drive at Roche Brothers in Bridgewater from 10AM–5PM. The proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry here at St. John's Parish and the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Please stop by and help stuff the truck.

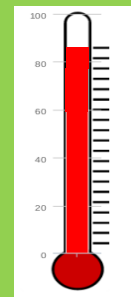
Any East Bridgewater resident who is in need of food or other assistance should contact the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. All information is kept confidential.

## ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

**GOAL \$36,000**

**CURRENTLY \$30,193**

**We are so close—only 16% more to go.**



**EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW THE 10:30 MASS EASTER SUNDAY**

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES (in remembrance of loved ones) ARE IN THE PEWS.**

**PLEASE RETURN THEM BY:**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**



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# PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S



Saint Ann's Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 15th  
10:00 AM-Parish Center



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.

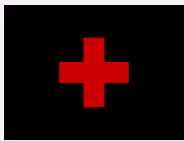


## First Communion Information

Rehearsal: May 12th , 6:30 PM  
First Communion: May 13th, 10:00 AM

Rehearsal: May 19th, 6:30 PM  
First Communion: May 20th, 10:00 AM

## W.B. COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Saint Ann's Church  
Parish Center  
Friday, April 14, 2017  
1:00 – 6:00 PM

To avoid the wait  
Call for an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Walk ins are also welcome!

## 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!**

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES  
ARE AT THE DOORS OF THE  
CHURCH.**

**In remembrance of loved ones**

**PLEASE RETURN THEM BY:  
APRIL 9, 2017**

