



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*

*St. Ann & St. John
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017*



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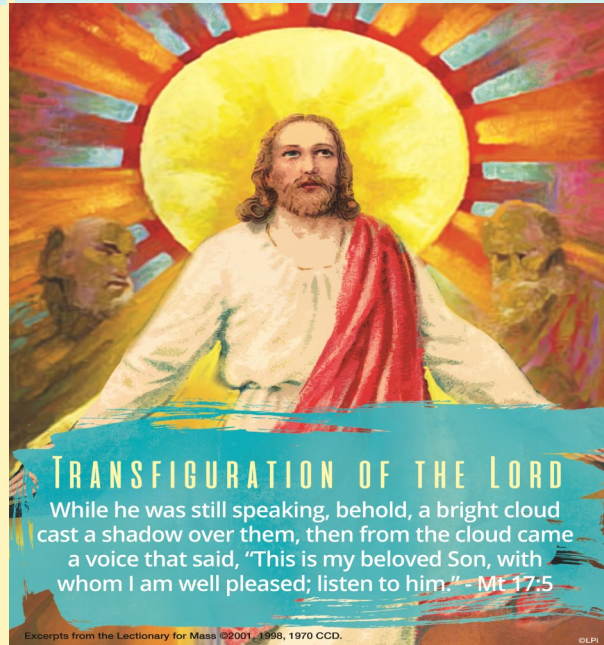
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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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 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 - Every 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

August 6, 2017—The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 13, 2017 ~ No second Collection

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:00 — Jeannette Lavoie — 15th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:00 — Michael Catania — Bread & Wine

10:30 — Angela Viera — 30th Anniversary

Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00 — Kay Grazado, Albert Ialongo, & Linda Lynch — Memorial

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:00 — Pam Adornato — First Anniversary

10:30 — Kenneth McLaughlin — 4th Anniv.

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

9:00 — Pam Adornato — 1st Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, August 5, 2017

4:00 - Scott Andrews — 39th Anniversary

Sunday, August 6, 2017

8:30 - Francis & John Zarecki — Memorial

10:30 - Robert Watkins — Month's Mind

Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00 - Richard R. McGrath — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30 - Grodecki & Rudnicki Families — Mem.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS' CORNER by Brendan

As we continue with our reflection of the Mass, The Eucharistic Celebration, we come to the Communion and Concluding Rite.

After the celebrant gives a brief invitation, we as one body pray the Lord's prayer. It is interesting that this is the only text of the Mass that retains the Old English pronoun, *Thy*. Between the Lord's prayer and our acclamation, the celebrant prays that with the help of God's mercy we may be free from sin and safe from all distress. He then prays for peace and unity. When referring to the Church in this prayer he uses the feminine pronoun. He offers to us Our Lord's peace. We are then invited to offer each other a sign of peace.

We kneel as the celebrant raises the body and blood of Christ, saying "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him..." We should look up at the Lamb of God and not cast our eyes down. "Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb".

As the centurion in the gospels felt he was unworthy for Jesus to enter his home, we imitate his humility and ask the Lord to say the word and our soul will be healed, our spiritual healing.

We approach Our Lord with reverence and anticipation to receive His Body extending one hand over the other. We answer Amen to the "Body of Christ". The Communion Rite concludes with the prayer after Communion. As the priest blesses us, we make the sign of the cross. This is the proper time to make the sign of the cross, not when we receive the Holy Eucharist.

We are then asked to go in peace and announce the Gospel of the Lord. We do not just leave the building but rather we go out into the world with a mission. Unless we have a serious reason, it is only appropriate to wait for the priest's blessing and dismissal. WE WORSHIP OUR GOD AS ONE BODY-WE PRAY, WE SING AS ONE BODY.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



On my recent trip to Rome, I had the opportunity to view Raphael's (original) painting of "The Transfiguration", which hangs in the Pinocoteca (meaning "picture gallery") of the Vatican Museums. I had seen it a few years ago, on my last trip to Rome, but each time it is seen the viewer comes away with some new insight (as is the case with most pieces of art). In this viewing, what struck me was that amidst all the chaos, shock, and confusion of the moment, there are figures in ecstasy looking at the rising Christ. The ones in ecstasy are pointing towards Jesus, and there is one figure in particular that was striking to me. It is the figure of a woman, kneeling in prayer. This woman represents the Church and her serenity amidst the uproar of the scene reminds one that in the upheaval of the world, the Church stands as a manifestation of the transformative nature of faith, especially faith in Christ.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is one of those rare feasts which supersedes the Sunday celebration, "interrupting" our journey through Ordinary Time. It does so because it points to an important truth of our faith, one which does not take the place of the Eucharist and its central importance in our life of faith but enhances the necessity of the Eucharist and its place in our lives. The Transfiguration is an important moment in salvation history because it gives us a glimpse of our future. In Raphael's depiction of the Transfiguration, Peter, James, and John have fallen to the ground, overwhelmed by this moment of faith; it is no wonder, and wouldn't any of us have done the same if we were in their place? Here is Jesus, rising in the air, a precursor of His journey back to the Eternal Kingdom, which will happen at the Ascension. It is a hopeful scene, one that gives us a "roadmap" as to our own lives of faith. As Jesus is "transfigured", He gives all who look upon Him the opportunity to unite themselves with the Savior, to put their trust in Him as He shows us what He will look like when He ascends to the Father.

This depiction of the Transfiguration highlights another important truth of our faith. Raphael's painting shows many different figures, some in rapture, some in torment. There is even a "demonic" figure, showing to us that even when Christ is present, evil is present as well. The Transfiguration painting reminds us, however, that "where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more" (Romans 5:20). The demonic can never overtake the Heavenly, and evil can never overtake good. There may be, for a time, a seeming triumph of evil in the world, but Raphael reminds us that at the heart of one's life of faith is Christ, transformed in nature, transforming us in love.

May we have the courage to look beyond the chaos and evil in the world. May we know that Christ is in all things and above all things. May we trust that where Jesus has gone, we shall follow and that when there is disorder in our lives, Christ bring order. May we, one day, live in the presence of the risen, transformed, Christ in the Eternal Kingdom of God's Eternal Love.

Have a Blessed Week,
Fr. Paul

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



SAINT JOHN'S PICNIC IS SCHEDULED FOR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

COME ENJOY GREAT FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS FROM OUR NEW COLLABORATIVE PARISHES.

SAINT ANN PARISHIONERS PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Hamburger, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads of all kinds, Baked Beans, Corn from Lapinski's, Chips, Watermelon and great desserts.

Tickets on Sale beginning August 5th after each Mass up until the date of the picnic. Ticket \$5 Each.



A Great Day of Golf, Food and Fun to Support Our Collaborative!

The first annual St. Ann's and St. John's Collaborative Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 15th at River Bend Country Club in West Bridgewater.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per golfer, and includes greens fees, golf cart, and a Chicken BBQ lunch. Four-somes welcome!

There is a lunch-only option for non-golfers. There will be a variety of contests (Long Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin, and more), raffles during lunch, and team awards.

Come and join us for a day of golf, food and fun to support our Collaborative ventures such as, but not limited to, PYM. Visit www.stannstjohnsgolf.com for registration info and sponsorship options, or contact Russ Champoux at stannstjohnsgolf@gmail.com or call 508-280-1428.

TRANSFIGURATION



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Just a reminder that Offertory Envelopes for both St. Ann's and St. John's are coded so they can be used at either church and the money will be appropriated to the correct church. This includes second collections.

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (Due to the retirement of Fr. Skerry at St. John's)

BEGINNING JULY 31, 2017

MONDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

TUESDAY @ SAINT ANN'S

WEDNESDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

THURSDAY @ SAINT JOHN'S

FRIDAYS @ BOTH CHURCHES

**Masses will be at 9:00 AM
(as usual)**

BEGINNING JANUARY OF 2018

SPECIAL PARISH SECOND COLLECTIONS WILL BE ELLIMINATED

**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
SELF-FUNDING
PROGRAMS, Ie.,**

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

All Diocesan Collections will remain in place.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

September 30, 2017

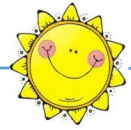
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lowell Memorial Auditorium

A Catholic Conference for all adults, ages 20 through 120, focused on the gift of Holy Hope!

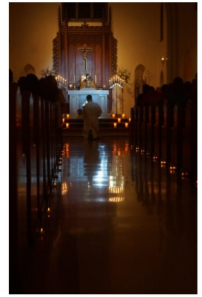
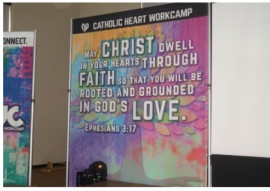
Come and join 2000+ other Catholic men and women for a full day filled with five powerful talks, incredible Christian Music, and the fellowship of thousands who unite their hearts in Holy Hope. The Holy Mass, Confessions and Adoration will all be included in this amazing day of grace. Go to www.HopeConferences.com to get more information and register.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



Catholic Heart Trip-Richmond

A Team of Youth and Adults from St. Ann, St. John and St. Thomas traveled by car (13 hours) to Richmond Virginia to serve in the community at a therapeutic horse farm, individual homes, and food pantries. Each night the team participated in praise and worship. It was an amazing week of faith, service and friendship.



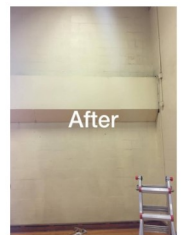
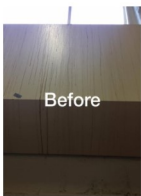
Steubenville U Mass Lowell

Steubenville East is an amazing conference held in several locations throughout the summer. This is a powerful weekend filled with National Speakers, Music, and Life changing opportunities to pray. Our team grew in faith and came home Elevated by the love of God.



Service

On a hot Saturday morning in July a small but dedicated group got together and built 6 kneelers and scrubbed the right wall of St. Ann's Parish Hall. There is lots more to clean but we made a great start!



Service Pilgrimage to Rome

Our team of "Pioneer Pilgrims" joined Catholic Heart Work Camp, PJ and Rachel Anderson, and their team for a week deeply rooted in our faith and serving the people of Rome. This was an amazing opportunity to study our faith from it's roots-literally-feet away from St. Peter's tomb and the rocks our faith was built on. A highlight was watching Fr. Paul concelebrate Mass on the tomb of Saint Pope Paul II. Another highlight was walking among the Saints in Assisi and feeling the love of our faith.



VBS is just beginning as of this publication deadline!



At Steubenville East we learned about Life Teen's Mission in Hatti. Many are working towards creating Youth Ministry in country hungry for opportunities for faith. We have a vibrant and active Parish and Youth Ministry. Have you gotten involved yet? These programs are for all ages. Call Nancy Smith to get involved or learn more!

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

July 31, 2017 — \$3,471

Thank you for your continued contribution.

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration forms for this year's Religious Education Program can be obtained on our web page and at the doors of the church.

Emails will be sent to all families with the form as an attachment.

These forms should be returned no later than September 1st—after this date, a late fee will be incurred.



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



SAINT ANN'S DAY



A special thank you to the picnic committee members, the kitchen crew, the cooks, the servers, the Boy Scouts for setting up the chairs and tables and a special thank you for the parishioners for helping to replace the chairs and tables inside the parish center. Thank you all for making the Saint Ann's Picnic such a success!!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

The members of the Saint Vincent dePaul Conference want you to know how much they appreciate your financial support. It is comforting to be able to assist parishioners who "up against it" and need a little help.

SATURDAY, AUG 5 & SUNDAY, AUG 6, 2017

LECTORS

4 PM—Joe Wilkinson
8:30 —Andrew Pelletier
10:30—Benjamin Williams

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4 PM — Marylou Boyd
Sandy Mehl
Ann Zenus

8:30 — Louise Domingos
Valerie Pelletier
JoAnn Kennedy

10:30 — John Zenus
Betty Lindberg
Jerry Bean

The Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

*St. John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
July 23, 2017 error in reporting, actual
offertory was::*

\$4,582

Thank you to all.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

Each month, through your generous gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are able to assist many individuals and families. We sincerely appreciate your support!

If you know anyone from East Bridgewater who is in need of food or other assistance please have them call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



REVEREND DONAL P SKERRY, S.V.D



SAINT JOHN'S MASS ASSISTANT
FOR 30 YEARS

WILL BE RETIRING THIS MONTH.

Fr. Skerry has blessed us over the years with his Masses, his humor, his warm and quiet manner, and his true love of God and his people.

He has guided us to be better human beings and better Catholics through his example and preaching.

We will miss him.

If you would like to wish Fr. Skerry well, please place a card in the baskets that will be on the altar the next couple of weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday 8/5 — Country Shindig —
Mon.—8/7 — Religious Education Registration Begins
Tues. 8/15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER. — Holy Day of Obligation. —
Masses 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Sunday, 9/10 — Saint John's Picnic
Mon.—9/11 — Bible Study Begins with Deacon Joe

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen Debenedictis, Carter Cullen Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.
If you know of anyone who should be included or taken off the prayer list, please let the Rectory know.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7TH
CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 10TH.**

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION
CLASSES**



Religious Education

WE ARE NO LONGER HAVING CLASSES ON SUNDAY
FOR CONFIRMATION

9TH GRADE — 6:00—7:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

10TH GRADE — 7:00—8:00 PM MONDAY EVENING

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