



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter*



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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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., September—March

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.

Teen Mass—6:30, September—March

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 the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office 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 - every WEDNESDAY 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 4, 2019
 4:00 - Jacob Johnson — 1st Anniversary
Sunday, May 5, 2019
 8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John
 10:30 - Thomas Buckley — 4th Anniversary
Saturday, May 11, 2019
 4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance
Sunday, May 12, 2019
 8:00 - Albert F. Murray — 1st Anniversary
 10:30 - Kimberly Russo — Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 4, 2019
 4:00 - Joseph Hyde — 13th Anniversary
 Clare Hyde — 24th Anniversary
 Ann Poliseno — 9th Anniversary
Sunday, May 5, 2019
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 10:30 - The children making their First Comm.
Monday, May 6, 2019
 9:00 - Judith Romanski—Memorial
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
 9:00 - Rosemary DiNardo—Memorial
Friday, May 10, 2019
 9:00 - Richard Caputo, Jr. — Birthday Remem
 Richard & Vivian Caputo — Remem
Saturday, May 11, 2019
 4:00 - Joseph & Doris Corazzini — Memorial
Sunday, May 12, 2019
 8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 10:30 - The victims of the Sri Lanka Bombings

What is first communion in the Catholic Church?

First Communion is a ceremony in some Christian traditions during which a person **first** receives the Eucharist. It is most common in the Latin **Church** tradition of the **Catholic Church**, as well as in many parts of the Lutheran **Church** and Anglican **Communion**.



What does it mean to have your first communion?

For Catholics, **Holy Communion** is the third of seven sacraments received. It occurs only after receiving Baptism, and once the person has reached the age of reason (usually, around the second grade). **First** confession (the **first** sacrament of penance) must precede the reception of the Eucharist.

First Communion is the first of many times in a person’s life when they will have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist — the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



As we move through our Easter Season, we have yet another post-Resurrection encounter between Jesus and the disciples. The gospels are full of these moments when Jesus reveals Himself to His “inner circle”. These are the ones who will carry on His message. These are the ones who will continue the work which Jesus established in His time on earth. They come to know Jesus in a new way in these post-Resurrection encounters, for Jesus reveals Himself slowly (partly through the disciples’ lack of recognition).

In this gospel passage, Jesus comes to them as a half-dozen are out fishing. It is a seemingly innocuous event, something which the disciples would be doing anyway. What makes it unique is the presence of the risen Christ. It is Christ who calls them to trust in Him once again, by casting their nets even after working all night and catching nothing. It is then that the disciples (first John, the beloved disciple, then Peter) recognize Jesus. This revelation continues on the seashore, as Jesus feeds them (once again) with bread and fish (perhaps an allusion to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes?). The revelation is made complete with the conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter.

Perhaps this encounter (between Peter and Jesus) is the most telling. One can only guess what is going through Peter’s mind, but it must have been an uneasy moment for him. When Jesus asks Peter three times “do you love me?”, the unease (bordering on upset) continues for Peter. What Peter perhaps doesn’t realize is that by asking this three-fold question, Jesus is forgiving Peter for his three-fold denial of Jesus (taking place sometime between the Last Supper and Jesus’ Crucifixion). Each time Jesus asks Peter to profess his love for Him, He is preparing him to take hold of the ministry which Jesus has established. It is only when Peter has this sin (of denying Jesus) “washed away” that he can continue the ministry which Jesus has set forth.

Where is it that we need forgiveness? Where do we need to hear from Jesus “do you love me”? We tend to think of forgiveness and reconciliation as “Lenten practices”. Forgiveness, however, isn’t limited to a “season” – or even a time or place. Forgiveness happens when we go to God, pour our heart out, and are freed from those things which are not of God. May we have the courage to approach the Lord, confident of His forgiving love. May we experience the healing which Peter (and the other disciples) encounters in this moment. May we know the healing, forgiving love of God, and share that gift with all whom we meet!

A Blessed Easter Season to You All,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection June 9th — Seminary Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS				
OFFERTORY 4/21/19	\$4,432	\$3,680	\$6,677	\$5,625
HOLY THURSDAY			1,064	
HOLY LAND SHRINES	572		316	
GRAND ANNUAL	\$20,088	\$32,000	\$17,716	\$32,000

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They hadn't caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn't get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

SAD NEWS

The Cursillo Community has lost two of its "shining lights". On Easter Sunday, both Fr. John Sassani and Fr. Joe Callahan went Home to God. Fr. John was involved with the Boston Cursillo Family and Fr. Joe was with the Easton/Stonehill Cursillo Family. Both men served as Spiritual Director for their respective communities and were fonts of wisdom for all who "lived Cursillo". Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to their immediate families, the Cursillo community, and their brother priests. On a personal note, I will miss their example, their wisdom and their priestly fraternity. My own prayers will be offered, as I am sure will the prayers of many Communities in which they were involved. May God grant them Eternal Rest, and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.
Fr. Paul



OLDER AMERICANS BENEFIT FROM "MY SOCIAL SECURITY"

Each May, groups and organizations around the nation join in celebrating Older Americans Month. Established in 1963, Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for our nation to recognize seniors for their many contributions and share important information to help them stay healthy and active.

This year's theme is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." Social Security has something to help keep you safe and healthy: a suite of online services. Rather than driving or taking public transportation to a local office, you can use our secure, free online services to handle much of your Social Security business. With the amount of time you save, you'll have more time to spend with the grandkids or have time for a brisk walk around the neighborhood or local park.

Before going for that walk, though, visit www.SocialSecurity.gov. Whether you already receive benefits or you're just starting to think about retirement, it's a great time to open a "my Social Security" account.

What's "my Social Security"? It's a secure online account that allows you immediate access to your personal Social Security information. During your working years, you can use "my Social Security" to view your Social Security Statement to check your earnings record and see estimates of the future retirement, disability and survivor benefits you and your family may receive. Check it out at www.SocialSecurity.gov/myaccount.

After you check your online Social Security Statement, be sure to visit our Retirement Estimator. Like a "my Social Security" account, you can use it as many times as you'd like. The Estimator lets you change variables, such as retirement date options and future earnings. You may discover that you'd rather wait another year or two before you retire to earn a higher benefit. To get instant, personalized estimates of your future benefits just go to www.SocialSecurity.gov/estimator.

Deciding when to retire is a personal choice and depends on a number of factors. To help, we suggest you read our online fact sheet, "When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits," available at www.SocialSecurity.gov/pubs.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday

Adoration — First Friday of the month following
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at
10:30 a.m.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UN-
DERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.'" Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today's Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you're still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your new-found devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

"Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter's devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, "Follow me."



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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO
BOY SCOUT TROOP 25
FOR CLEANING THE
CHURCH FOR EASTER.**



First Communion Practices — May 3

First Communion — May 4th
9:00 AM & 12:00 Noon

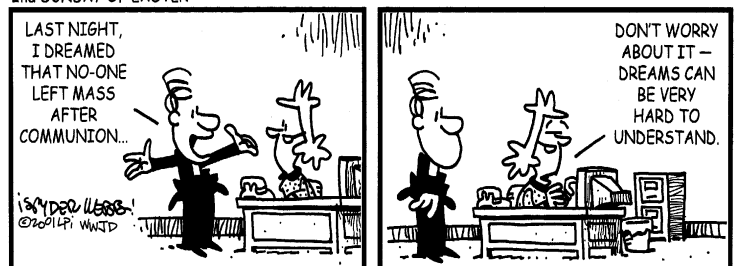
**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO DONATED
BLOOD**

DURING HOLY WEEK.

WE COLLECTED 20 UNITS !

**EACH UNIT SERVES THREE PEOPLE, SO
WE WERE ABLE TO
PROVIDE FOR 60 PEOPLE!!!**

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Maureen Campbell, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

SEASONAL REFLECTION

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5 Ways to Thank a Teacher

This National Teacher's Day, we're thankful for everything our educators do. Here are some ideas to show them a little love!

1. Write an encouraging note. Sometimes it's easier to critique than to affirm. Kind words can really make a teacher's day!
2. Give a helpful gift. Apples and candy are nice, but how about something they'll use? Consider a gift card to a coffee shop, gas station, or big-box retailer.
3. Buy some classroom necessities. Many teachers pay for tissue, fun-colored eraser board markers, and other items out of their own pockets.
4. Bring in a snack. Treats in the breakroom are a welcome sight after a long day in the classroom!
5. Track down your former educator. Old acquaintances are easier to find than ever through social media. Find a former teacher who inspired you, and send them a message telling them that. Even if it's been 20 years, it's never too late to say thank you!

PROPHETT FUNERAL HOME "Bringing the Community Together" Series

May 18th ~~~ 8:30 - 2:00 PM

Visit the International Museum of WWII, located in Natick. All expenses paid bus will leave St. Thomas Parking Lot 8:30 AM. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The International Museum of WWII is the most comprehensive collection the world. There are more than 7,500 artifacts, letters, documents, on display; everything from a Sherman Tank to personal letters of Churchill. It is a global perspective, yet very intensely personal.

Call John Cowan to reserve your seat,
cell # 774-259-1351

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Baptismal Prep — Wed. before the Baptismal Date—7 PM

SAVE THE DATE:

Catholic Women's Club will be having a Summerfest Craft Fair on June 8th this year.

More information will follow.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
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East Bridgewater, MA 02333

May 5: Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.



Rehearsal — Thursday, May 9th — 6:00 PM
First Communion - Saturday, May 11th - 10:00 AM

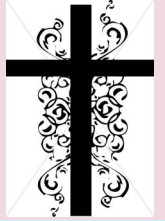
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About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.

Prayer to
St. Michael the Archangel
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
When doing your
Estate Planning!



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FOLLOW
[Jesus] said to him,
"Follow me."
- Jn 21:19b

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A photograph of a person with a backpack walking away from the camera towards a sunset over a body of water. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light.