



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
6th Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017*



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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. TBA

Daily Mass, Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

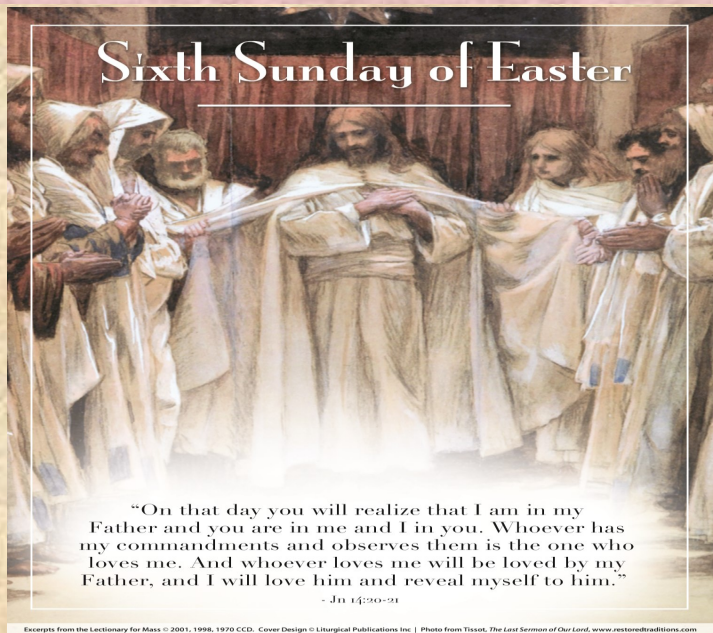
St Ann's

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

May 21, 2017—6th Sunday in Easter

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 20, 2017

4:00 - Leonard Shepard — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Tony & Lu Cruz — Memorial

Saturday, May 27, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:00 - All those in the military and their families

10:30 - That more will chose vocations within the church

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 20, 2017

4:00 — John Cusack — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:30 — Joseph Micciche — Birthday Remem

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, May 27, 2017

4:00 - Erminia Victoria—12th Anniversary

Sunday, May 28, 2017

8:30 — N. Patricia Flynn—Month's Mind

10:30 – Ruth Bayer — 20th Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER

The men living in the Bridgewater State Hospital, operated by Corrective Care Solutions are overwhelmed by the support and charity shown by the parishioners of the St. John / St Ann Collaborative. The clothing donations mean so much to these men who have so little. My prison ministry takes me there every Thursday evening to share scripture, prayer, and friendship with the residents. I thank you for your donations and so do the men.

With the summer coming and people's vacation schedules, we will be wrapping up our Monday night Bible Study until September. We still do have Adoration every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. throughout the summer at St. John the Evangelist. I welcome you to join us one evening as we offer our praise up to the Lord in quite reflective prayer. If you are in need of prayers yourself come and lay your cares at the feet of Jesus. Let us know your prayer requests and we will join you in your petitions or simply rest in the Lord for an hour set aside for personal prayer and praise.

May God Bless

Deacon Joe Hopgood



My Dear Friends in Christ,

As many of you know, I am a big fan of bumper stickers. I read them often times when I am stuck in traffic (which, unfortunately, is all too often!). A while back I read one that intrigued me so much that I sought it out and bought it; unfortunately I lost it in one of my recent moves. It read, simply but powerfully. "If God Had Wanted Us To Be Permissive, He Would Have Given Us 'The Ten **Suggestions**'" (emphasis added). The implication, of course, is that the Ten Commandments (the item in question) are just that...Commandments that we are obliged to follow.

Jesus, in today's gospel, calls on His disciples to follow the Commandments as a way of showing their love for Him. This is a challenging order, for them and for us. Luckily, Jesus does not leave them (or us) without help. He goes on further to tell them (and us) that He will ask the Father to send "another Advocate...the Spirit of truth..." (Jn 14:16-17)...the Holy Spirit. When we hear of the Holy Spirit, we tend to think of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This thought is not entirely wrong, but it is only part of the story. While we are "sealed with the Holy Spirit" at Confirmation, we have the Holy Spirit with us at all times...even before we are baptized. The relationship we have with the Holy Spirit is "sanctified" (that is, made holy) at Baptism, but we have the Spirit with us even before we are brought to life in our mother's womb. This is the great gift of God, this gift of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a gift of the Father that is always with us, always at our disposal. We are called to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are often listed as seven in number but which are truly infinite. We are called to rely on the Spirit when we find ourselves in need of God's guidance, strength, and love. We are called to see the Holy Spirit at work in others, so that we may emulate that behavior in ourselves; this is often done with Confirmation Sponsors and their Confirmandi. The works of the Spirit are infinite, as are the opportunities to see and employ those gifts. May we have the courage to rely not on our own "devices", but on these aforementioned gifts. May we know that God is always ready to lavish these gifts upon us, filling us to overflowing. May we share these gifts with all, especially those in need of God's grace, mercy, and love. May we pray those words we so often hear at Confirmation, and pray them often...**COME, HOLY SPIRIT AND FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH. AMEN.**

Have a Blessed (Continued) Easter,

Fr. Paul

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

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

AT ST. JOHN'S —7 PM

**EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**



We, Saint Ann and Saint John, are interested in your input. We would like to know how you think we are doing since we have become a collaboration. You ARE the parishes. Tell us what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Please fill out this form and return it in the baskets provided at the doors of the churches.

What do you feel is going well?

What would you like to see changed?

What improvements would you like to see?

Other?

The Increased Offertory Campaign:

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading and hearing more about a new program taking place in our parish. The program, the **Increased Offertory Campaign**, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 20%.

Currently Saint Ann's weekly collection is \$3,500. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$4,200.

Currently Saint John's weekly collection is \$5,500. To address our needs, we need to increase our income to \$6,600.

Each week, this space in the bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning the Increased Offertory Campaign. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.

Development Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 18th at

THANK YOU TO DEACON JOE FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN OBTAINING CLOTHING FOR THE PATIENTS AT BRIDGEWATER STATE HOSPITAL. DEACON JOE EXAMPLIFIES GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

CONNECT NOW is a new software program being offered to parishes within the Archdiocese of Boston. This program will allow the office personnel of the parishes to update the records and computerized them making the dissemination of information between parishes and between the offices of our parish much easier. Recently the Administrative Assistants and Directors of Religious Education of our collaborative went through the training for this program.

Our hope is to update our files and computerize information. This will backup all the Sacramental Records which are currently handwritten in the official books. We also hope to build a data base of parishioners for Saint Ann's and update the data base for Saint John's.

In the coming weeks, you will be asked to fill out a registration form for your family to help us in this endeavor. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASSES AT
9:00AM & 7:00
AT BOTH ST. ANN AND ST. JOHN**



St Ann and St. John Parish and Youth Ministry

Planning Underway for Next Year

It's time to begin planning for the second year of the Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry. Our calendar is open for daytime chats or evening chats- whatever works best for you and your friends. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com to schedule your coffee, ice tea, or park visit!

Looking for Homes for Mary to Visit

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 of your choice. The host home would pray the rosary as often as possible and even invite friends and family to join them 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.

STEUBENVILLE **FUEL**

July 14-16, 2017
U Mass Lowell

\$270 program, lodging, food
\$50.00 deposit due to reserve your spot

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

Hometown Mission Trip

Plans are underway to for a Hometown Mission Trip. In partnership with St. Vincent DePaul, a wonderful new idea had been created. Out of this collaborative brainstorming came the idea to create a day or two of service in East and West Bridgewater this summer. Tentative date will be Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th. Our Service Days will be looking for East or West Bridgewater residences that need help with yard work, simple home repair, or daily chores. Depending on the number of volunteers we will determine how many residents we will be able to help. It may also be possible to partner with other organizations in East and West Bridgewater to make these days successful. Our Hometown Mission Trip will need volunteers of all ages. You could volunteer for one day or both days. Volunteers with a variety of experiences and talents will help add to the service we are able to offer.

Summer Shindig

A great way to celebrate our days of service will be our 2nd Annual Country Shindig!
Saturday, July 8th at 5:00 pm
BBQ, Ponies, Games, Entertainment, Dancing
\$10.00 per person, \$25.00 family ticket, \$5.00 seniors/children
The event will take place in the backyard of St. John's Parish

Our Youth Leadership Team will plan this event and all youth are welcome to join in the planning!
We had a great time last year.

Pancakes with the Pastor

Sunday, May 21st
9:00-10:00
St. John's Parish
All are Welcome

1st Annual Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament is looking for individual golfers or Foursomes. The cost of registration is \$150.00 per person and will include a Tournament Gift Bag, 18 holes of Golf, a Cart and Lunch!

Friday, September 15th

River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater
8:00 am Shotgun Start

Tournament Games will include Long Drive, Closest to the Pin and more!

The Tournament is looking for Tournament Sponsors and Hole Sponsors. Please contact Russ at russchampoux@gmail.com

Cans and Bottles

We are collecting cans and bottles at both Parishes to help with travel costs for our Mission Trip to Richmond. Please bring your cans and bottles to Mass either May 27th or 28th or June 3rd or 4th. You may also bring them to the Rectory.

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

May 7, 2017 \$3,587



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.



First Communion Information

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 9th & Fri. May 12th, 6:30 PM
First Communion: May 13th, 10:00 AM

Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 16th & Friday May 19th, 6:30 PM
First Communion: May 20th, 10:00 AM

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!



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE BABY SHOWER.

Friends of the Unborn
Are truly Grateful.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH A SAINT ANN YARD SALE. ANYONE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY > 508-586-4880



MEAT RAFFLE
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017
1 PM
SAINT ANN'S PAISH CENTER
BE THERE!

SATURDAY, MAY 20 & SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—LYNNE LINDSEY
8:30 —MARTIN HEAVEY
10:30—BENJAMIN WILLIAMS

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

4 PM — ANNE GARVEY
ANN ZENUS
JOE RITUCCI

8:30 — LYNN WINKLER
MARY ANN CHARTIER
LINDA SANTRY

10:30 — MARGARET MARY WILLIAMS
ANGIE RAMOS
PETER DELSETTE

To strengthen stewardship at St. Ann Parish, we request that you to consider utilizing a new and easier way to support our parish...Electronic Giving.

After careful consideration and research, Father Ring and the Finance Council have agreed to make a viable effort to provide our community with a new and better way to support our church. We hope that your family will also join this spiritual movement and offer your commitments of treasure via a secure, convenient and automatic on-line giving platform.

More information will be forthcoming on the process to set this system up.



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

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

ON-LINE GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S



To strengthen stewardship at St. John the Evangelist Parish, we request that you to consider utilizing a new and easier way to support our parish... **Electronic Giving.**

St. John's has offered on-line giving for a few years now and the people who use it find it very convenient and safe. Some use it in conjunction with the envelope system; some use on-line only.

Please visit the parish website stjohnsb.org or contact the parish office at 508-378-4207 to receive more information.



<i>St John's Shared Treasure:</i>	Goal \$5,900
May 14—Offertory	4,852
<i>Below goal:</i>	<i>1,048</i>
Snow Removal	549
Total Under Budget = \$12,919	
Grand Annual	\$31,211

May 21, 2017 — No second 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 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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

When we help our neighbor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who need our help.

East Bridgewater residents in need of food or other assistance should contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-376**

Any East Bridgewater resident who is in need of food or other assistance should call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY SAINT JOHN STUDENTS GRADUATING THIS YEAR

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OR RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION. (Don't forget we are at the rectory in West Bridgewater)

Time is of the essence.



Saint John's Yard Sale Friday, June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd

Any donations to this effort would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off Friday or left in the barn. Help is always welcome.

Proceeds will go to Catholic Women's Club



CHESTER S. SHALGINEWICZ SCHOLARSHIP BIKE RUN

JUNE 3, 2017
PROCEEDS WILL PROVIDE
FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS

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