

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



*April 15 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent*

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

- Lk 24:45-46



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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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Margaret Mary Williams

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:00 - Deceased Members of the DiFalco Fam.

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Antonio & Maria Figueiredo — 50th
Wedding Anniversary Celebration

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:00 — Richard Pratt — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Joseph & Doris Corazini

Monday, April 23, 2018

9:00 — Rema Lenser — Birthday Remem.

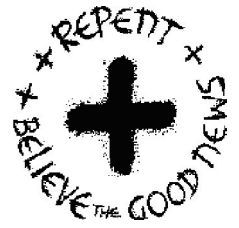
Tuesday, April 24, 2018

9:00 — Mary Rose Smith— Memorial

DEACON'S CORNER

We welcomed three new members to our parish communities this past Easter Vigil Mass. Father Paul Baptized, Confirmed and gave them First Holy Eucharist. He mentioned that they fervently studied the Bible and our Catholic traditions. This leads me to ask, “How much effort do we make to educate ourselves about our Catholic Religion since the days we were Confirmed? Have we consulted the Catechism on line or read Sunday’s Scripture reading ahead of time and reflected on the words so that when we go to Mass, we will have already acquainted ourselves with the readings?”

Deacon Brendan



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A (continued) blessed Easter to you! I know that for most of the world Easter has come and gone, but for those of us who gather on this day the Easter celebration continues! In today’s gospel, we have the passage from Luke which tells of Jesus’ encounter with the disciples in the “upper room”; it is most likely the same space that they gathered with Jesus for the Last Supper. As we enter into the scene, the apostles are hearing about the two disciples’ encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It is in the “breaking of the bread” (Lk 24:35) that these two come to recognize Jesus, whereupon He vanishes from their sight.

As the apostles are hearing about this post-Resurrection event they have one themselves. As with the other gospel accounts, Jesus’ first gesture is to offer them peace. It is a peace that only He can give, for it is a peace that is rooted not in this world, but in the Eternal Kingdom of God’s Eternal Peace. He further assists them by allaying their fears, for they think they are encountering a ghost. In showing them His flesh and bones, as well as asking for something to eat, Jesus shows them (and us) His *humanity*, and the fact that there was, indeed, a bodily death and resurrection. He emphasizes this point further by speaking of the prophetic words that were written and spoken about Him.

Easter is a time of new hope, new peace, and new life. The apostles, gathered in the upper room, are sharers and bearers of that new life. They are about to embark on a new way of living and Jesus takes the time to give them some “marching orders”. As witnesses to Jesus’ death and resurrection, they are now being called to share these truths with others, with the whole world really. This is why “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem” (Lk 24:47-49). This is the new “job” for the apostles, “ones who are sent” (which is what the word “apostle” means) into the world for the spread of the gospel and the salvation of souls. May we who share in Christ’s baptism also share in His death and resurrection. May this sharing bring forth a boldness in word and deed. May we come to know and understand this truth, and share it with all whom we meet.

A (Continued) Blessed Easter to All,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection

May 10, 2018 — The Ascension

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Easter		Easter	
OFFERTORY Good Friday — Holy Shrines	\$5,144		\$4,861 \$ 767	
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,220	\$32,000	\$25,420	\$32,000

Confirmation in the Catholic Church

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (excerpts)

Confirmation is one of the seven [sacraments](#) of the [Catholic Church](#). It is the one of the three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church, the other two being [Baptism](#) and [Holy Communion](#).^[1]

According to Catholic doctrine, the Sacrament of Confirmation enables the faithful to be sealed with the gift of the [Holy Spirit](#), strengthening them in their Christian life.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:^[2]

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding and courage, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the Spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. **God our Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your heart.**^[3]

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sees as a scriptural basis for Confirmation as a sacrament distinct from Baptism the account in the [Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17](#):^{[4][5]}

Now when the apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The sacrament is customarily conferred only on people old enough to understand it, and the ordinary minister of Confirmation is a bishop. Only for a serious reason may the diocesan bishop delegate a priest to administer the sacrament (canon 884 of the Code of Canon Law). However, a priest may confer the sacrament when he baptizes someone who is no longer an infant or admits a person already baptized to full [communion](#) with the Catholic Church, or if the person (adult or child) to be confirmed is in danger of death (canon 883). Priests typically administer the sacrament during the [Easter Vigil](#) Mass to adults becoming members of the Catholic Church. It is the conclusion of the [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults](#) (RCIA) program. Priests customarily ask for and are granted permission for this occasion. (Canon 882-888).

A little known fact: Catholics not confirmed CANNOT be a sponsor for Baptism.

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

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

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



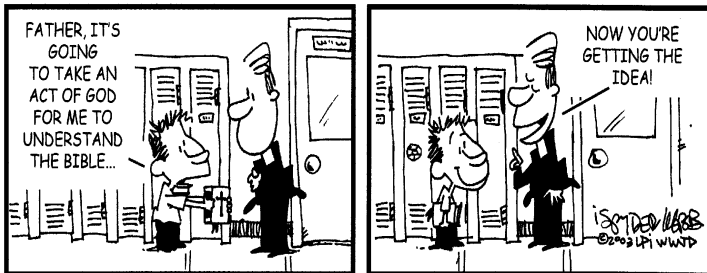
When estate planning, please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's.
God Bless You!



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. 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.

3RD 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*).

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095
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New mailing address:
P O Box 474
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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**

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is conducting its Annual Spring Food Drive for the W.B. Food Pantry beginning this weekend.

Members of the society will be distributing grocery bags at each of the masses this weekend, and we ask you to return them with your donation the weekend of **April 21/22nd** when you come to mass. Items requested by the Food Pantry include cereal, rice, baked beans, juice, soup, tuna helper, tea, cookies, spaghetti sauce, boxed potato mixes, salad dressing, and toiletries. They are overloaded with canned vegetables, so please do not include them in your donation. Grocery gift cards are also welcome, and will be used to purchase items needed by the pantry. If there are any questions, please contact Linda Santry at

508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MEAT RAFFLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH
1-3 pm
ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER

BRING A FRIEND.

SAINT ANN'S CONFIRMANDES

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| Brook Adams
Jaysem Al-Khalidy
Noah Al-Khalidy
Patrick Butler
Paige Casavant
David Connell
Taylor Cruickshank
Robert Devoe
Michael Donoso
Dylan Dunklee
Grace Flynn
Evan Frost
Katherine Geniuch
Alyssa Gill
Brett Gormley
Joseph Harrington | Kristina Herman
Rachel Klaver
Matthew Lavoie
Angelina Leitao
Kevin Lindsay
Delaney Lyons
Corey Mackin
Lauren MacNeil
Maggie McCafferty
Peter McGettrick
Lauren Miranda
Chelsea Perrault
Emma Preston
Jefferson Roberts
Mary Sheedy
Ryan Sullivan
Lydia Ventresco |
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Every Thursday night
At 6:30
In St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors open 5:00

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun. 4/22 — Cross Catholic Outreach Mission at every mass.
 Thurs. 4/26 — 1st Communion Rehearsal — 6 PM
 Sat. 4/28 — 1st Communion — 10 AM

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

MEETINGS ARE ON THE
 2ND WEDNESDAY
 OF EACH MONTH.

Please call Mary Ann Boyle 508-378-4704



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 Zemei-
 tus, 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, Charlie Micalizzi & The residents of Sa-
 chem & Westview & all our service men and women serv-



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.

Resources and Scholarships for Catholic College Students - <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/catholic-scholarships-resources/>
 Keeping the Faith in College - <https://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/religious-student-resources/>

WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK

Saturday, May 5 and 12, 2018 a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound* will be offered at Saint Joseph Manor, Brockton from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Timothy Duff, a certified chaplain, will teach the course.

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issue, spiritual needs and concern, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and other are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. **Pre-registration is require. Please register by April 30.**

St. John's Conference



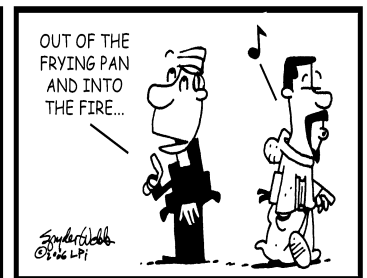
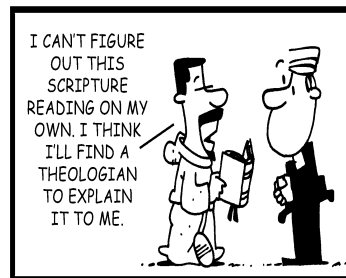
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST COMMUNION

**REHEARSAL — APRIL 26TH, 6 PM
 FIRST COMMUNION — APRIL 28TH
 10:00 AM**

**REHEARSAL — MAY 3RD, 6 PM
 FIRST COMMUNION — MAY 5TH
 10:00 AM**

A SPECIAL EASTER VIGIL FOR RCIA

