



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**January 14, 2018**

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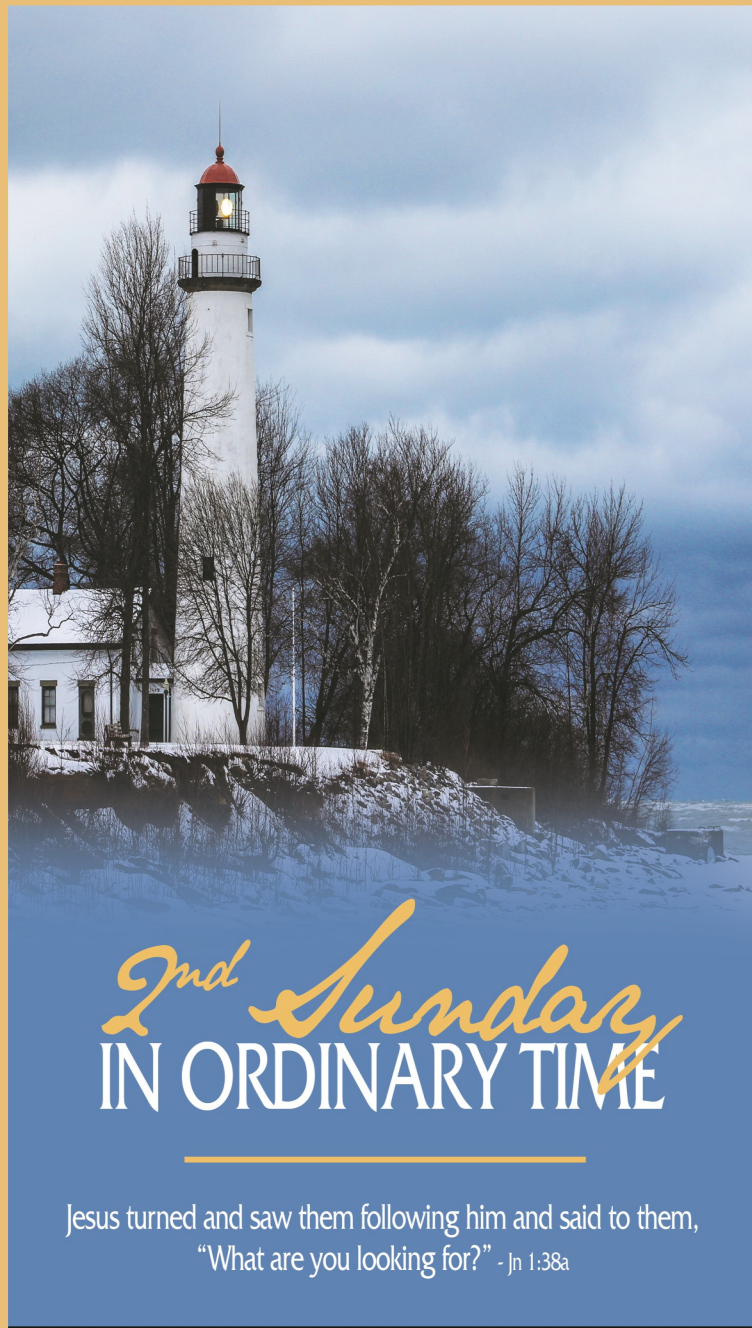
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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**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**



*2nd Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,  
"What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

January 14, 2018—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 — Joan Ellen Ireland — Month's Mind

#### Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Yvonne Blauss — Memorial

#### Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:00 — James Clancy — 6th Anniversary

#### Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:00 — Patrick Abati — 28th

Wendel Harrington—11th

10:30 — Parishioners of St. John

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4:00 — Vinnie Zariewski — Memorial

William Reynolds Family

#### Sunday, January 14, 2018

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10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:00 - Shirley Brady & Lee Ann Brady —

Memorial

#### Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Miriam May Short — Memorial



My Dear Friends in Christ,

My journey to priesthood was, to say the least, a circuitous one. I can remember the first time anyone inquired about my entering the priesthood; it was my pastor, and I literally laughed in the man's face. Not a scornful laugh, but an incredulous one. I couldn't understand why he thought I would be a good priest. Over the course of the next six months, two other folks (my great-aunt, a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, and my high school chaplain (a diocesan priest)) asked me that very same question. It was then that I understood what Eli and Samuel went through. God's call to Samuel was at first misunderstood and misappropriated (to Eli), but then with Eli's help Samuel was able to answer God in the manner which was appropriate.

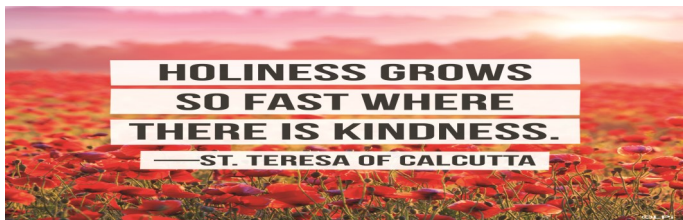
When we think of vocations, we invariably think of priesthood or religious life, which is fair enough I suppose. They are both pretty "high profile" ways of living out one's faith. We do a disservice to God's call to each of us, however, if we limit our thinking to just those two ways of life. Each of us has a vocation, a "call" (which is what the word "vocation" means) from God to fulfill our baptismal promises which, while made by our parents are lived out by us. For most, it means living "secular" lives by gospel (and not worldly) values remaining true to God in word and deed. For some, it means living a professed life consecrating themselves to God in a unique, singular way by means of vows or promises. For all, it means opening up one's heart to the call of God by putting Him first in our lives.

In today's gospel, Jesus offers an invitation to the two disciples of John. After they inquire as to where He is staying, Jesus invites them to "come and see" (Jn 1:39). This simple, yet profound invitation comes with the implication that they (and others) lives' will be changed. This change takes place in the heart, for our lives of faith in Jesus are movements of the heart. We can debate, discuss and deliberate, but what it comes down to is the gift of discernment. We must look within our hearts to see who it is God is calling us to be. For each of us (even those living similar lives), it will be different. Not all priests are the same; not all married couples are the same; not all single men and women are the same. This is a good thing, for it points out the unique nature of our vocation. It is something which is, ultimately, between us and God. It is not something someone else can discern or live – it is for us, and us alone, to do.

May we have the courage to look within our hearts to see who it is God is calling us to be. May we know that in this call we are fulfilling our baptismal call. May we be open to anything the Lord asks of us, even our very lives. May the call of God, imprinted on our hearts at baptism, be lived out with courage each and every day.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Paul

## DEACON'S CORNER



In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

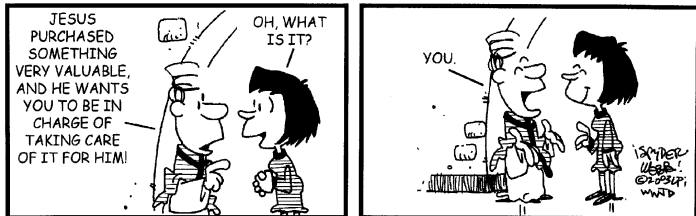
St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION  
 This week — No Second Collection  
 Next week — No Collection,

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	12/24/17	12/31/17	12/24/17	12/31/17	
*In-Pew Giving	\$9,066	\$3,339	\$6,273.50	\$4,373.50	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd		\$32,000			\$18,748 \$32,000
Figures will be updated in our next bulletin when they are available.					

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Why do we Baptize in the Catholic Church?

**The Catholic Church teaches** that Baptism is both necessary for salvation and regenerative, causing us to be reborn as children of God. Through Baptism we receive the life-giving, sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit. This grace wipes away Original Sin that stains each soul because of the fallen nature we inherited from Adam and Eve. The Church prescribes Baptism by water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as the normative gateway to God and his family, the Church. The Church has baptized infants from the earliest times and continues to do so today. The Church also teaches that catechesis must follow Baptism to properly assist the baptized on his Christian journey. Both immersion and sprinkling are acceptable forms of Baptism in the Catholic Church.

**Takes away all sin.** Now, why delay? Get up and have yourself baptized and your sins washed away, calling upon his name. *Acts 22:16*

**To be administered to children.** People were bringing even infants to him ... whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. *Luke 18:15-17*

**Give your children the sacrament of Baptism.**

**And follow that up with a strong faith and knowledge that God loves them  
 To help them face all the difficulties of  
 This world.**

## 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

## 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.

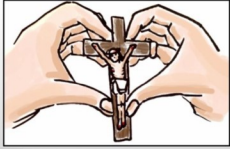
## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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



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



**Common Cathedral – Boston**  
**Feeding the Homeless on Boston Common**  
**Sunday, January 28th**



We will join the Common Cathedral for the second year. We are looking for donations for the lunches: bread, fruit, chips, dessert, napkins, lunch meats, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, chicken salad. We need to provide at least 100 lunches. Volunteers will be needed to assemble the sandwiches from 8:00 am –9:00 am on Sunday morning at St. John. A team of at least 10 people will also be needed to head into Boston to serve the lunch and join in a prayer service held right on the Common. The was a wonderful event last year. We were able to provide lunch and dinner for the homeless due to the overwhelming donations for lunch. All ages are welcome to volunteer for this wonderful project.

**Pasta with the Pastor– St. Ann’s Rectory Welcomes You on 1/20**

One of our most enjoyable programs last year was Pancakes with the Pastor. Folks at St. Ann’s really wanted an option for them because many could not attend due to the Religious Education Classes so we came up with Pasta with the Pastor on a Saturday night. Those plans needed to be altered with the addition of Brockton Youth Hockey Bingo in the Hall on Saturday night. It took us a little while, but with the wonderful friendship, conversations and good food that took place at our Christmas Open House, we have decided to hold Pasta with the Pastor in the Rectory at St. Ann’s. We hope you will join us for great conversation and the opportunity to get to know one another!

**Scout Family Mass**

Scouts of all Faiths are invited to a Scout Sunday Family Mass on February 4th at 10:30 am Mass. Scouts are invited to participate in the Mass with our Families. A breakfast will follow in the hall sponsored by the Scouts.



**Calendar**

- 1/19: Prayer Group at St. Ann 10:00-11:30 am
  - 1/20: Pasta with the Pastor at St. Ann’s Rectory at 5:00 pm.
  - 1/21: Family Mass at St. Ann 10:30 am
  - 1/25: Adult Committee Meeting
  - 1/28: Pancakes with the Pastor at St. John’s from 9:00-10:00 am
  - 1/28: Common Cathedral on Boston Common feeding the homeless lunch 11:00 am
  - 2/2: First Friday Adoration at St. Ann 6:45-8:00 pm
  - 2/4: Scout Family Mass at St. John at 10:30 am
- Save the Date:  
2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction  
April 6th-Emerald Hall, Abington

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**Prayers are Requested!**

The statue has been traveling from home to home giving families the opportunity to pray together for our Parish and for personal intentions. We are looking for families to “host” Mary for the weeks leading up to our Lenten Mission. She comes with a rosary and other materials.



**Winter Wonderland is Happening Now!**

The Ministry was ready to move in a different direction with our annual ski trip. One of our wonderful teens redesigned the trip and we have a group of 21 enjoying North Conway. Thank-you Delaney Lyons for bringing us together! This is perfect example of our Ministry working at its best!

**Family Mass**

Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



**Please Save the Date for our Lenten Mission**

A Step Towards Becoming a Saint

Saturday, February 17th-Tuesday, February 20th

Featuring:

Jimmy Mitchell and DJ Anderson

Check our web-sites, social media or future bulletins for more information



**MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER**

*St. Vincent de Paul*

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory.

**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

**POST OFFICE BOX WILL BE  
DISCONTINUED.**



**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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2018

**A PRAYER FOR CHRITIAN UNITY**

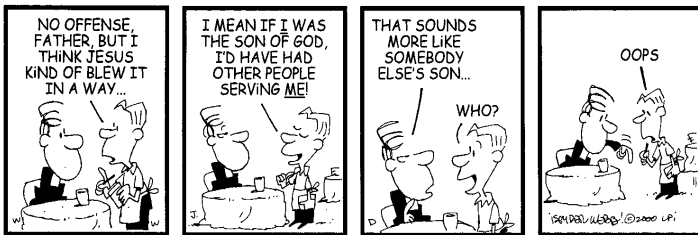
Eternal Father,  
we praise you for sending your Son  
to be one of us and to save us.  
Look upon your people with mercy,  
for we are divided in so many ways,  
and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

**A Prayer for Personal Healing**

God, you know me so well. You created me. You know the number of hairs on my head, and you even know the thoughts conceived in my heart before I ever vocalize them. You've told us to come to you and ask for every need of life. You are Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals, and you have the final word on my destiny, the number of years I'll live and serve you on earth.

I'm coming to you today as your child, longing to hear from you and asking for your divine healing. There's so much I don't understand about life. But I do know that with one touch, one word, you can make me whole. Please forgive me of my sins, cleansme of my unrighteousness, and begin your healing from the inside out.

**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 Bundeff, 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 Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

# IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/1/18—1/21/18 — Donations for Baby Shower Taken
- 1/11/18 — Ultraya — 7:00 PM at St Johns
- 1/12- 1/15/18 — Ski Weekend
- 1/14 — Shawl Meeting — 2 PM at Riddell Road
- 1/19/18 — Pasta with the Pastor 5:00-6:00; Youth Ministry — 6:00—7:00; Family Night 7:00—8:30 at St. Johns
- 1/28/18 — Pancakes with the Pastor — 9 AM—10 AM
- 1/28/18 — Common Cathedral at Boston Common 12:00 Noon
- 1/27/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM MASS
- 1/29/18 — Rosary Meeting — 10 AM — Riddell Road

## St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference



In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

**Together we are a sign of God's love to those in our community who are struggling and we give them reason to believe, to trust and to be happy!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is always in need of monetary and food donations. Please consider making us one of your New Year's Resolutions. Together we are making a difference!




Some of you are already giving on-line and know the convenience of this process. For you this transition will be simple. It will be like changing stores.

For those of you who have never used the on-line program, it will be like driving one of the new cars that does everything for you.

St. John's went to on-line giving as a convenience for it's parishioners about 4-5 years ago. You have complete control of your offerings from the comfort of your home. It is very much like on-line banking. You do not have to remember envelopes or you can use your envelopes as reminders of the up-coming collection. It is perfectly safe. We will be presenting this program in the next few weeks. Please give it some thought.

Archdiocese  
Pro Life Baby Shower  
The Crib is up  
And will  
Be up until  
January 21st.



All donations assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese.

**Needed Item:**  
Blanket sleepers size 0-6 months & 6- 12 months.  
Onesies Girl & Boys size Newborn & 0-3 month  
Warm Outfits — Boy & Girls size Newborn, 0-3, 3-6, & 6-12 months  
Bottles—4 oz. & 8 oz.  
Diapers Newborn & size 4  
Receiving Blankets (flannel)  
Diaper Bag

No furniture or equipment  
Please!

*Q I was recently asked to be my niece's godmother, and I am wondering if the responsibilities of godparents have changed since I was a child?*

**A** The Rite of Baptism for Children was promulgated in 1969. One of the purposes of the new rite was to express more clearly the role and responsibilities of the parents and godparents. The emphasis is on the role of parents as the primary educators in faith of their children. By their example, they will teach their children about God, about loving their neighbor, practicing the mysteries of the church and growing in their faith. Godparents are charged with helping the parents in their duties. Perhaps they best achieve this by being examples of faith, showing their godchild by word and deed what it means to be a practicing Catholic. As the child grows older, this is especially important, and your attendance/participation at first penance and first Communion, confirmation and other church related activities makes a big impression.

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