



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*



**February 18, 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**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15*

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**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 Office

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

February 18, 2018—First Sunday of Lent

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 17, 2018

4:00 — Mark Cosgrove — Memorial

#### Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Margarida DeJesus — Birthday Remem.

#### Saturday, February 24, 2018

4:00 — Ralph E. Ortenzi — Memorial Mass

#### Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Lori Hannan — 5th Anniversary

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, February 17, 2018

4:00 - Susan Ledoux — 5th Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:30 - Arthur & Marilyn Pigeon — Anniversary

10:30 - William McCormack — 5th Anniversary

#### Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 — Patrick W. Sullivan — Birthday Remem

#### Saturday, February 24, 2018

4:00 — Louis Tarantino — 16th Anniversary

#### Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:30 - Lorraine Montana — Month's Mind

10:30 - Manuel & Anna Barros — Memorial

## DEACON'S CORNER

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

Our parishes have three candidates to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass, March 30<sup>th</sup>. They have been receiving instruction about the Catholic faith for some time.

During Lent they will take several steps along this journey. Some of these steps include liturgical rites within the Mass. Below is a brief outline of the process.\*

First step: Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.

The word **Catechumen** refers to the person receiving instruction.

Period of the Catechumenate. This is the time for the nurturing and growth of the catechumen's faith and conversion to God; celebrations of the word and prayers of exorcism and blessing are meant to assist the process.

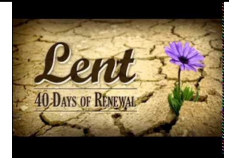
Second step: Election/Enrollment of names on the first Sunday of Lent.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

Third step: Celebration of the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass.

Period of post Baptismal Catechesis (instruction).

\*Taken from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-Study Edition



My Dear Friends in Christ,

HAPPY LENT! To many, these two words seem mutually exclusive; after all, what is there to be “happy” about during Lent? Fair enough. If we look at the full definition of the word, however, beyond a sense of being “joyful” or “merry”, we can look at Lent in the sense of being “satisfied”, “fortunate” or “prosperous”. Lent is a time when we “take stock” of how we are living in relationship to how God wishes us, and calls us, to live. In this sense, when we fulfill who and what God is calling us to be, we can truly be “happy”.

When we look at Noah, he should be happy. He has been spared from the flood because of his faithfulness to God, and he is rewarded with a new covenant. It is in this covenant that God re-establishes His bond with us, a bond which was broken by the sin of Adam and Eve and is further damaged by the actions of the people of Noah's time. God comes to regret having made humanity and He seeks, through the flood, to “wash away” the sin of humanity and start again with a new relationship, a new covenant. It is in this that humanity gets a “spiritual ‘do-over’” and, once again, has a relationship with God based not on fear, but on love.

It is in this light that St. Peter writes to the early Christian communities of his day. He writes to the people about Christ's obedience to the will of the Father. Peter contrasts this with the disobedience which brings about the flood, a flood by which all but Noah and his kin are destroyed. This action, Peter tells the people, prefigures baptism and establishes Jesus as the One who brings a new covenant to the people. This covenant, formed in the blood of Christ, is one in which the people are saved from their sins. It is by the death and resurrection of Jesus that we are saved, Peter tells the people. It is by our baptism, which is “not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience” (1 Pt 3:21), that we are joined to Jesus.

It is in this same sense of union that we hear of Jesus in the desert in today's gospel passage. After Jesus' baptism, He is led into the desert by the Spirit. Jesus is tested, but does not succumb to this temptation; Jesus remains faithful. Jesus then, after John's arrest, proclaims the appearance of the Kingdom. It is not merely something which we await, Jesus reminds us, but is something in our midst. May we have the courage to recognize the presence of the Kingdom at work in our lives, and may we have the boldness to proclaim the appearance (and future fulfillment) of the Kingdom to all whom we meet.

A Happy Lent to All,

Fr. Paul

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

THE NEXT 2ND COLLECTION  
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 — Catholic Charities

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	2/04/18		2/04/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,651	\$3,680	\$6,642.50	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd	\$8,270	\$32,000	\$24,282	\$32,000

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.

CONFESSIONS — WEDNESDAY  
6:30—8:00 PM

FEB 14TH — SAINT JOHN'S  
FEB 21ST — SAINT JOHN'S  
FEB 28TH — SAINT ANN'S  
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### 2018 Catholic Appeal

This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2018 Catholic Appeal. Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond parish boundaries. Our parish directly benefits from the ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2018 goal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online. Thank you!

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp with joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

## The Light is on For You—Lent

The invitation to experience Christ's love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese of Boston. *The Light is on For You* initiative highlights the importance of this sacrament in the life of Catholics and increases its availability, hoping that every Catholic will visit this source of God's [mercy](#) and healing love.

Lent is a time of prayer, [fasting](#), penitence, almsgiving and self-sacrifice in preparation to celebrate the passion of Christ, His death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each year, the season of Lent provides an [opportunity](#) to [renew](#) faithfulness, and for those who have been away from the regular practice of the faith this initiative offers a chance to begin again.

**Confessions will be available Wednesday evenings during Lent, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, in all parishes.**

Material is available to help with personal preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org). Please make plans to come and invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled with and begin anew a journey in faith during the Lenten season.

Encourage one another by reflecting on your experiences this Lent by using the hashtag #LiveLent on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](#) in your updates.

### FASTING:

Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and Good Friday (March 30th) are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but, eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids including mild and fruit juices are allowed.

### ABSTINENCE:

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be taken at all.





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



# Step Towards Becoming a Saint

Bring your family and friends! Together we will share Music, Fellowship, and Adoration. You are invited to grow in holiness wrapped in the love of our faith presented in word and song from these two extraordinary men of faith.

**February 17th • 6:30PM**

**Together in Christ Collaborative**

St. John Church, 210 Central Street, East Bridgewater Ma 02333



Jimmy Mitchell is a Catholic speaker and musician who believes that beauty will change the world. He frequently travels the world with the mission of helping others fall in love with God and realize their capacity for holiness.

PJ Anderson is a Catholic singer-songwriter from Nashville. His music opens hearts to the love of the Lord and helps every worshipper enter into the presence of Our God.



Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) for more information

\*The background picture was taken on our Pilgrimage to Assisi with these gentlemen at San Damiano at the monastery of Saint Claire.

# NEWS FOR THE PARISHES



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Will be at Saint Ann's**  
**At 7 PM every Friday of Lent**  
**except Good Friday.**

When estate planning,  
 please remember  
 Saint Ann's and Saint John's.  
 God Bless You!



## 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](mailto: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.

Fr. Peter Francis has returned to West Bridgewater after a trip to Pakistan to visit his two brothers and two nephews who were in a terrible car accident.. Fr's brother Benny still needs our prayers until he can make a complete recovery. Please keep Fr. Peter's brother and family in you prayers.

## Cursillo (3/1, 4/26) An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith - Men's and Women's Weekends

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekends are:

**Women's Weekend** March 1 - 4, 2018

**Men's Weekend** April 26-29, 2018

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Campion Center in Weston MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or Or call Lorraine Hopgood at 508-378-1521.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
 IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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 VALUABLE TO OUR SUCCESS.**

**THANK YOU ADVERTISERS**



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

ASH WEDNESDAY





## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES

*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 Bundeuff, 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, Marcus LaBree & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the*

The Archdiocese of Boston Pro Life Office thanks the Parishioners of St. John for their generous donations to the Pro Life Baby Shower held last month.

### Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

**A Bruised Reed Shall He Not Break Isaiah 42:3**  
**Opioid Prayer Hour 4th Saturday of Each Month**  
**Saint Joseph the Worker Church, Hanson, MA**  
**11:30AM with a light Collation Following**

Opioid substance use disorder affects us all, whether as an addict, loved one, a family member or friend. It is a disease not a choice. Please join us for a family hour of prayer & support for all affected, especially those who are addicted. Father Mike Hobson will lead in prayer, reflection & awareness of how we as a people of God can reach out with hope to all who are suffering.

**Frank Kelly will be our guest speaker for Saturday February 24th 11:30AM at SJTW and March 3rd at Holy Ghost in Whitman 11AM. For questions please call Father Mike at (781)293-3581 ext.211**

why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. So if you forgot your envelope last week, (or if you missed our second collection), you can go online and make a gift to the (special collection) fund or our regular offertory. Please check the bulletin or visit [www.stjohnsb.org](http://www.stjohnsb.org) to find out how to give online.

For those already on the MyOwn Giving (Legacy) Program, you will need to set up an account with our new system on [www.stjohnsb.org](http://www.stjohnsb.org) prior to **February 28th**. to continue to give online. It would be best to set up the new account on our web page before you discontinue the old account. Both can be accessed on the web page. You can access the links on the home page of the web page or in the Contributions section of the webpage.

If you have any difficulty with setting up your account, you can contact the Rectory Office at 508-378-4207. Remember for any contributions to be acknowledged in our computer system, you must be registered in the parish and have an account number. Those who would like to be on the envelope system as well as on online giving, please let us know. Our envelopes now have a box to check off if you give on-line. To get credit for cash donations, you must use the envelopes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/24/18 — BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC — 4 PM Mass  
WED'S — THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU — 6:30—8:00  
Wed. 2/26 — Rosary Meeting

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED FEB 19TH**

### Choir Notes

#### Join our Seasonal Choirs!

Adult/Teen Collaborative Choir rehearsals are Monday evenings during Lent in preparation for the sacred Triduum, with the exception of 2/19.

Children's Choir is an opportunity for children to sing at St. John's Easter morning Mass.

Contact Paul Hoffman, St. John's Music Director, for details.



### St. John's Conference

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Your almsgiving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help those in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.**

Call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30pm.

We're now offering online giving. If you manage your bills online,



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