



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
4th Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2018*



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:00 - James & Helen Lynch— 3rd Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Martin J. Hanley — 28th Anniversary

#### Friday, March 16, 2018

9:00 - Paul Luddy — 34th Anniversary

#### Saturday, March 17, 2016

4:00 - Francis Barry — Memorial

#### Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00 - Robert & Rita Farrell— Memorial

10:30 - Maria Chaves & Family — Memorial

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30 - Maryann Krakowski—25th Anniversary

10:30 - Kevin F. Lyons — 4th Anniversary

#### Saturday, March 17, 2018

4:00 - Shakman & Mitkus Families —Memorial

#### Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:30 - Mark Mitchell — Months Mind

10:30 - Robert Small 5th Anniversary

## DEACONS' CORNER

Last Sunday and this Sunday our Elect Stephanie Callender and Michelle Duff (previous names written in this corner were incorrect) along with their Sponsors have come before Father Paul and Deacon Joe to participate in the Scrutinies. Scrutinies are rites within the Mass. The presider prays during these rites that Stephanie and Michelle be free from the power of evil and be filled with the virtues of faith, hope and charity. He also prays that they be free from false values that surround and blind them to the mercy of God. This is the time during these weeks that they are given an opportunity to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance. We too can pray that they open their hearts to receive the gifts of Our Savior and Redeemer. During these Sundays they will be given the Creed and the Lord's Prayer which they will officially recite with the rest of the congregation during the Easter Vigil at St. Ann's Church.

Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates "Laetare Sunday". The word "laetare" is taken from the Latin and means to "rejoice", which may seem strange to us during this Lenten Season. This designation comes into play, however, when we recognize that we are very close to the celebration of the Easter, and there is "cause for rejoicing here". Today's readings bear this out as well.



Today's first reading speaks of the anointing of David as king. Samuel, in being sent by God, is prompted by God to anoint David. David's other brothers may seem, on the surface, to be more "qualified" to assume the role of king, but God sees beyond the surface. In anointing David, God shows that He "sees" us in a different way than we might see ourselves or others. In looking at the kingship of David (of which Jesus is "in line"), one sees that being anointed is no guarantee to perfection – which is good news for us, indeed! God shows to us that He "anoints" in a different way than society does.

Our second reading speaks of the second "theme" (of three) through which we walk with our RCIA candidates, that of "light". We are called to walk in the light of Christ, for we are "children of light" (Eph 5:8). This might seem easy, for walking in light is much easier, safer and comforting than walking in darkness. Sometimes we might be drawn to darkness, however, because things in darkness are seemingly hidden. I say "seemingly", for God sees all, which is a good thing as God can help us move from darkness into light.

Our gospel brings forth this idea of "light" in a different way, with the story of the man born blind. This is a physical blindness, but it is tied into the spiritual realm by the fact that in Jesus' day sin and illness had a direct "linkage". When one was ill or disabled, one was seen as being "born totally in sin" (as the Pharisees say in Jn 9:34); we know this not to be the case now, partly due to the actions of Jesus, who has no issue with healing the man. In "schooling" the Pharisees, helps us by teaching us to look beyond what is "seen" with the eye and to "see" with the heart. When we do this, we see as God sees.

Let us be people of the light, walking in the light of Christ. Let us follow the Lord in the light of His truth and love. Let us come to know Jesus and live in the light of life!

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul

## COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection  
Good Friday, March 30, 2018 — Holy Land Shrines

### Snow Removal — March 17 & 18, 2018

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	2/25/18		2/25/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,785	\$3,680	\$5,249	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,070	\$32,000	\$24,520	\$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  
MAR 7TH — SAINT ANN'S  
MAR 14TH — SAINT JOHN'S  
MAR 21ST — SAINT JOHN'S  
MAR 28TH — SAINT JOHN'S



#### 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](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online. This weekend will be in the in-pew appeal for your convenience. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 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.**

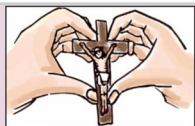
Material is available to help with personal preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org).

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](https://twitter.com/LiveLent) on Twitter and Facebook. Be sure to include [@BostonCatholic](https://twitter.com/BostonCatholic) in your updates.

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**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.



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



Wonderful Opportunity for A Great Lunch, A Fun Competition

Let's start Holy Week with a Celebration!



**Soup/Stew/Chili Collaborative Competition and Luncheon**

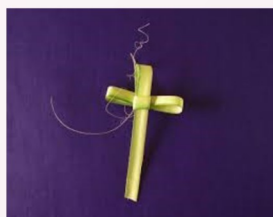


Join us for our First annual Soup and Chili Competition at St. Anne's following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday March 25th!

**Chef's needed to bring the best recipe!**

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

We need tasters too, to enjoy a cozy lunch and conversation



This event will have something for all ages to enjoy!

Chefs can be youth or adults!

Tasters and judges of all ages are needed!

We will have a visit from the Easter Bunny and share the story of Holy Week using the Resurrection Eggs.

We will also have instructions to make a cross out of your Palms!



**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

\*\*If you purchase your tickets before March 10th you will get entered into a drawing for a Special Basket Raffle ONLY for early ticket holders

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095  
or jchbaker@msn.com



New mailing address:  
P O Box 474  
West Bridgewater MA 02379



There will be a **SPECIAL COLLECION**

**FOR SNOW REMOVAL COST**

**the weekend of March 17 & 18.**

**The current costs are \$8200**



RECEIVE COMMUNION  
by making a throne:  
ONE HAND UNDER THE OTHER,  
READY TO RECEIVE  
**our great King.**

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM



Every Thursday night  
At 6:30  
In St. Ann's Parish Center  
Doors open 5:00

## NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

### Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Floence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, 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 military.



Please check the bulletin or visit [www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.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.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.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

Sun. 3/11 — Shawl Meeting  
Weds. 3/14 — CWC Meeting —12:30  
Mon. 3/26 — Rosary

### Choir Notes Join our Seasonal Choirs!

Adult/Teen Collaborative Choir rehearsals are Monday evenings during Lent in preparation for the sacred Triduum. 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, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing great works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving, you are performing a good deed greater than you can imagine. Your nickel, dime, quarter, or dollars are multiplied by the coins of others placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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.

KIWANIS CLUB  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH  
7:00 AM—12:00 NOON  
AT GWM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast includes: eggs, bacon, pancakes, toast  
Coffee, milk & OJ

\$5 per person, \$15 for a family of four

Any questions, please contact Diane Kennedy  
508-631-1925

### 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.**

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