



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2017*



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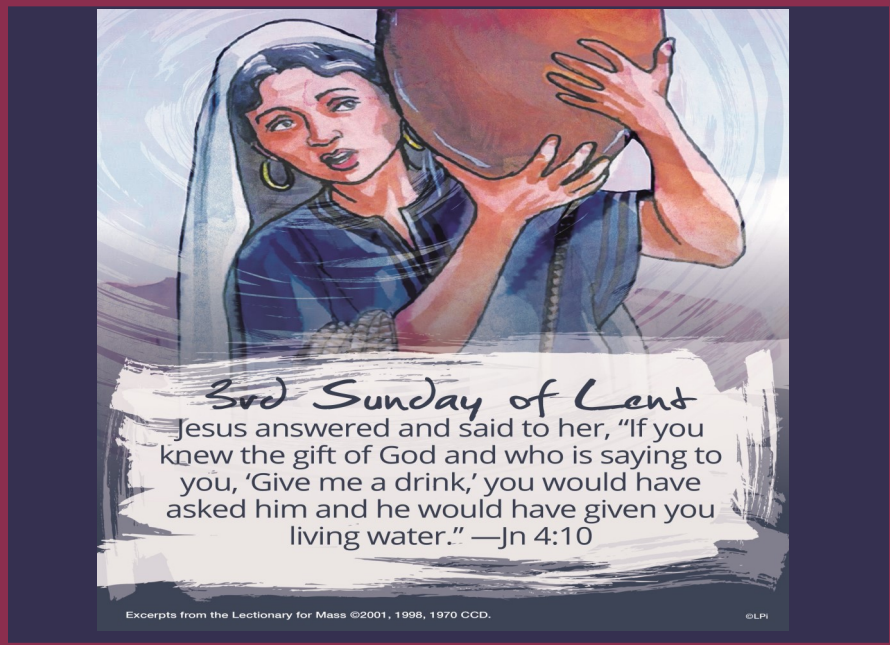
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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**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

March 19, 2017—Third Sunday in Lent

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 18, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

#### Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00 - For Christians in war-torn countries

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John suffering  
with addiction

#### Saturday, March 25, 2017

4:00 - Helen M. Lynch—2nd Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00 - Nancy Robichaud—1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, March 18, 2017

4:00 — John and Mildred Connolly—Memorial

#### Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:30 - Mary and John Reddington—Memorial

10:30 - Guido and Luigi D'Alessio—Memorial

#### Saturday, March 25, 2017

4:00 - John Michael Long—1st Anniversary

#### Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Nicola (Nick) Celia—Memorial

## DEACONS' CORNER

Since we have entered the season of Lent, we have been reminded and encouraged to fast, to give alms and to pray. I dare say we are pretty good in responding to the counsel to fast and to give alms. What place in our lives during this season does prayer have? Older members of our communities were taught that prayer is the lifting of our minds and hearts to God. "Let us lift up our minds and hearts to God." [Lamentations 3:41] When one prays, one enters into a mysterious, intimate encounter with God. Jesus Himself often drew apart in solitude to pray to His Father, particularly before decisive moments of His mission and the mission of His disciples. He encouraged His disciples "to be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." [Luke 21:34-36]

We had many moments in prayer during the past week's Lenten mission. We prayed individually and with one another. We have experienced the different forms of prayer: devotional prayer, prayer in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and of course joining our voices in song during Mass. We have adored God and venerated our Blessed Mother. We have offered thanks to God for the many graces given to us. We have asked God's forgiveness and pardon in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have prayed for our Church and for our own personal needs with humility and conviction that whatever we asked for in Jesus' name, it has been granted to us. It is always helpful to keep in mind that when it comes to prayer, don't wait for a time to pray, but make time to pray.

God bless you, Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,



It is at this point in the journey of one going through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) that the candidate would undertake the first of the "scrutinies", a period of deep introspection preparing one for reception of the Sacraments of the Church. We are blessed here in the Collaborative to have folks going through this process, and so we read the particular gospel passage appropriate for the day. The three "themes" covered in these scrutinies are "water", "light" and "life". Today's gospel (along with the first reading) covers the first of these themes, "water".

In the first reading, Moses is leading the Israelites from bondage in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. They have had it rough – they are running low, or are out of, food and water. They are grumbling against Moses and rebelling against his leadership. They are fed up! In complaining to Moses, their wish is to go back to Egypt, for they feel that it's better to live in bondage than to die in freedom. Moses then moves up the "chain of command" and brings the people's plea to God. God then commands Moses to draw water from the rock, striking it with the staff with which he previously parted the Red Sea. The people are then nourished with water from the rock, showing them that God is, indeed, in their midst (as they had doubted God's presence).

In today's gospel, we see again that theme of "water" at work. In this account of Jesus and the "woman at the well" (as she has been come to be known throughout salvation history), there are two different "types" of water at work here: there is actual, *physical* water, being drawn from a well, and there is *spiritual* water, found in the person of Jesus. It seems that there are many "surprises" throughout this passage, as well. Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well is unusual enough – a man speaking with a woman in public (unheard of at the time), a Samaritan and a Jew having anything to do with one another (unheard of, as well). Then you have the insights of Jesus which surprise the woman to the point of "provoking" her to engage in **discipleship**, by calling others to come and see this stranger who seems to know so much about her. She takes her personal encounter with Christ and brings others to the knowledge of the truth which she has encountered.

Throughout our Lenten journey, we are called to encounter Jesus in many ways, especially in the three-fold tenets of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May we direct our prayer to seeking to know Jesus better. May we fast so as to join in the sacrifice of Christ. May we engage ourselves in almsgiving, using our time, talent and treasure to build up our community of faith. May our Lenten journey be "successful" in drawing us ever closer into the mystery that is God.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Fr. Paul



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



Last week, Catholics across the Archdiocese were invited to pledge their support to the annual Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at: [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)

Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal. Remember if we meet our goal, we will receive a rebate rather than an assessment.

## Triduum/Easter Choirs

Practice for these choirs are on Mondays  
Adults/Teens 7:15 PM; Children Choir 6PM

Please contact Paul Hoffman if you are interested in joining or for more details  
[paulhoffman02@hotmail.com](mailto:paulhoffman02@hotmail.com)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The formation of Church Collaboratives is happening all through the Archdiocese of Boston. Churches are being introduced to the process in various time frames. One of the advantages to collaborate is the combination of some resources in an effort to save money and a better utilization of priests' times.

We are one collaborative with two churches working together in a joint effort to evangelize and build strong faith communities.

We pray for a name for our collaborative which represents our strength, commitment, and faith.

**PLEASE PRAY ON A NAME  
AND FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW!**

### COLLABORATIVE NAME

The collaboration of St. Ann and St. John need a **COLLABORATION** name to define our newly joined faith community,  
**(THE CHURCHES WILL REMAIN ST. ANN & ST JOHN BUT THE COLLABORATIVE NEEDS A NAME.)**

Do you have any suggestions?  
Please list them below, cut out this form and put it in the collection at Mass.  
All names will be considered by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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**HOLY THURSDAY — April 13— No morning Mass**

—7:00—Evening Mass of the Lords Supper w/ Reposition and Adoration following in the Chapel at St. John until Midnight.

**GOOD FRIDAY — April 14**

—Seven Last Words, An Ecumenical Service — 3 PM — At St. John's

—The Passion of the Lord - 7 PM at Saint Ann's

**THE EASTER VIGIL —April 15**

—Mass at 8 PM at St. John's (mass must be scheduled 1/2 hr after night fall)

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**SAINT ANN**  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

**ST JOHN**  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**SATURDAY**  
10 AM

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS**

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

During Lent, a diocesan program to encourage parishioners to go to confession called "The Light is on For You" will be held As follows:

St Ann's Mar 8, & April 12  
St John's Mar 22, 29, April 5



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS At 7 pm

Will be held each Friday In Lent  
Except on Good Friday  
At Saint Ann's



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

Websites of interest for Lent:  
[www.lentmaddness.org](http://www.lentmaddness.org)  
[Discerninghearts.com](http://Discerninghearts.com)



# 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.

March 17th, 2017

## Contact Us:

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St. Ann-WB  
**Website:**  
www.stjohnneb.org  
www.stannswb.com  
**Google Calendars** are available on our websites.



## A Fun Night Out!

The Gala Night at Halifax Country Club is going to be a great night!  
Wonderful Dinner \* A Band \* Dancing \* Entertainment  
PLUS the chance to win some really great items.

Grab your friends and put together a table of 8 or 10!  
As a special thank-you to help us pack the house, each table you fill will receive a BONUS bundle of raffle tickets worth \$30.00

Let's have a great night celebrating St. Ann and St. John together!

## Over 100 Items for the Auction

- A week of your choice in Las Vegas
- Front Row Seats and Preferred Parking at Christmas Eve Mass
- Patriots and Bruins Tickets
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Theater Tickets
- Pony Party
- Museums Passes and so much more!



## What does the money support?

- Vacation Bible School
- Parish Missions
- Prayer Groups
- Adult Faith Formation
- Family Faith Formation
- Growth in our Prayer lives
- Retreats
- Service to our local communities
- Service for our Parish properties
- Leadership Opportunities
- Mission Trips
- National Resources such as speakers
- Leadership Opportunities

## 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 tournament teams)  
  
Reboot Live Team  
  
Hospitality Team  
  
You are welcome anytime to join us!



## Tickets are On-Sale!

Thursday, April 6th  
6:00-10:00 pm at Halifax Country Club

Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, a band and entertainment from our very talented youth. Free babysitting can be arranged courtesy of our Young Adult College Students. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or purchase tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$26.00 Senior Citizen.



## 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip– Richmond, Virginia June 25th– July 1st Deadline to sign-up: April 20th



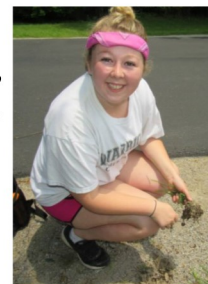
### **Special Incentive to Commit to Joining our Team by: Wednesday, April 5th**

Each year we fundraise to help with the cost of the Mission Trip. It is our hope our auction will help with costs but as a special incentive to fill our last 8 spots, everyone that pays the deposit by April 5th will be entered into a special raffle at our Auction for a refund of the \$90 deposit.

### **Trip is open to current 7th Grade Students-College-Adults**

Catholic HEART Workcamp is about SERVICE, CONNECTION and LOVING OTHERS. It CHWC provides parish youth groups, teens and adult leaders service opportunities to restore homes and HEARTS, feed the hungry, lift the spirits of children, bring joy to the elderly and disabled and offer assistance while partnering with social agencies. Our aim is to provide nothing short of amazing Catholic Mission Trips! Each Workcamp is equipped with a summer staff, director, manager, musician, nurse and priests to celebrate mass/confession. It is a youth friendly Christ centered Week of caring for others. Catholic HEART Workcamp faithfully is an excellent opportunity to “love the least of these”.

**Lauren Benvie:** “Being older, it was an amazing experience to lead a group of young adults through the week of service and faith. Through many challenging discussions and acts of service, my faith in God grew stronger and I have become more confident in my faith and my leadership skills. I look forward to engaging more in my faith now that I'm home and sharing my experiences and all that I've learned the past two years in Nashville with those around me. Lauren has turned her Mission Trip experience into an amazing summer job. “



## International Speaker Chris Stefanick-Reboot Live Wednesday, May 3rd East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School 7:00-9:30 pm

Reboot! Live! Is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, work, to dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more! There is no part of your life that will be left untouched!

Chris Stefanick is the author of the Chosen Confirmation Program that has been used for several years at St. John. This talk is for teens and adults. Don't wait to purchase tickets. Parishes from all over the Archdiocese will be joining us.



Tickets can be purchased on-line at :

<http://reallifecatholic.com/reboot-live-participants>

Or from Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com

# PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S

*St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900*

March 12, 2017 \$4,578

*Below goal* 1,322

Special Parish 1,412

Grand Annual Total - Mar 12 \$27,753

*March 19, 2017 — Leadership Retreat Ministry*

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen Debenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Carter 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, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

**Please say a prayer for all the confirmation candidates who will be making their confirmation on Saturday, March 25th at 10 AM.**

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"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## Third Sunday of Lent:

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."



**Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that every nickel, dime or quarter you donate is multiplied by the coins from others when supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.**

Are you able to give back this Lent instead of giving something up? Every monetary donation you make to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps us put food on the table of your neighbor or heating oil in their tank to keep them warm, or pay an electric bill that is outstanding and many other acts of kindness.

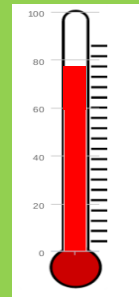
If you know any East Bridgewater resident in need of food or other assistance please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Together we can make a difference.

## ST. JOHN'S GRAND ANNUAL PROGRESS

GOAL \$36,000

CURRENTLY \$27,753

We are so close—only 23% more to go.



**Don't miss the biggest event of the year!**

## GALA NIGHT AND AUCTION

April 6, 2017

6:00– 10:00 PM

Halifax Country Club

**Come and support the Parish and have a good time at the same time.**

**Dinner, Dancing, Auctions = Great Time.**

**Ticket on sale; \$30, Seniors \$26**



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# PARISH NEWS FOR ST ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:  
March 12, 2017 \$3,163  
Special Parish Collection 1,358

March 19, 2017 –Leadership Retreat Ministry

## ST. VINCENT dePAUL AT SAINT ANN'S

The members of St. Vincent dePaul Conference wish to thank you who have been SO generous in returning your grocery items in the blue bags. You have made a significant contribution to W. B. Food Pantry.



MEAT RAFFLE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017  
1 PM  
SAINT ANN'S PAISH CENTER  
BE THERE!



### 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.

### 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!**

