



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John*



*April 8, 2018  
Divine Mercy Sunday*



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# TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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, Wednesday– 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, 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 to set up an appointment.

## 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**

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 7, 2018

4:00 - John & Cecilia Crowley — Memorial

#### Sunday, April 8, 2018

8:00 — Stephen A. & Arthur R. Baggia — Mem

10:30 - Catherine A. Eisenmann — Month's Mind

#### Wednesday, April 11, 2018

9:00 — Rose Marie Chaves — Memorial

#### Thursday, April 12, 2018

9:00 — Sandra Carignan — 1st Anniversary

#### Saturday, April 14 2016

4:00 - Alberico & Philomena Pizzi — Mem & 1st

#### Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00 - Kendra Frabetti — 16th Anniversary

10:30 - Robert Small — 4th Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, April 7, 2018

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, April 8, 2018

8:30 - David & Dorothy Sibor, Anthony S.,

Irene & Anthony L. Domingos— Memorial

10:30 - Rosanne Patricelli — Birthday Remem

#### Saturday, April 14, 2018

4:00 - Charles V. Southworth — 50th Anniv.

#### Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carolyn Mary Oliviere — 1st Anniv.

#### Tuesday, April 17, 2018

9:00 — Judy Duncan — 1st Anniversary

## DEACON'S CORNER

Congratulations to Katherine Gerrety, Stephanie Callender and Michelle Duff, who are now full members of the Catholic Community and thus may enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Catholic Church. They are now called "Neophytes" a church word that refers to those adults who have received all the sacraments of Initiation. They will continue to gather with our worshiping community every Sunday during the Easter Season and beyond. Their sponsors and catechists will be right along-side of them during the Easter Season. Be sure to acknowledge this extremely important step in their lives and the lives of the communities of St. John and St. Ann. May God bless them.

Deacon Brendan

My Dear Friends in Christ,



While the Easter Day celebrations have ended, our Easter Season continues. Today, as a Church, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This day, which centers around the Divine Mercy our Lord showed the world in offering Himself on the Cross, was instituted over a decade ago by Pope (Saint) John Paul the Great. He declared that the Church should set aside the first Sunday after Easter for this celebration. This feast, often marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a reminder to us that the Easter mystery continues. At the heart of Divine Mercy is our cry to the Lord, "Jesus, I trust in You". When we recognize that all our trust is to be put in the Lord, we free ourselves to do the work our Lord commanded us, to go out and show others the goodness which God has bestowed on us.

Jesus, in today's gospel, shows this goodness when He reappears to the disciples in a post-Resurrection encounter. As they are gathered in a room together (quite possibly the same room they gathered in for the Last Supper), Jesus comes to them. Before the disciples can utter a word (they were probably too astounded to speak!), Jesus offers them His gift of peace. It is a peace which only He can bestow, a gift which only He can give. Thomas is not with them, so he doubts that the Lord was present. As a way of quelling all doubt, Jesus reappears to them, this time with Thomas present. Jesus invites Thomas to examine the wounds He suffered at the crucifixion. In a moment of pure faith, Thomas utters that statement of belief, "my Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28). Notice that Thomas doesn't approach Jesus and examine the wounds. He doesn't have to – he knows, through faith, that this IS the Lord.

Where are we in relation to the Lord? Do we have to be shown (like Thomas) who God is for us? Do we "take it on faith" that the promises made by God are being, and will be, delivered? Are we among those who "have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29)? Wherever we are on our journey of faith, may we come to know that God is at work in our lives. May we come to trust in His Divine Mercy. May we share that mercy with all whom we meet, not only in this Easter Season, but in every season, in every time and at every opportunity which God provides us to do so.

A Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

**The Next Second Collection**

May 10, 2018 — TheAscension

<b>Financial Blessings</b>	<b>St. Ann's</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>Budget</b>
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	3/25/18		3/25/18	
OFFERTORY	\$3,752	\$3,680	\$ 4,765	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,220	\$32,000	\$25,345	\$32,000

## **The History of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy**

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (*Diary*, 475)

As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (see 474). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world" (476). From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541). Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796)

It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" — three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour.

### **LOGO FOR THE COLLABORATIVE**

Month's back we asked the members of the collaborative to come up with a name for the collaborative, it was such a success, that NOW we are asking members of the collaborative to design a logo for the:

Together in Christ Collaborative.

All entries should be submitted to Fr. Paul for prayerful-consideration. You can drop them off at the Rectory or email them, [fr\\_plrstjohn@comcast.net](mailto:fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net)

### **2018 Catholic Appeal**

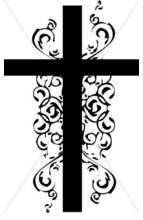
Our parish directly benefits from the ministries supported by the Appeal and your gift will help us reach our 2018 goal.

St. John's goal for 2018 is \$27,231, Our current pledges and gifts are \$20,580. We are at 76% of our Goal.

St. Ann's goal for 2018 is \$18,222, pledges so far total \$14,755 equaling 80% of our Goal.

We are well on our way to reaching our goals with your help. You may mail in your gift or to give online, go to: [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



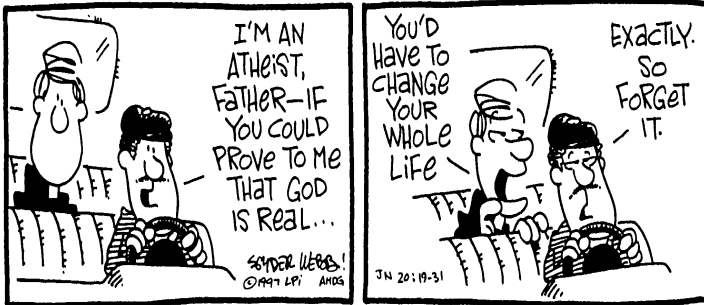
When estate planning, please remember Saint Ann's and Saint John's. God Bless You!



### 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.

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Boston Cursillo** will host a **men's weekend** from Apr. 26-29 at the Campion Renewal Center in Weston. For more information, contact **Chris Graf**. "The Cursillo method aims at helping to transform, in a Christian way, the environments where people live and work through the involvement of 'new men and women' who have become such from their encounter with Christ." (*St. Pope John Paul II, July 29, 2000*).

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26b-27

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

### Second Sunday of Easter

When children grow up, they begin to doubt certain beliefs they had held as long as they could remember. Some of those beliefs stem from stories told to them by others to bring awe and wonderment to their childhood. Some are beliefs about how things work in the world, and some are concerning where they fit into that world. As children reach maturity, some beliefs will be verified and then held onto for the rest of their lives; other ideas will be cast aside for good, either because they have seen no evidence that attests to the truth of those beliefs or because others have convinced them through words or actions that those beliefs were in error.

A great sadness results when someone disbelieves the truth because they have seen no evidence to confirm it. Thomas had a chance to believe because he saw Jesus and touched his scars. But there are people all around us who only see injustice, pain, and sorrow, and Jesus is nowhere to be found. Where are those who bear the name of Christian? Perhaps this Easter season, God is calling you to show the real Jesus Christ to others so they may believe.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

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### WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

IS IN DIRE NEED OF HELP! ESPECIALLY MEN

ANYONE INTERESTED  
PLEASE CONTACT:

**CALVIN GREY**  
**508-559-6569**



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

**IMPORTANT DATES**


Sun. 4/8 — Shawl Mtg. — 2 PM  
 Fri. 4/13 — Confirmation Rehearsal — 6:30 PM  
 Sat. 4/14 — Confirmation — 10 AM

**THE CATHOLIC WOMENS' CLUB  
 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

**MEETINGS ARE ON THE  
 2ND WEDNESDAY  
 OF EACH MONTH.**



**Please keep the following in your prayers:**  
 Karen Debeneditis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence 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, Karen Parenteau & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The new ConnectNow Giving site was changed/updated without notification to many parishes. The new URL address has been reposted on our website.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

It is important for all members who are on-line givers to switch to the new on-line giving program, called ConnectNow Giving. Our plan is to discontinue the old program in the very near future.

Simply delete the gifts set up for each collection and remove any preset payments and bank information. Then go to our website, click on the link and follow the instructions given.

**THERE IS A BOX FOR MY BROTHER'S KEEPER'S FUNDRAISER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AT ST. ANN AND AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE AT ST. JOHN'S.**

**St. John's Conference**



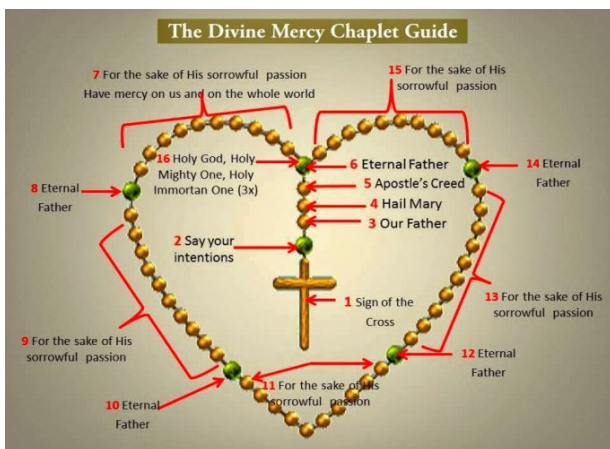
In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

**During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.**

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

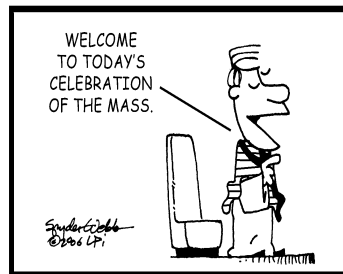
The Food Pantry is open twice a month. You are always welcome to stop by during Food Pantry hours on the 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30pm.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH  
 3:00 PM  
 AT  
 SAINT JOHN'S**

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



**CONFIRMATION AT SAINT JOHN'S**

REHREARSAL — APRIL 13, — 6:30 PM

CONFIRMATION



APRIL 14 — 10:00 AM

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

### In Memory of:

Manuel & Maria, Maura, John & Maria Amaral  
Our loved ones  
Douglas W. Burns  
George & Marie McCarthy  
Our loved ones  
Kenneally & Heath Families & Barbara Underhill  
Hutchins & McLaughlin Families  
Elizabeth A. Kenneally & Anne K. Hynes  
Carl Francis Reali, Jr.  
Jean M. Lyons, Austin & Mary Lyons, Shawn & Carol  
Lyons, James & Margaret Kelleher, Jack & Nancy Kelleher,  
Stan & Rachel Rabinovitz  
Agnes & Edward Falherty, Helen & Thomas McLaughlin,  
Rita & Vincent LeCicero  
Dominic & Antonette DeAngles  
Our Parents  
Millie Moynihan  
Joseph & Frances Nevaras  
Doris E. O'Connell  
Our loved ones  
Penny & Primavera Families  
Robichaud & Cashman Families  
Luddy, Ross, Tokan & Olshaw Families  
Tony & Lu Cruz  
Pircio, Shea, & Ethier Families  
Small & Huges Families  
Mark & Georgette Kohr, Daniel & Joan Talaback

### Donated By:

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Mrs. Sandra Ross  
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Suzanne Shea  
Mrs. Robert Small  
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*My sincerest apology for not including these Easter wishes in the original list of Easter Flower Donations. Somehow a stack of envelopes were placed in the wrong place and were overlooked when the original list was created. Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa.*