



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



February 25, 2018

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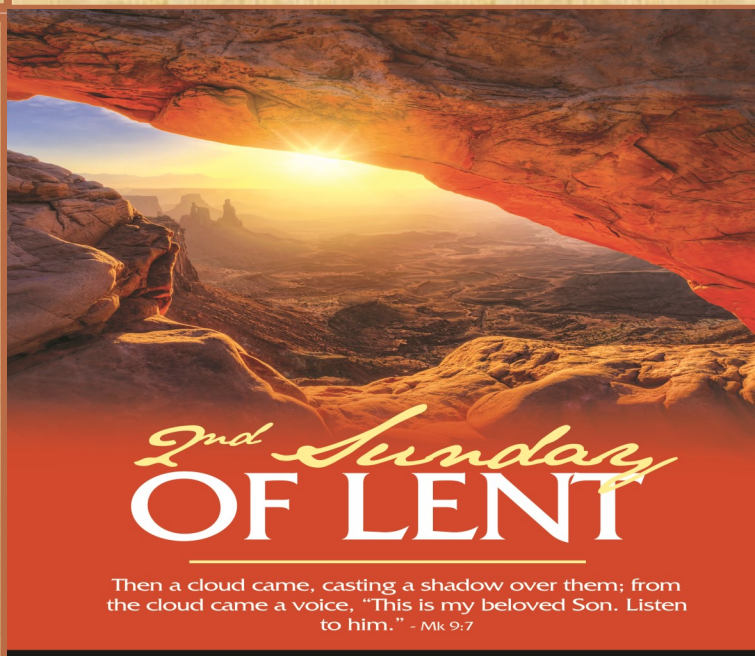
EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

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



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mk 9:7

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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. – At both Churches
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 25, 2018—Second Sunday of Lent

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:00 — Stephen E. Hopkins — 19th Anniversary

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 — Robert Solakoff — Birthday Remem.

10:30 — The Victims of the Shooting in Florida

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:00 - John & Mildred Connolly — Memorial

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 - James "Jim" Baker — Birthday Remem.

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DEACON'S CORNER

My Lord and Redeemer, please accompany
me on my Lenten journey.

Guide my footsteps and help me imitate your love.

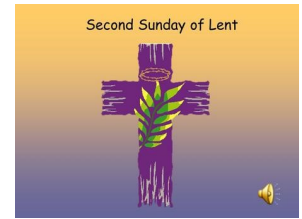
I offer you my fast and self-denial.

May our candidate and catechumens
long for Easter when they will

become full members of our Catholic community.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. -
Mk 9:2-3

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

I've never been a firm believer that God does things to "test" us. Today's readings, however, seem to be an "exception to the rule". Our reading from the Old Testament speaks of the encounter Abraham has with God in relation to his son, Isaac. God appears to be testing Abraham to see to what lengths he will go in showing his love and fidelity to God. In the end, however, it is less about the test than it is about the fidelity. God ultimately rewards Abraham for going so far as to be willing to sacrifice his only son (sound familiar?), promising to make his descendants as "countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore" (Gn 22:17). Such are the lengths that we are to go in showing our faithfulness to God.

In our second reading, we are reminded that in sacrificing His Son for us, God shows us that He will give us all the things we need to grow in faith, hope and love. It may seem at times, however, that we are "tested" in this exchange (God giving us life, we giving ourselves) by trusting that God has the "big picture" in His mind and heart, keeping us safe from charges and condemnation from the world. We are to always realize that we owe the world nothing – it is God to whom we owe everything, including our very lives.

In the gospel passage from Mark, we are given the encounter of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor that Jesus has, first with His disciples and then Elijah and Moses. The disciples that are with Jesus are given charge "not to relate what they had seen to anyone" (Mk 9:9) until the Resurrection. What a test this is! How could they not tell anyone and everyone of what they had seen, heard and felt? How challenging it must have been for them! When we reflect on this encounter, we must ask how it is that we encounter Jesus. Do we see Him as "transfigured" (as the disciples did that day), or do we take Him for granted thinking that we can always "have" Him? The challenge in the Transfiguration, for the disciples and for us, is to see the mission of Christ without losing sight of the power and majesty of Christ. Jesus came as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (this is the reason for the presence of Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets)).

May we always know that when we feel "tested" by God, that there is a good reason for this. We should do our best to see the "big picture" that God has in mind for us and for the world. We must never lose sight that Jesus constantly reveals Himself to us, in Word and deed, pointing the way to the Kingdom. May the Christ we encounter today be the Christ we encounter everyday, in His promise, power and peace.

A Blessed Lent to you all,

Fr. Paul

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

THE NEXT 2ND COLLECTION Good Friday, March 30, 2018, Holy Land Shrines

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	2/11/18		2/11/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,633	\$3,680	\$5,166.50	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd	\$8,270	\$32,000	\$24,420	\$32,000

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU.

CONFESSIONS — WEDNESDAY
6:30—8:00 PM

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2018 Catholic Appeal

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 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. 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.

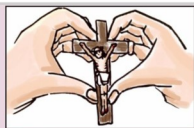
Encourage one another by reflecting on your experiences this Lent by using the hashtag #LiveLent on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](#) in your updates.

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 milk 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.



Soup/Stew/Chili Collaborative Competition and Luncheon



Join us for our First annual Soup and Chili Competition at St. Anne's following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday March 4th.

Chef's needed to bring there best recipe!

Compete for bragging rights and prizes in two categories:
soups/stews and chili!

We need tasters too, so enjoy a cozy lunch and conversation
while voting for your favorites!



Chefs please RSVP to Sandy Churchill at 508 588 6609 or slcmec@aol.com

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction

All new venue, all new event!

If you had fun last year you will LOVE this year! Per your feedback
we made a few adjustments



Emerald Hall -30 Central St, Abington
On April 6th, 2018
2 dinner seating options!!

Seniors Early Seating: Doors open at 5:00 Senior Ticket: \$12.00
(our youth will be available for anyone who would like table service)
Special Raffles held at 5:30 & 6:30

Late Seating: Doors open at 6:30
Music and Dancing begins at 6:00 pm
Raffles held at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30

(Special Raffle for tickets bought by March 10th will be drawn at 9:00 pm)
Ticket prices: 1 for \$25.00

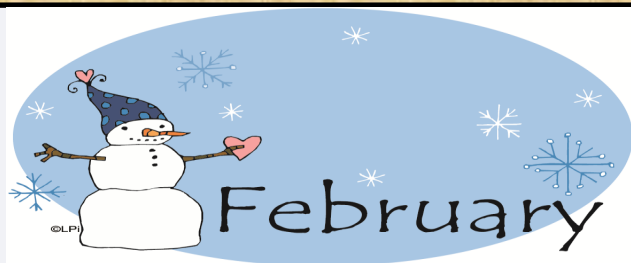
This fundraiser will benefit the Collaborative *and* the Parish and Youth Ministry

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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. 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 or Or call Lorraine Hopgood at 508-378-1521.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
 IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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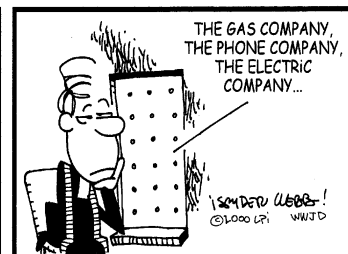
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 VALUABLE TO OUR SUCCESS.

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

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, 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 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 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
Sun. 3/11 — Shawl Meeting

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

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

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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