



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
4th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017*



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SEE

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15

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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

March 26, 2017—Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 25, 2017

4:00 - Helen M. Lynch—2nd Anniversary

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00 - Nancy Robichaud—1st Anniversary

10:30 - Martin N. Hanley — 27th Anniversary

Saturday, April 1, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00 - Robert Reardon—1st Anniversary

10:30 - Rose & Lucy Chaves — 14th & 32nd Ann

Monday, April 3, 2017

9:00 — Elaine Livingston — Birthday Remem

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, April 1, 2017

4:00 — Helen Cabral — Memorial

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - George E. Short, Jr. — 2nd Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER

Lent gives us time to reflect upon who God is and how close we are to his embrace of love. As many of you know, we host a weekly Bible Study in the Religious Education office at St. John the Evangelist Parish. This Bible study is open to anyone who has a desire to grow closer to the Lord by reflecting upon scripture. You do not need to be an expert or even know anything about the bible but to just have a willingness to learn. I know we listen to the readings at Mass every Sunday however a Bible Study allows one to rest in the Word of God and to share your thoughts and feelings about scripture. It is a perfect way to discover God's love for us. Each of us is called to read the bible on our own but sometimes we just cannot fit it into our schedules. Perhaps participating in the Bible Study Group you will find that hour to carve out of your schedule. We meet every Monday evening and would be delighted to have you join us. If you wish to find out more, I may be contacted at Deaconjoeh@comcast.net.

May God Bless
Deacon Joe Hopgood

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today's gospel is the story of the man born blind. In Jesus' day, blindness was equated with sin and since the man born blind was thus since birth, he was deemed by the authorities (in this case, the Pharisees) to be "born totally in sin" (John 9:34). We now know that not to be the case, but nonetheless it brings up the idea of "sight". There are different types of sight: there is physical sight (as in the case of the man born blind), there is spiritual "sight" (as is evidenced in the healing), and there is the sight that is thought of in terms of having "vision".

It is this third type of sight that I would like to speak of today. In "Disciples in Mission: A Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Boston", Cardinal Sean speaks of a "new evangelization". While a good deal of this "vision" is comprised of things which we have already been doing in the parishes of the Archdiocese (including St. John's and St. Ann's), much of it is new, different, exciting, and challenging. One of the challenges is "thinking outside the box" with the realization that a new way of thinking must be undertaken.

Here in the St. Ann/St. John Collaborative, the work we have been doing is much the same as we have been doing for nearly a century. It is good work, and it must continue. In establishing the Collaborative, the Archdiocese recognizes the fine work that has been done while looking to the future to establish the "vision" of collaboration as put forth in "Disciples in Mission". In moving forward here in our local collaborative, it might seem that it is "business as usual" and not much has changed. This has been a deliberate choice, one that allows us as a Collaborative to figure out the best way to move forward.

In terms of scheduling, the Masses (both Daily and Sunday) have remained largely unchanged. Again, this was done deliberately, so as to give all a sense of security that the Pastoral Plan's intention is to both maintain and move forward the mission of the Church. Change does come, but always with a sense of the overall "mission" of the Collaborative and the Universal Church. A change that has been made evident in recent weeks is the establishment of a single set of liturgies for the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday (which includes the Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter).

In holding a single liturgy on each of these evenings, celebrating together in one worship space, the intention is to bring together two vibrant "families of faith" under one roof to celebrate together in a "spirit" of collaboration. As has promulgated through the bulletin, Holy Thursday will be at St. John's, Good Friday at St. Ann's, the Easter Vigil at St. John's (with two liturgies apiece on Easter Sunday in both communities); next year, the worship spaces will be "reversed", with St. Ann's "hosting" two liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil) and St. John's "hosting" one (Good Friday). It is hoped that this shared sense of liturgy, worship, and celebration will be a hallmark of things to come.

I pray that all will look at these changes as "stepping stones" rather than "stumbling blocks" (as Fr. Henri Nouwen, priest-theologian would say). I further pray that this coming Holy Week and Sacred Triduum will give us opportunities to build on our strengths as two unique and distinct communities of believers, using the "vision" as set forth by "Disciples in Mission". May God reward us for our faithfulness to His "vision" of building up the Kingdom "on Earth as it is in Heaven".

In God's Love,
Fr. Paul

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

First Saturday Family Healing from Addictions

Where: Divine Mercy Chapel (lower church)
Holy Ghost Parish, 518 Washington Street,
Whitman, MA 02382

What: Intercessory Rosary/Prayer and a faith witness talk by a guest speaker

Date: Every 1st Saturday of the Month, 2017

Time: Promptly starts at 11am to 12noon
A light lunch and fellowship will follow from 12-1pm in the Father Glennon Hall (lower church)

Saint Ann's and Saint John's are having a "Bakeless Bake Sale" the weekend of April 1 & 2. The envelopes will be in the pews and may be placed in the collection basket. No muss...No fuss...No calories!!! Just a little fun! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

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.



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
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 24th, 2017

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St. Ann-WVB

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

- Lottery Board
- Massage Gift Certificate
- Brewery Tours
- Dinner with the Pastor and so much more!



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. 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.

Children's Lenten Activities

Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Ann

A children's version of the Passion of our Lord using the symbols of the season hidden in Easter Eggs Contact us for more resources for daily children's devotions and adoration materials for young children

In addition to the wonderful Lenten story time, each family can make their own Resurrection Garden: \$7.00 for materials. Please RSVP at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com so that we can have enough materials.



2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip– Richmond, Virginia

June 25th– July 1st

Deadline to sign-up: April 20th



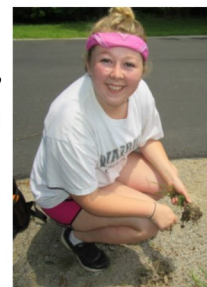
Special Incentive to Commit to Joining our Team by: Wednesday, April 5th

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

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



Vacation Bible School

Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family. Our Pre-School is open to children age 3– entering first grade next fall. Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6. Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up. We need adult help too.

This camp has always included families from all over the South Shore and we are so excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of St. Ann. This summer will be held at St. John, but we will look into switching each summer. On line registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann>

July 31– August 4th
9:00 am– 12:00 pm
St. John Parish Hall
Age 3 and up
\$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap

PARISH NEWS FOR ST JOHN'S



St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 March 19, 2017 \$4,292
Below goal 1,608
 Total Under Budget = \$13,183
Leadership Retreat 1,083
Grand Annual Total - Mar 19 \$29,493
 Grand Annual goal \$36,000

March 26, 2017 — No second collection

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debeneditis, 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.

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.

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

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EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES (in remembrance of loved ones) ARE IN THE PEWS.



PLEASE RETURN THEM BY:

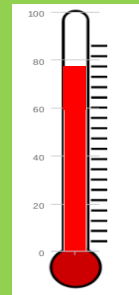
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

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 19, 2017	\$3,746
Leadership Retreat	926

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.

W.B. COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Ann's Church
Parish Center

Friday, April 14, 2017
1:00 – 6:00 PM

To avoid the wait

Call for an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS
or visit redcrossblood.org
Walk ins are also welcome!



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.

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!

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In remembrance of loved ones

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APRIL 9, 2017**

