



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017*



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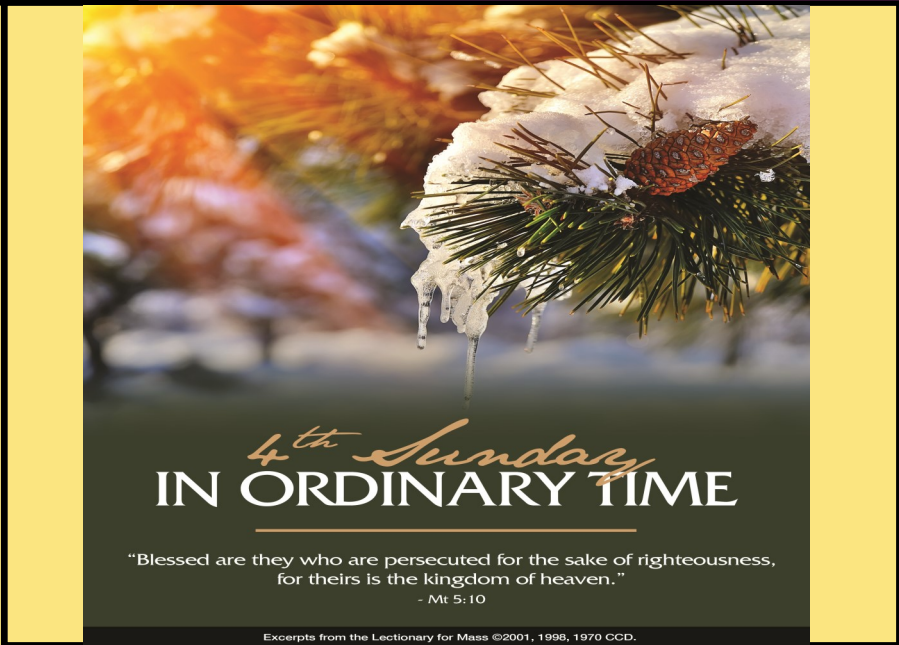
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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 Wednesday 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

JANUARY 29th—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 28, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:00 - Patrick Abati — 27th Anniversary

Wendle Harrington — 10th Anniversary

10:30 - The souls of the departed

Saturday, February 4, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:00 - Robert E. & Theresa F Mason,

John F. & Mary J. Doherty — Memorial

10:30 - Christopher Thompson — 20th Anniv.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 28, 2017

4:00 - Annette Bean—25th Anniversary

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Christine Cole—Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, February 4, 2017

4:00 — Arlene R. DeCoste — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 5, 2017

8:30 - James (Jim) Baker — 3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS' CORNER

This week I ask that you keep all those who are marching in Washington DC and throughout the country for the March for Life in your prayers. This past weekend Deacon Brendan and I hosted a Holy Hour for life at St Ann's for the Collaborative. It was attended by about 25 parishioners. During that Holy Hour we prayed that the sanctity of all life would be recognized. When one enters into marriage you love your spouse more than yourself. You are placing your spouse's needs before your own. In a very special way this relationship is the closest way for us to see the relationship between the Son and Father and Christ and his love for us. When it comes to the Right to life debate many are self-focused rather than focused on the life that is within their womb. The gift of life is a miracle from God. Anyone who has seen an ultrasound of a baby in the womb or witnessed the birth of their child can appreciate this. We as Christians, and all people need to speak up for those who cannot speak as they continue to grow within their mother's womb. For the mother and father of those children, we must provide the help and support needed for the child to be born healthy and not terminated. This help is available through many organizations if one only asks. Most importantly, in all our dialogues we must enter into these discussions in a spirit of love and mercy, just as Christ.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, I attended a seminar which “unpacked” the Beatitudes. The presenter spoke of the Beatitudes as a “blueprint”, outlining them as “Be-Attitudes”. In this way, they become more than just pious platitudes – they become concrete ways of living, acting and being. This is very important for us in the modern age, for we can look at many of Jesus’ pronouncements as ideals, things for which we can strive, but not really “livable”.

When we look at the Beatitudes, they are not ways of being which happen all at once; for all, however, they *do* happen. There are different times of our lives when we mourn, are called to be peacemakers, to be meek, to be merciful and the like. Many of these “ways of living”/“states in life” happen as a result of us living in the world; many happen because of our lives rooted in faith. When we lose a loved one, we mourn; when we see hurt, violence or injustice, we are called to be peacemakers; when we live our lives rooted in faith, we may be persecuted for righteousness’ sake. These are things which, in most cases, cannot be avoided.

I can remember growing up when things didn’t go our way, my mother’s standard response was “don’t worry, ‘your reward will be great in heaven’ (Mt 5:12)”. Of course, our standard response to that was “yeah, but what about now?!?” We couldn’t understand how God could “turn a blind eye” (or so we thought at the time) to our trials and tribulations (which in most cases, truth be told, weren’t all that bad!). We were always taught that God knew all, saw all and cared for all. Why, then, did God not see what was going on in our lives? Well, as it turns out He did. There is that tricky little condition called the “permissive will of God”, which allows for the fact that God sees all, but allows things to happen for the greater good. This is why God allows us to mourn, to be persecuted, to act meekly – for our “reward will be great in heaven” (ibid.).

We go through our lives often times wondering if God is there and if so, where? We may get angry or even doubt of God’s existence. While it is fine to get angry (I think God can take it!), we should never let that anger take root, keeping us from seeing the presence of God in all things, even (maybe especially) in tragedies and sorrows. Our God knows suffering; our God knows death. Our God ultimately, though, is a God of life, and life abundantly. Let us always seek to see God’s presence in all things. Let us know that our God will never leave us abandoned and that He will bring us, ultimately, into His Kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

January 22, 2017

\$3,992

January 29, 2017 — The Church in Latin America
February 5, 2017 — No second collection



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.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

Now that we are coming into cold weather, Saint Vincent DePaul Conference will be responding to an increase number of calls asking for help. We would ask that you make a small donation to the conference so that we will be able to respond to those asking for assistance. There are small envelopes at the doors of the Church for this purpose.

MASSPASS BOOKS: SAINT VINCENT dePAUL FUNDRAISER:

The coupon books have finally arrived! They will be on sale at the back of the Church at all the Masses. The cost is still \$25.00. You can also e-mail Christ Baker at jchbacker@msn.com to purchase a book. Books are also available at the Rectory.

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!

Saint Bridget School Open House, Catholic Schools Week

Please join us on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for our annual Catholic Schools Week Open House. Learn more about our school and what we offer. Visit our classrooms, meet the faculty, and take a tour.

Saint Bridget School strives to educate the whole child, academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Focused on core academics, faith, and values, Saint Bridget School provides students with the foundation to be leaders of tomorrow.



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

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you.

Allow Your healing Hand to heal me.

Touch my soul with Your compassion for others.

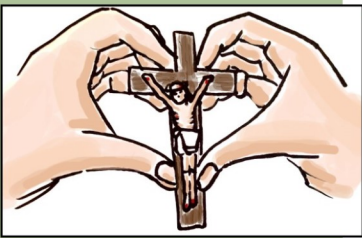
Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite Love for all.

Touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise.

Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength.

Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever.
Amen.



L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission: Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

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Google Calendars are

available on our websites.

January 27, 2017

Coffee Chats– Let's Get to Know One Another

From January 23rd - April 1st we would like to visit with you to give you an opportunity to offer ideas, suggests, and concerns about our Parishes, programs and Collaborative faith journey . We are looking for hosts to invite a few friends to get together at your home or in our office. We will bring some goodies with us and a listening ear. No need for a huge time commitment, an hour will be a perfect amount of time to chat. The Rectory at St. Ann 's has a beautiful dining room and sitting room, if meeting there is more convenient. We hope this will be a comfortable way to offer ideas. If there is a question that can't be answered, it will be brought to the right person and a follow-up answer will be given. Our Collaborative is a place for our families to come together in faith, grow in the love of Christ, and do so at each of our own individual paces. 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 nenn71@hotmail.com to schedule your coffee.



Common Cathedral Service Opportunity for All Ages

**Sunday, February 12th
Lunch Making @ 8:00 am
Boston Common @ 12:00 pm**

Common Cathedral is an outdoor congregation, housed and un-housed, sharing God's love through community, worship and pastoral care on Boston Common. This is a wonderful service opportunity that everyone can get involved in! Here is how you can help:

- * Donations to make 150 lunches: waters, bread, lunch meats, peanut butter and jelly, fruit, chips, and cookies. Please let us know what you plan to donate by Friday, February 10th.
- * A Team of Volunteers to make the lunches from 8:00-9:00 am on February 12th. We could have teams making lunches at both St. John and St. Ann based on participation. All ages are welcome to help.
- * A Team of 20 volunteers—High School Students, College Students, and Adults to serve lunch on Boston Common. We will leave at 11:00 am from St. John. Please register before spots fill up.
- * We would like to bring a basket of Adult Warm Winter Gloves with us to donate to the Common Cathedral. Donations can be dropped off at Mass in the baskets at the back of the church or at our offices at St. Ann's Rectory.

For planning purposes, please let us know how you are able to help the Service Project be a huge success. nhenn71@hotmail.com or 508-838-8490.



God is patiently waiting for his sons and daughters to find him.
PJ Anderson

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 (including
our auction and golf tourna-
ment teams)

Reboot Live Team



Craft Night

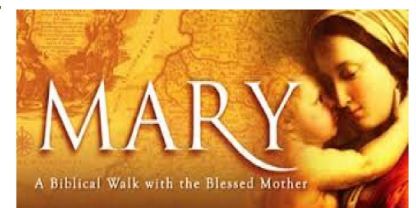


Join us for this fun craft/paint project on the left! Bring friends and a dessert to share. The cost per project is \$30.00. Please RSVP so that we can let our hostess, Jackie Lydon know how many supplies to bring.

**Friday, February 3rd
7:00 pm
St. Ann Parish Hall**

Sons and Daughters

**Friday, January 27th
10:00-11:30 am, St. John's Parish Hall
All are welcome!**

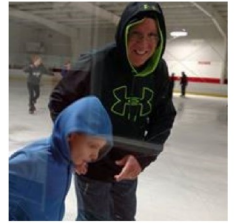




Family Skate Night– Bridgewater Ice Arena

Sunday, February 19th
7:00-9:00 pm

\$5.00 per person, including skate rentals
\$20 family package, including skate rentals for the whole family
One of our favorite events and all are welcome!
Snacks will be on-sale



Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend– Deadline for Deposit is February 1st

This is a perfect combination of our Retreat Weekend and our Skiing Weekend. There has been lots of interest in this weekend and we expect to fill all of our spots. A \$55 deposit is required to reserve your spot by February 1st.



This weekend is open to 6th-12th Graders
Visit: www.berea.org for videos and pictures.

The weekend includes: Tubing, Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Ice Cream Social, Paint Ball, A Band, Speakers, Workshops, and lots of activities. Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parishes and any guests they would like to invite. This is a wonderful weekend of faith, friendship, and fun! Fr. Paul and I feel very strongly that cost should never be the reason someone does not attend., contact us for arrangements.

March 3rd-5th
\$230, Hebron, NH
Includes lodging, food,
transportation.
\$55 deposit is due to reserve your spot

Gala Night
at the Auction
Halifax Country
Club
Thursday,
April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
\$30.00 per person
Dinner, Dancing,
Silent Auction,
Live Auction,
Games

4th Annual Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp in Richmond, Virginia

Youth in 8th Grade –12th Grade and Young Adults in College are invited to join us for this life changing week of service, friendship, and faith. We are traveling to a new location in Richmond. Joining our team early means we can do more fundraising to help with the cost. Deadline to register for our team is February 27th. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information.



June 24th–July 1st
\$630
Includes
registration with CHWC, transportation by
Amtrak and meals.
\$90 deposit is due to reserve a spot

Save the Date:
Golf
Tournament
Friday,
September 15th
at Riverbend in
West
Bridgewater
\$150 per golfer
Teams of (4)

July 14-16, 2017
U Mass Lowell
\$270 program, lodging, food
\$50.00 deposit due to reserve your spot

Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This weekend is open to students in 8th-12th grade. There will be thousands of youth from around New England and beyond.

Steubenville East

We have reserved 8 Spots



STEUBENVILLE **FUEL**

This weekend is something that needs to be experienced rather than trying to describe. Please go to:
<http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east>
to see more pictures and videos and a full list of speakers.



Raffles and Lunch

PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 January 22, 2017 \$4,737
Below Goal 1,163

Grand Annual Total - Jan. 8 \$23,038

January 29, 2017 — Church in Latin America
 February 5, 2017 — No second Collection

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori 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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St John's Catholic Appeal of 2016 still has a balance of \$278 due to reach our goal to avoid the parish missing out on the rebate that we are supposed to be getting for the Appeal this year.

If you pledged an amount but forgot all about it, please send your payment into the Archdiocese. It is very important.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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St Vincent de Paul Society At St. John's

Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help those who are struggling or having a difficult time all year round.

During the cold winter months there are many items we need in the food pantry. Chowder, tomato soup, baked beans, Ramen noodles, hot chocolate, boxes of oatmeal, pancake mix and pancake syrup, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, canned fruit, pasta sides, rice sides, hamburger helper, cans of solid white tuna and tuna helper and if possible coffee.

Any East Bridgewater resident who needs food or other assistance is encouraged to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE**. The phone number is **508-378-3760**. Please know that everything is kept confidential.

The **HOTLINE** for St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish is **508-378-3760**. Anyone from East Bridgewater who is in need of food or other assis-

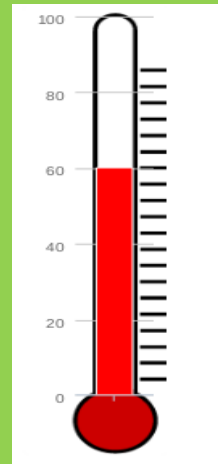


The Family Ministry will be selling lollipops the weekend of February 11th and 12th after each Mass.

Just in time for Valentine's Day!
DELICIOUS!!!!

ST. JOHN GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOAL \$36,000
CURRENTLY \$22,128



meets the second Sunday of the month at Riddell Road Club House from 1-3 PM

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC IS THIS WEEKEND



Evangelization Focus

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.”
 ~Pope Francis

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

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USING THE ENVELOPE OR ON-LINE PROGRAMS.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINT OUT, PLEASE CALL
THE RECOPY**

GRAND ANNUAL Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church for anyone who was not on a mailing list and would like to donate to the collection.

COLLABORATIVE MISISON STATEMENT

The Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John is a prayerful community in the Roman Catholic tradition called to witness the forgiving, healing, and saving presence of Jesus Christ in our sacramental, liturgical, and social activities. Parishioners are called to respect all life and to offer evangelization for the parish, our town, and surrounding communities. We are called to respond to the Gospel through the example of our lives. We reach beyond our parish to serve the needs of all people in our neighborhoods and around the world.

We are a community of faith, hope, and love.