

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



*May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter*

ASCENSION



So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. - Mk 16:19-20

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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 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 - 2nd and 3rd Tuesday 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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00 - Francis Crowley — Memorial

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Thomas Buckley — Memorial

Saturday, May 12, 2016

4:00 - Edward Williams, Sr. — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:00 - All Mothers of the Parish

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:00 — Helena Cabral — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Carmen Mathes — 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

9:00 — Judith Romanski — Memorial

Friday, May 11, 2018

9:00 — David Mitchell — Month's Mind

Saturday, May 12, 2018

4:00 - Robert Lucy — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, May 13, 2018

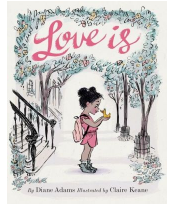
8:30 — Bronislaw Rudnicki — Memorial

10:30 — All the Mothers of the Parish

DEACON'S CORNER — DEACON BRENDAN

The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This Feast commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives. He asked them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit and after blessing them, He then ascended into heaven. The story of Christ's Ascension is mentioned in the Gospels of Mark and Luke and in the Acts of the Apostles. As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight. (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into heaven, shall come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

This feast is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Paschal (Easter). The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. Christians all around the world celebrate this Feast Day. Every Sunday we pray in the Creed, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." From His throne He intercedes for us all.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

In the movie "Hacksaw Ridge", US Army Medic Desmond Doss saved 75 men in World War II...all without use of a weapon, as he was a pacifist and conscientious objector. He did so by physically carrying these men to safety, risking his own life. His heroic actions led him to be the first (and only) conscientious objector to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, America's highest award for bravery.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). I think that Cpl. Doss certainly fulfilled this mandate with his actions in wartime Japan. This mandate, however, goes beyond the battlefield, beyond combat situations. I believe that Jesus is calling us, in our everyday lives, to put others first and ourselves second. A person can "lay down one's life" (ibid.) by reaching out to one in need and helping them in a situation that they cannot accomplish themselves. In doing this, we love one another as Christ has loved us. It is the love of Christ, placed on one's heart, which compels someone like Cpl. Doss to act in the manner that he did. It is that same love that compels us to reach out to a brother or sister in need.

In 1 John (our second reading), we are called to love one another because "love is of God" (1 Jn 4:7). The essence and existence of God is love. The pure love of God is what we are called to share with one another. Often times, this love is subverted and distorted by the world, for the world has a way of taking that which is pure and using for its own purposes, whether pure or not. When it is pure, God's love is extended into the world; when it is impure or corrupted God's love is suppressed and blocked.

We are called to love our brothers and sisters with the love with which God has loved us first. May we have the courage to love with the purity that God has placed on our hearts. May we know this love, share this love, and see that this love is brought to fruition in word and in deed.

Have a (Continued) Blessed Easter,

Fr. Paul

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	04/29/18		04/29/18	available next week
OFFERTORY	\$	\$3,680	\$	\$5,700
GRAND ANNUAL	\$15,220	\$32,000	\$25,420	\$32,000

How do I know God loves me?

Sometimes it's easy to wonder! Things can go terribly wrong in our lives, often through events or circumstances outside of our control. The world can feel like an unfriendly place. Where is God in it all? How do I know he loves me?

- 1. Look around you.** We generally see what we want to see. If you expect to see bad things, you will. But if you expect to look around yourself and see God's presence and love, even in small things, then you will see that, too. The gift of such a crazy beautiful world is a good sign of God's love.
- 2. Read scripture.** Especially the Gospel of John. The leaves of the New Testament are rustling with the promise of God's love for every one of us. And remind yourself that Jesus died for you, personally: the greatest indication of God's love there ever could be.
- 3. See Christ in others.** It's easy to judge those who are different from us. If you can stop and see Christ in everyone around you, then it will be easier to be Christ to others, too, letting God's love flow through you and into others' lives. God knows every one of us inside and out, far better than we know ourselves. He has promised to never leave us, to never forsake us. Saint Paul wrote, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

HOLY DAY MASSES

The masses for Holy Days are scheduled according to the day they fall on and which church is schedule to celebrate the morning daily mass.

For instance, if the Holy Day falls on a Monday or Tuesday, then Saint Ann will have will celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass and Saint John will celebrate the 7:00 PM Mass

If the Holy Day fall on a Wednesday or a Thursday, Saint John's will celebrate the 9:00 AM Mass and Saint Ann will celebrate the 7:00 PM Mass.

Holy Days falling on a Friday, a 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at both churches.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH

MASS AT SAINT JOHN'S @ 9:00 AM

MASS AT SAINT ANN'S @ 7:00 PM

NEW SUMMER HOURS FOR THE COLLABORATIVE OFFICES

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

9:00—4:00

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

FRIDAYS
CLOSED



When planning your summer vacations, please remember to consider your offertory. Our bills do not go on vacation and each and every dollar you donate helps to keep the parish afloat.

Our on-line giving program makes this process so easy. You set up your payments ahead of time and then don't give it another thought!

Go here to sign up today. stjohnneb.org/contributions.html

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)

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

The 26th Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 21st**, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner at the Seminary for each golfer and a guest. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.psj.edu/golf-tournament



FIRST COMMUNION

REHEARSALS

Tuesday, MAY 8th & Friday MAY 11th
@ 6:30 PM

Practices will be approximately 45 minutes—1 hour long. Parents please drop your children off at their classrooms and pick them up in the church.

**PRACTICES ARE CLOSED TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS
SORRY!**

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, MAY 12th @ 10:00 AM

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN THERE BY 9:15
DROP OFF IN THE CLASSROOM**

After the ceremony, please remember to pick up your blessing cups on the porch of the Rectory.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMMER.

TRAINING IS AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CALL either RECTORY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND AVAILABLE (EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS).



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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER @ 774-240-8095
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WEST BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all of Saint Ann's Parishioners who stepped up to help.

Your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive this weekend is greatly appreciated!

Items needed: cereal, canned fruit, cookies, brownie mix.

Saint Ann's
Annual Baby Shower

To benefit
"Friends of the Unborn"

May 12 & 13 and May 19 & 20

Welcome donations are as follows:

Onsies, Baby care seats, Baby summer hats, baby socks, Twin bed sheets and pillow cases, new or gently used newborn/infant clothing, infant formula, blankets, maternity clothing, bottles, 4 oz. & 8 oz., newborn diapers/diaper bag, coupons for diapers.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30
In St. Ann's Parish Center

IMPORTANT DATES

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, 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, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Thursday, May 11, — Ascension of the Lord, Masses 9:00 AM at St. John’s, 7:00 PM at St. ‘s
Sunday, May 13, following the 10:30 Mass —
The May Procession— to crown the Blessed Mother

St. John’s Conference

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved you.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR
FIRST COMMUNION RECENTLY.

MAY THEY HAVE A LIFE-LONG RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS AND THE CHURCH.



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


St John’s will be permanently moving to the NEW
CONNECT NOW GIVING PROGRAM by JUNE 1ST
Please cancel your old account with the MyOwn Giving
Program (Legacy) and follow the steps provided on our
website to open a new account in the CONNECT NOW
GIVING PRORAM.

SAVE THE DATE:



SAINT JOHN’S PICNIC

August 26, 2018

Following the 10:30 Mass

May 13, 2018

*All First Communicants please join us
for
THE MAY PROCESSION
to crown the Blessed Mother
At
Saint John’s following the
10:30 Mass
First Communion attire is suggested.*



Current collaborative Finance Council Members

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