



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



January 28, 2018

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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



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy
One of God!" - Mk 1:24

January 28, 2018—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 27, 2018

4:00 — Mary & John Barry — Memorial

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:00 — Edward Coughlin — 16th Anniversary

10:30 — Yvonne Blauss — Memorial

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00 — Geraldine Nadolny — Month’s Mind

Joseph Nadolny — Anniversary

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00 — Barbara Sullivan — Month’s Mind

10:30 — Christopher Thompson — 21st Ann.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 27, 2018

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Christine Cole — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 4th Anniversary

10:30 - Martha J., Teresa, Daniel W. Andrew H Miles — Memorial

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 — Allan & Pauline Ashley — Memorial



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout (both salvation and human) history there have been those who have made claims on Christianity or who have said that “God told them...”. I am not going to tell you that God is or is not speaking through them – that would be presumptuous of me to say “yea” or “nay” to whether or not God is using these folks to “promote” His message. I do know, and can say, that those who presume to speak for God had better be doing so, or woe to them!

Today’s readings reflect the theme of divine authority. It is seen in the prophetic utterings of Moses, the exhortation of St. Paul and the power with which Jesus exercises (or should I say “exorcises”, in the case of today’s gospel?) His authority. Moses is ready to move on from the mission given him by God; the promise Moses makes that another prophetic voice will come forward is meant to give comfort to the Israelite community. The continuity of this relationship comes through that prophetic relationship God has with His people. In the second reading, St. Paul makes it clear that one should focus in on one’s calling; for reasons of “keeping focus”, Paul feels it better that if one is to serve God, it would be better for them not to be married. This is not to say that married folks *can’t* serve the Lord, but it can be a “distraction”. In today’s gospel, the authority with which Jesus exercises His ministry is clearly seen by friend (disciples) and foe (demons) alike.

This idea of divine authority comes through in our lives as well. If one is to presume to speak for God, one had better know about what one is talking. Such a person who feels the need to communicate the desires of the Almighty One had better have their own “house” in order. This is not to say that one need be perfect to engage in ministry and mission – far from it; often times one is who is “flawed”, but who has met and overcome these flaws, can serve God well in helping others overcome those same difficulties. One who does feel “called” to speak for God, however, had better have communicated (through prayer) with God before making such a bold, public proclamation.

We are called, by virtue of our baptism, to speak our faith with conviction and authority. We are called, as Catholic-Christians, to “speak the truth in love” when it comes to our faith. May we have the courage to speak these truths. May we also have the courage to “know what we don’t know” and never presume to speak those things over which we have no mastery, authority or knowledge. May we know, through prayerful consideration, to know the difference between the two! May God continue to reveal Himself to us, so that we may bring to the world all of the good things God has in store for us.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

DEACON'S CORNER

To be grateful
is to recognize
the love of God
in everything he
has given us—
and he has given us
everything.

—THOMAS MERTON

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week —Support of the Church Around the World
 Next week —

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS		St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		1/14/18		1/14/18		
*In-Pew Giving		\$3,338	\$3,680	\$5,312.50		\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	coll'd	\$6,195	\$32,000	\$23,238		\$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.

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world where there are insufficient resources for evangelization and formation. 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.



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

PLEASE CALL THE 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COLLEGE KNIGHTS: LEADERS FOR LIFE.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a field agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance, Annuity and Long Term Care Program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information on this exciting career opportunity, please contact Michael R. Capobianco, General Agent at (508) 238-2300.

GO PATS!!!!



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

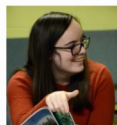


Step Towards Becoming a Saint! Lenten Mission

February 17th-February 20th



Spotlight
Program



A special Invitation for young adults and high school students!
Sunday, February 18th-February 19th
beginning at noon on Sunday
Miramar Retreat Center-Duxbury



An overnight retreat that will give us the opportunity
to step deeper into the love our faith has for us and change

our lives with the beauty of holiness. We have space for 30 and space for 5 chaperones!

Calendar

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

2/8-Ultreya at St. John at 7:00 pm
2/10-Pasta with the Pastor at St.
Ann's Rectory at 5:00 pm

2/16- Prayer Group at St. John at
10:00 am

Save the Date:

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction
April 6th-Emerald Hall, Abington

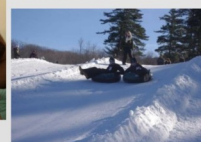
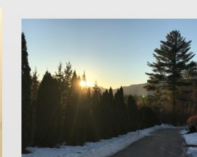
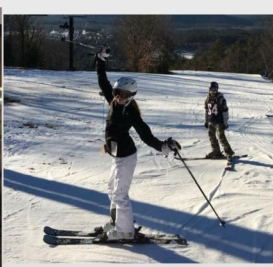


This fundraiser will benefit the Collaborative
and the Parish and Youth Ministry

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction!
Friday , April 6th at Emerald Hall in Abington
\$12.00 Senior Ticket,, \$25.00 adult ticket
Early Bird Seating and Raffles beginning at 5:00 pm
General Dinner at 7:00 pm

We are looking for people to help us plan this wonderful event. We have lots we
would like to improve on from our first event last year while keeping the great
success the event was!

Silent Auction, Raffles, More Dancing with a DJ, and much more!



Winter Wonderland Weekend!

We would like to thank Delaney Lyons and her Dad-Rob for designing a very special weekend!

From Rebecca Dawson: "Everyone in my crew had a blast and couldn't stop talking about the weekend...thank you so much to all the chaperones (Kevin and Nancy Smith, Fr. Paul, and Rob Lyons) for dedicating your entire long weekend and many hours of planning this special trip, and for taking such good care of all of the kids! And great job designing the weekend, Delaney Lyons!!! It's experiences like this one that deepen and strengthen not just the bonds between the people who go, but also their faith, and that is everything. It happens every year, and I am beyond grateful for it every time...as well as for the ones I've experienced myself!"



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

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 HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 14TH THIS YEAR.

MASSES AT SAINT JOHN — 9:00 AM

MASSES AT SAINT ANN — 7:00 PM

BLESSING OF THE
AT THE END OF
THE WEEKEND OF



THROATS WILL BE
EACH MASS ON
FEB. 3RD & 4TH.



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.

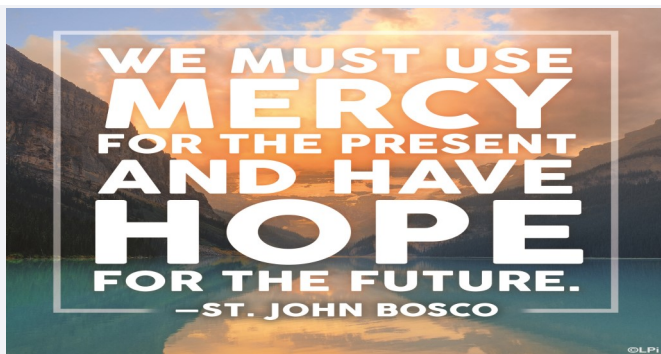
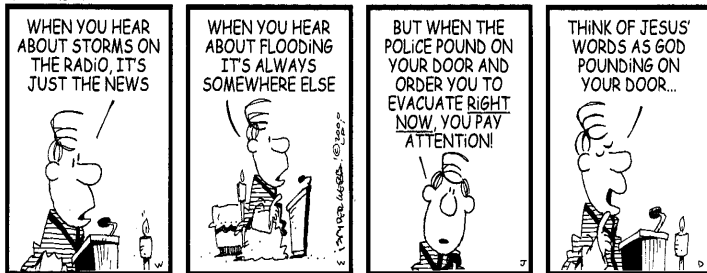
Q A special blessing of throats occurs on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3. What is the origin of this?

A St Blaise, Biagio in Italian, Blasco or Blas in Spanish, was a bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in modern Turkey, who was martyred for witnessing to the faith. He was tortured and beheaded for his beliefs by the local Roman governor around AD 316. This is all that is known about him, the rest being legend. We know much more about devotion to and the popularity of St. Blaise than historical facts.

The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western Church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church.

No matter what the facts are, St. Blaise is a constant reminder to us of God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's healing touch is with us always. St. Blaise's celebration is one of the ways in which we highlight and thank God for that care and concern.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

EVENING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES

WILL BE MOVED TO

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 5TH,
AT 6:30 PM

GO PATS!!!!!!

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

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 Bundeffer, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

1/27/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM MASS
1/29/18 — Rosary Meeting — 10 AM — Riddell Road
2/3&4/18 — BLESSING OF THROATS AT MASSES
2/14/18 — ASH WEDNESDAY — MASSES:
9:00 — St. John's; 7:00 — St. Ann's

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

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping those who are struggling in our own community.

Through your food and monetary donations the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John Parish is able to assist individuals and families in East Bridgewater with food, fuel oil, utilities, rent and other necessities. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Anyone in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOT-LINE** at **508-378-3760**.

Together we are making a difference.



FAQ regarding our New On-Line Giving Program:

Is ConnectNow Giving Safe?

Online Giving meet the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to 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*



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 ConnectNow 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

Click on the ConnectNow Giving link.

Complete the online registration form.

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