



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
EASTER SUNDAY
April 16, 2017*



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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.

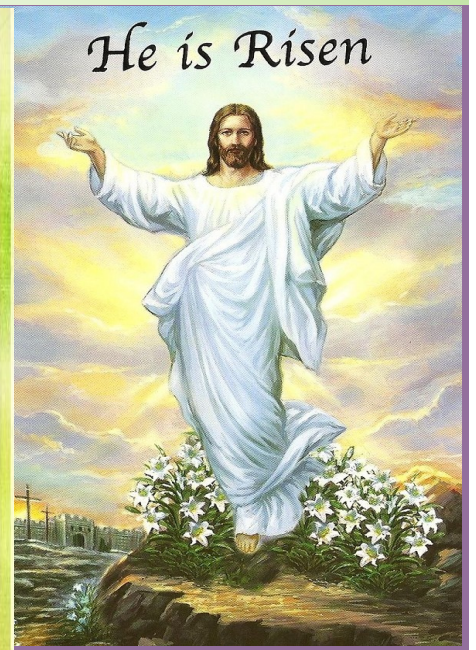
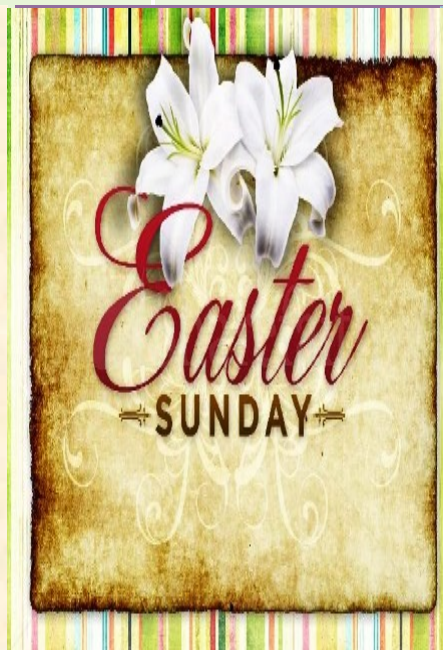
St Ann's

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 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

April 16, 2017—Easter Sunday

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, April 22, 2017

4:00 - Susan Fitzgerald — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — 15th Anniversary

10:30 - Susan Quill — 8th Anniversary

Mary Francis — 7th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:00 — Rema M. Lenser — Memorial

Saturday, April 22, 2017

4:00 - Richard Tratt — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:30 — David & Dorothy Sibor, Anthony S.

Irene & Anthony L. Domingas

10:30 — Rema M. Lenser — Memorial

DEACONS' CORNER

At this year's Easter Vigil at Saint John's Church, we welcomed several catechumens, then called the "elect" into full communion with the Catholic Church. They have experienced what is called the process of RCIA, the Rite of Christians Initiation of Adults. There are several steps to their long journey.

First, as "inquirers", they looked inward into their desire to learn about Jesus Christ and His gift of faith. Second, when they expressed a desire to learn about the Church's teachings, the traditions, and interpretations of Sacred Scripture, they became catechumens and spent much time with their Sponsors (Godparent) and Catechists in learning about what it is to be a Christian Catholic. There was a liturgical ceremony (rite) that declared their advancement as Catechumens. During this time, the catechists may invite other members of the community to the instruction to witness their own faith. Third, when the catechists, the catechumens' sponsors and the catechumen themselves felt ready to advance, they went into Holy Cross Cathedral to sign their names in the "Book of the Elect" and in that ceremony Cardinal Sean, the Archbishop of Boston, ratified their readiness to receive the sacraments of Initiation. This occurred on the First Sunday of Lent. They spent the remainder of the time leading up to the Easter Vigil in "solemn time of purification and enlightenment". During this time, they made a statement of Faith by reciting the creed. They were given the 'Lord's prayer. There are several ceremonies during this time when the pastor prays over them. When the elect came to Church on Easter Vigil, it was the first time they participated in the whole Mass. They were Baptized, if they has not been Baptized; and Confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Indeed, an occasion for us all to celebrate!!!

Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,



He is risen! Alleluia! We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song! Today's solemnity brings about a joy that no power can attain, no money can buy. Today, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, true to His Word, has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life. What a glorious day this is for all God's people.

I can remember growing up when Easter had a different "feel" than the other holidays/holy days. Family gatherings were a part of each of these times (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), and going to Mass was part of many of them (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), but Easter stood out for me. Perhaps it was when I came to the realization of what the day was about. Christmas was (and still is) a beautiful time of year, but often times the "commercialization" gets the better of even the best of intentions; I can't recall any "commercialization" ever being associated with Easter. The other thing about Easter which brings it to the "top of the list" for me is the gift of resurrection.

Don't get me wrong – I'm eternally grateful that God thought enough of us to give His Son for us at Christmas. Easter, however, is when one like us in all things (save for sin) gave His life for the world, so as to rise from the dead and win for us Eternal Life. Scripture tells us that "no greater love hath one, then to lay down their life for a friend" (Jn 15:13). This is what Jesus does for us in the Easter miracle – He lays down His life so that He might pick it up again, winning for us new life.

Easter comes at a time of new birth. In springtime, we see new life come into the world. How appropriate that our Easter celebration comes at this time. May this day (and season) be for us a time of "new birth." Let us look for opportunities to foster growth and revitalization in our parish and community. If you're joining us again for another week of worship, welcome back; you're the reason for our loving community! If you've been away from "the family" for a while, welcome home! May you find in the Collaborative Parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Ann's a home where you can put down "roots", planting yourself in the garden of God's loving care. In any event, no matter where you are on your "journey of faith", may you find in St. Ann's and St. John's a place where you can grow, flourish and "bear great fruit" for the sake of God's Kingdom and His Holy People!

A Blessed Easter to All,
Fr. Paul

Happy Easter!



From Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike, Fr. Peter Francis, Deacon Brendan, Deacon Joe, and the whole staff of Saint Ann's and Saint John's

Congratulations to the young men and women who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Saint Ann and Saint John. God bless them!

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.



"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5b-7

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



West Bridgewater Lions Club
Country/Western Night

Saturday, April 29

We Serve

7 PM—11 PM

SAINT ANN'S PARISH CENTER
Proceeds benefit:

Mass Eye Research
Hearing Aids

Don't Miss a Presentation by M.C. Sullivan

On April 23, 2017 at St. John's in the Main Church at 2 p.m.

Presenting the Catholic Church's guidance for caring for someone in critical care and end of life issues.

GUESS WHO IS COMING?

On May 3rd, 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 diocese to be visited by Our Lady. This will be a time to honor Our Lady and bring all the cares of our hearts to her for her intercession. Please join us! Watch for future bulletin notices.



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



L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

April 14th, 2017

An Easter Message of Gratitude and Joy

Today is a day to celebrate with the joy as Easter People. We are reminded of God's deep love for each of us. Fr. Paul has a vision for his Parishes to create a path for us to become a family united in faith and love that welcomes everyone no matter where they are on their faith journey. Almost one year ago, he brought this Ministry to the Collaborative, making it the only Ministry to serve both Parishes. Today is also a day to celebrate this vision!

Creating anything new is hard and has its good days and bad days. Human nature is to judge and measure success in ways like the dollar cost or the number in attendance. But faith isn't measured in human ways and scripture reminds us faith is in the small daily encounters we have with one another. Fr. Paul and I have had the extreme honor to witness these personal moments at every event the Parish and Youth Ministry has put on. These moments have been powerful and undeniable. In many cases the Holy Spirit's work has almost been physically visible. The testimony at the Auction from Grace, Luke and Paige spoke volumes as to the need for the Ministry not just for our youth but for us all!

Sometimes even ministerial work needs to prove itself in "human values" and that is what the Gala Night at the Auction was about. The Gala was created to celebrate those moments over the past three years and to dream what is yet to come for our new Collaborative venture. With almost 300 in attendance we celebrated, we got to know one another and created a path to move forward as a faith family. With the success of our Gala-there is no doubt our Ministry is doing exactly what it is called to do: create a vibrant and active faith family that welcomes all.

In human values, we did have a dollar figure we needed to meet that night in order to satisfy St. John's Financial Team concerns. I am humbled to say that thanks to the overwhelming generosity our night met that bar and was a financial success.

Be very proud my friends-and I mean those WHO made it physically to the event and those WHO were praying for us-the night was a huge success. Even in our crazy busy lives, no matter where we are on our own journey of faith- FAITH does have a place in our lives and we get it! There is no greater measurement of success then that. This was such a humbling experience to feel so much love and so much appreciation from so many.

Thank-you Fr. Paul for your vision-for your investment in us! You have brought us together. Thank-you for the small army of volunteers that pulled together such a well organized night. I don't have words strong enough to thank the Parishes for believing in the Ministry but I love you all!

In faith and love,
Nancy Smith.



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Google Calendars are available on our websites.



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

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime to join us!
Our office is always open for a visit, cup of tea, and your ideas.

2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip– Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st



The deadline to drop spots we registered for in September is just around the corner. This is an amazing, life changing trip for anyone entering 8th grade and older. We will join High School students from all over the country to serve the communities in Richmond.

The deposit is \$90.00. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information.

Reboot! Live!

Why is this evening something I should attend?

Chris Stefanick travels the world sharing his faith and inspiring his audiences. He does not charge the hosting Parish and covers his expenses based on ticket sales. We are no where near the ticket sale goals set by Re-Boot live and by all respects, Chris could have cancelled this event. I spoke with Chris and his team on Friday and I explained something very special is happening in our Collaborative. The Holy Spirit is working hard to help us build a vibrant and beautiful faith family and I believe our Parish needs Chris's amazing witness of Faith. His team prayed on it for a couple of hours and called me back to say, they agreed! They felt the Holy Spirit was indeed calling Chris to be with us! The Holy Spirit is calling-do you need any more proof of why you need to join this special night?

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



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 or email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com

Tickets are \$20.00

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.

We are excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of St. Ann.

On-line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 April 9, 2017 5,493

Below goal 407

Total Under Budget = \$15,153
 Special Parish Collection 1,527

Grand Annual Total - Mar 19 \$30,208
 Grand Annual goal \$36,000

April 16, 2017 — CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

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 —April 27th —6 PM
 First Communion —April 29th—9 AM

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

Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

When you make a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to your neighbors by giving them Easter hope and joy.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the many parishioners who made food, gift card and/or monetary donations during Lent. It is by your generosity that we were able to provide complete Easter meals for 45 families.

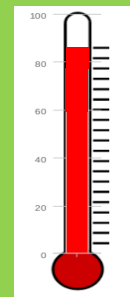
East Bridgewater residents who are in need of food or other assistance should contact the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Together we are making a difference.

ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOAL \$36,000

CURRENTLY \$30,193

We are so close—only 16% more to go.



**ATTENTION!!!!!!
 ADORATION IS MOVING TO TUESDAY NIGHTS**

7 PM

2ND AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Thank you to everyone who donated to the beautiful Easter Flowers.

Your generosity is truly appreciated.

God Bless.....



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

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

The entire collection on Easter Sunday Will go to fund the Clergy Benefit Trust which ensure that the Fr. Paul and Fr. Mike and all the priests who have served us well are taken care of in their elder years. Please be as generous as possible.

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PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

April 9, 2017 \$4,880

Special Parish Collection \$1,109



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



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.

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!



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
Walk ins are also welcome!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the beautiful Easter Flowers. Your generosity is Truly appreciated.



God Bless.....