



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*January 21, 2018*

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**EUCHARISTIC 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

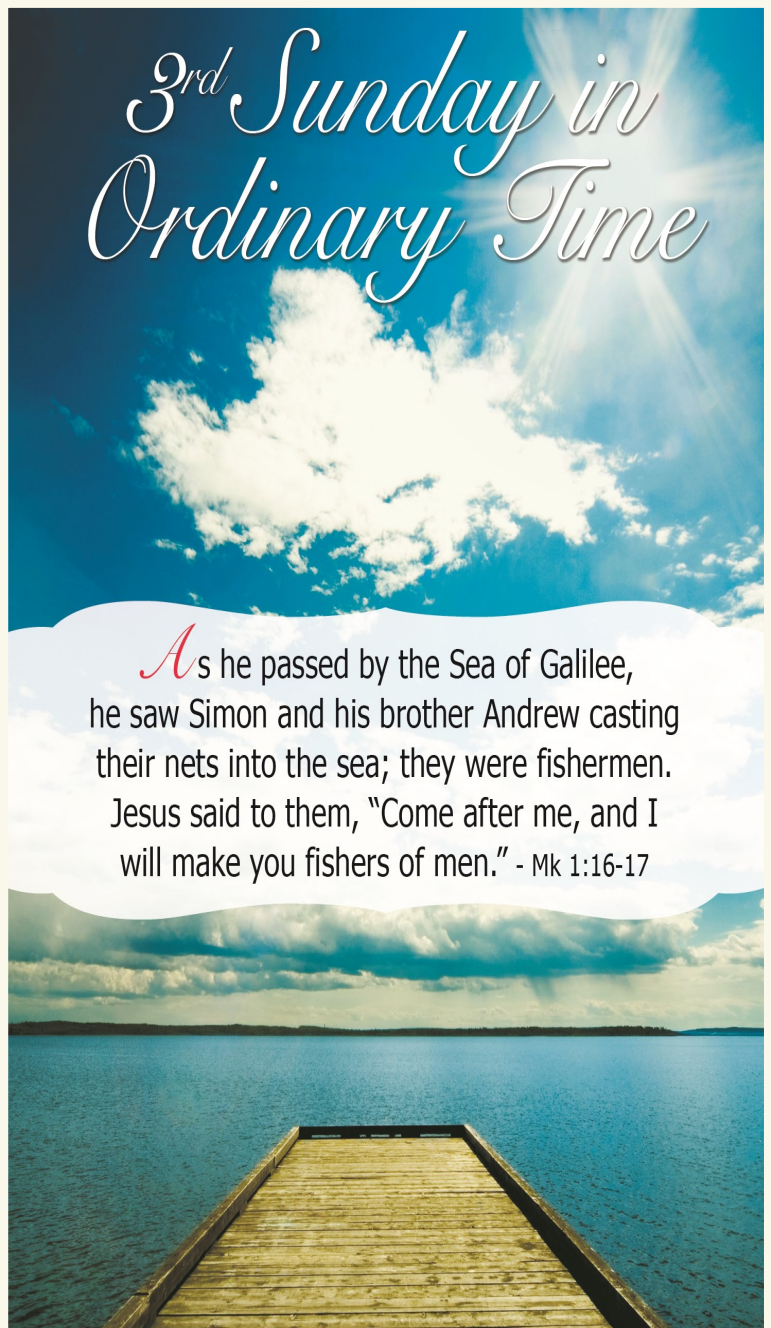
Divine Mercy every Thursday  
After Mass

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.— 9:00 a.m

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*As* he passed by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting  
their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.  
Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I  
will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17



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**St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, January 27, 2018**

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

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John  
10:30 — Yvonne Blauss — Memorial

**St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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**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

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

4:00 — Shirley Brady & Lee Ann Brady — Mem

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

Miriam May Short — Memorial

**DEACON’S CORNER BY DEACON BRENDAN**

A few thoughts on this forty-fourth Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision permitting a woman to seek and have an abortion. The following thoughts are from a well known Redemptorist, Father Joe Manton of Mission Church:

“It is true that the Supreme Court has made abortion legal. But no Supreme Court can ever make abortion moral. They will tell you abortion is a medical matter, or a social matter, not a religious matter. Certainly not a Catholic matter. And here how precisely right they are.

Abortion was wrong back in the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, long before there was ever a Catholic Church.

True the Catholic Church opposes and condemns abortion. But it also condemns larceny, bribery, perjury. These crimes are not wrong because the Catholic Church condemns them. The Catholic Church condemns them because they are wrong.”



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Back in high school, I was asked by my pastor if I had ever considered a vocation to the priesthood. I can remember distinctly the reaction I had to that inquiry: I laughed in his face! There was no disrespected intended, for I was sure that he was joking; when he said that he wasn’t, I was, to say the least, contrite if not downright remorseful. This encounter was then followed by two other (seemingly, at the moment) unrelated conversations. When the third conversation occurred surrounding this same topic I was, indeed, intrigued. Was God actually calling *me* to the priesthood? Did I dare say yes? When I did, eventually, say yes, my whole world changed. I realized that God was, indeed, calling me to become a “fisher of men” (Mk 1:17).

In today’s gospel, the response of the first followers of Jesus was far more immediate and sure. They left everything they had and followed Jesus, which must have taken extraordinary faith and courage. To leave everything you know, everything that holds you secure is an amazing “leap of faith”. This is what God is calling us to do, to respond to our baptismal call by following Him. Yes, it does take an incredible amount of faith to do this, but when we do the results can be life-changing. We may not be called to leave everything we know, but that’s not really the point of today’s gospel. In its wider context, the gospel passage today is calling us to look within our own circles of friends, our own families, to see who needs to be “reeled in”. There are many of our own who are “adrift” who are looking for “safe harbor”, and we can be the one who brings them “safely to shore”.

We can’t be sure of what was going through the minds of those first disciples, but we know that there was something alluring about Jesus’ call to them. It made them give up everything they knew, everything that held them secure, to follow Him. Is God calling us to something, something beyond ourselves? Is God calling us, by virtue of our baptismal call, to be disciples, to be (in paraphrasing the gospel) “fishers of people”? It could very well be that God is calling us and, for whatever reason – it could be apathy, fear or doubt – we are not responding as fully as we could/should be. Let us have the same trust the first disciples did. Let us attune our hearts to hear the call of Jesus so that others may come to know what we have come to know: that Jesus has come into the world to follow Him, now and into the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION  
 This week — No Second Collection  
 Next week — Support of the Church Around the World

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS		St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		1/07/18		1/07/18		
*In-Pew Giving		\$3,258	\$3,680	\$6,488.50		\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	coll'd	\$3,905	\$32,000		\$22,988	\$32,000

## October, 2017

Over the past several months the special collection schedule was reviewed in an effort to identify ways in which as an Archdiocese we can continue to support the wider needs of the Church but at the same time reduce the number of collections being taken up. With the assistance of the IFRM Review Committee, we identified an opportunity to strategically look at the collections in light of the mission of the Catholic Church and not as individual collections **In doing so, we were able to group collections and reduce the number of collections from 17 to 10;** collections are now grouped under a common mission category.

### SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD.

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe the three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.



DESPERATLY IN NEED OF SOMEONE WHO CAN SNOW BLOW AND SHOVEL OUT SAINT ANN'S AFTER SNOW STORMS.

PRICE NEGOTIABLE.  
 SNOW BLOWER & SHOVELS PROVIDED.  
 PLOWING THE PARKING LOT IS NOT NECESSARY AS THIS IS UNDER CONTACT.

PLEASE CALL RECTORY IF INTERESTED.  
 508-586-4480 OR 508-378-4207

### 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.



The Lord calls each of us to live a life of holiness, a life of friendship with God. It is a call that we acknowledge, or others acknowledge for us, at Baptism, a call we respond to as we follow the Commandments and the precepts of the Church. It is the Universal Call to Holiness.

In the Ordained Priesthood, which includes bishops, priests and deacons, a man is configured to Christ as head and shepherd, of the Church.

There is a great need in the Church today to increase the numbers responding to the call to priesthood. Each of us has a role to play in this effort, building awareness and inviting the young people in our families and communities to be open to this call. It begins with teaching children to pray, to have a relationship with Christ. When we do that, we can have confidence they will respond to His call.



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

**Contact US:**

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Websites: stjohneb.org

stannswb.com

**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

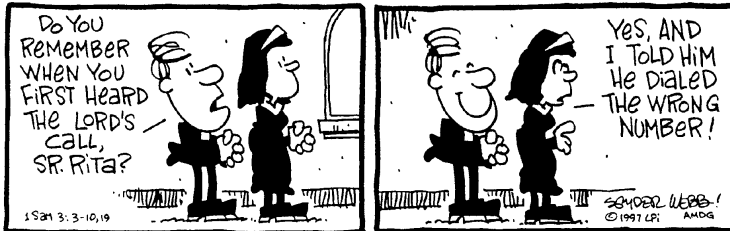
**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

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.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Q** My fiancée and I are planning our wedding for next year. We still have to attend classes and meet with a priest. What should we expect from the classes? Does the priest test us to see if we are ready to be married?

**A** For many years the church has tried to help couples prepare for marriage. The rising divorce rate, as well as the recognition of marriage as a sacrament, led to the development of Marriage Prep Dialogues and Engaged Encounter Weekends. Both programs are designed to encourage couples to discuss the basic fundamentals of relationship within the context of marriage: communication, finance, sexuality, spirituality and values and goals. Open and honest dialogue, as well as a sense of shared values, can make a big difference in a marriage. The classes are not a "how to" course, but provide information and encouragement as you discuss how you will live your married life.

The married couples in these programs often share their own experience and information as a guide and example. The priest may give some spiritual insights on how living the sacrament of marriage differs from the legal understanding of marriage. He is not there to test you, but rather to help you cover all the bases and be certain that you and your future spouse are well-informed and prepared to take on the responsibilities and commitment of marriage. The goal of marriage is union and love. Openness, honesty, trust, and love are the glue that keeps couples together for a lifetime.

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**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.



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

*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 Grace Cosgrove, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's people is indeed living gospel values.

**Have you considered answering the call to serve thy neighbor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If you are interested leave a message on our HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.**

Do you know anyone in East Bridgewater who is in need of food or other assistance? If so please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.**



FAQ regarding our New On-Line Giving Program:

**Is ConnentNow Giving Safe?**

Online Giving meet the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) ato ensure safe and confidential transactions. IN fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the ConnectNow Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

**What are the advantages of ConnectNow Giving?**

ConnectNow Giving makes it easy to give, even when you are unable to attend church. You never have to bring cash, checks, or giving envelopes to church. ConnectNow Giving is secure. You can trust that your information is safe. Giving Electronically also helps the church save money and plan its budget!

**How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?**

Once you complete the online registration form, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

**If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight? *Continued on next page***

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 1/14 — Shawl Meeting — 2 PM at Riddell Road
- 1/27/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM MASS
- 1/29/18 — Rosary Meeting — 10 AM — Riddell Road

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Archdiocese  
Pro Life Baby Shower

Today is the last day for  
Donations.

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!

## CONNECTNOW ON-LINE GIVING CON'T

Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement as well as your online reports.

### **How can I prove I made my contribution?**

Your bank statement and the ConnctNow Giving system both provide reports that document your electronic transactions.

### **How much does ConnectNow Giving cost?**

It costs absolutely nothing!

### **What if I try ConnectNow Giving and don't like it?**

You can cancel your authorization by canceling your gifts and donation dates at any time.

### **How Do I sign up for ConnectNow Giving?**

Visit your church website at [www.stjohnsb.org](http://www.stjohnsb.org)

Click on the ConnectNOW Giving link.

Complete the online registration form.

## Current collaborative Pastoral Parish Council

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