



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*February 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.”

- Lk 6:22

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

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, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

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, February 16, 2019

4:00 - Ralph E. Ortenzi — Memorial

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 - Anyone suffering from Addiction

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

9:00 - Patrick Sullivan — Birthday Remem,

Saturday, February 23, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners suffering from Cancer

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Doris E. LePine- O’Connell— 1st Anniv.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:00 - Rita C. Giovanoni —1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - William McCormack — 6th Anniversary

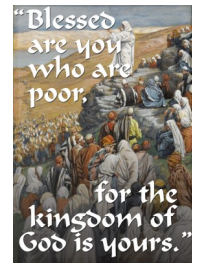
Saturday, February 23, 2019

4:00 - Louis Tarantino — Memorial

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Charles Edgerly — 22nd Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was in seminary, we often spoke of the “warm and fuzzy Jesus” of which people most often think when picturing Jesus. They think of the Jesus who restores sight to the blind, who restores health to the crippled, and life to the dead. While these images of Jesus are valid, they neglect the Jesus who was not afraid to confront authority, who was not afraid to upend the status quo.

In the Beatitudes as presented by Luke, Jesus offers blessings to the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the accursed and insulted. He reminds them their “reward will be great in heaven” (Lk 17:23), something my mother used to say to us when things were not going our way. It was of little comfort to hear those words as a four year-old, but they are of great comfort as a fifty-four year old! Jesus does not stop there, though, as He does in other gospel treatments of the Beatitudes. Jesus follows these blessings with the “woe” statements, cautioning those who are rich, filled, laughing, well thought of, and the like. To these folks, his “woe” is not meant as sadness, but caution; Jesus might as well be saying “whoa” (as in ‘hold up/stop’) because these statements are meant as a caution and a warning. He cautions those who put their trust in the world that these are only passing fancies, fleeting glories. Our real treasure is in heaven, and Jesus is cautioning those who rely on the world for everything (in the control of the world or not) to be careful.

One of the challenges of the Christian life is that it is meant to be lived out in a world that does not always (or even often) follow gospel values and espouse gospel truths. The Christian life is one in which gospel truths and values are brought into the world, into one’s everyday life. Wherever we find ourselves – work, school, home – we are called to be “gospel people”; all too often we leave what we have heard and read right where we have heard and read it. Our challenge is to bring the gospel with us. As has been oft quoted, “be careful...you may be the only bible someone reads”; in other words, we are called to be the living embodiment of the gospel, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

May we have the courage to be gospel people. May we know the truth and be unafraid to incorporate it into our daily lives. May we not only “know of” Jesus, but truly “know” Him by how we live. May the Beatitudes which Luke offers be both comforting and challenging. May these words we hear today take root and bear fruit so that all may know Jesus and share Him with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

LENT IS COMING.....

March 6 — ASH WEDNESDAY

Distribution at St John’s: 9:00 AM, during Mass
4:30 PM Service

Distribution at St. Ann’s: 7:00 PM during Mass

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule)

6:30—8:00 PM

St Ann’s

March 13

March 27

April 10

St John’s

March 20

April 3

April 17

EASTER SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday — St John’s

Good Friday — St. Ann’s

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) — St John’s

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

The Next Second Collection February 24, 2019 —Support of the Church Around the World

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available			
OFFERTORY		\$3,680		\$ 5,70
GRAND ANNUAL		\$32,000		\$32,000
FINANCIAL INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE DUE TO THE FACT THAT JACKIE BUCCIGROSS NO LONGER WORKS FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE. SHE WAS HIRED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE IN THE PARISH FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS A CONSULTANT. SHE HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP OUT UNTIL OUR NEW FINANCE PERSON COMES ON BOARD ABOUT THE END OF FEBRUARY.				

"I was very disappointed to read the opinion piece ([link here](#)) by Governor Cuomo of New York published in Wednesday's New York Times regarding the law recently enacted in that state. I have penned a few thoughts on the issue, which I would like to share with you here:

This week, the New York Times published an editorial by the Governor of New York who makes the outrageous claim that pro-life Catholics are trying to impose our religion on the country. Opposition to abortion is not a "Catholic issue." We have no right to make Friday abstinence or the reception of Ashes on Ash Wednesday a legal obligation for all citizens. Abortion, like racism, anti-Semitism, and human trafficking are violations of human rights. Innocent human life should be protected by civil laws. The eroding of the sacredness of human life is a slippery slope that begins with abortion, moves to euthanasia and then the elimination of the weak, feeble, and the "undesirable" whose lives are not as important and are inconvenient. Cheapening human life is to devalue all life. When the abortion debate began, the pro-abortion advocates said it was impossible to know when human life begins. That has become a moot question. While science makes viability possible sooner and sooner in the pregnancy, abortion advocates want to keep moving the goalpost in the other direction. It no longer matters when human life begins.

The Pro-Life movement is the largest grassroots human rights movement in the U.S. We must also continue to expand our effort to help women to be able to choose life in the midst of economic and social pressures to take the life of their child. Indeed, I wish to be clear that I recognize the difficult situations women often face in pregnancy. To stand for unborn life morally is not to stand against women in these tragic circumstances. Both the woman and the child deserve our support.

Being at the March for Life is so reassuring. Young people, often the least religious segment of the population, are nevertheless the more pro-life generation. Despite the ugliness of the present effort of some to promote abortion, hope for the future is bright because more and more young people realize that abortion is not a religious issue. It is a matter of public morality and the defense of human rights. The day is coming when the abortion movement will find itself on the wrong side of history as the new generation embraces the protection of life."

Cardinal Séan's Blog

The Catholic Pastoral Care Program at Signature-Healthcare Brockton Hospital invites you to become a member of the Catholic Pastoral Visitors Program.

As a Eucharistic Minister, you will minister to patients through prayer and the offering of Eucharist. The anxiety caused by sickness is often a challenge for patients and their families. Your presence is the warmth of Christ and demonstrates the care of your local parish community. Please consider joining us as a Eucharistic Minister.



If you have donated to the Grand Annual Collection this year, Thank You.

If you have not yet given, please remember that this collection is essential to the financial stability of each parish.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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New mailing address:
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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.

NO RELIGIOUS ED ON SUNDAY, 2/17/19

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

The Confirmation Classes from both St. Ann and
St. John will attend the following
Confirmation Retreats.

Retreats will be conducted in
St. Ann's Parish Center.
8:00—12:00
10th Grade — March 2, 2019
9th Grade March 9, 2019

La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street
Attleboro, MA 02703

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

Find the FUN in DysFUNction

Presenter: Dottie Levesque

This 4-session evening seminar will examine the effects and affects of having been part of a dysfunctional family that did not recognize emotions, process them and grow from them. It is important to know that it is never too late to learn: 1/ sadness is not the foundation of life; 2/ healthy laughter is a healing factor; 3/ goals are achievable, even by me; 4/ God's love is the source of strength and courage to move forward. Find comfort in joining others on the same journey of discovering.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
per person and per session
Call 508-222-8530 to register

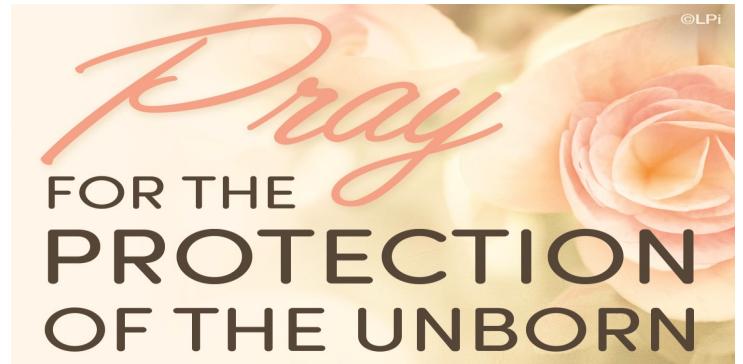
Suggested Donation: \$10

Please notice that the other 3 sessions of this 4-session seminar are schedule for
March 12th; March 26th; and April 9th, 2019 – always from
7:00pm to 8:30 pm.



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.



We need your help—please return all bulletins to the doors of the church if you are not taking them home.

Once again we are asking that people avoid parking in front of the garage of the rectory as the priest need to have access at all times.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, Pat Zemeitus, 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, Jacquelyn Smith, Anne Owen, Kerri Fabrowsk, Diane Nicoliar & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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8:00—12:00
10th Grade — March 2, 2019**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

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

**Catholic Women's Club Mtg — No February Meeting
March 13, — 12:00**

The April Baptism scheduled for April 14th (Palm Sunday) has been moved to April 28th.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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

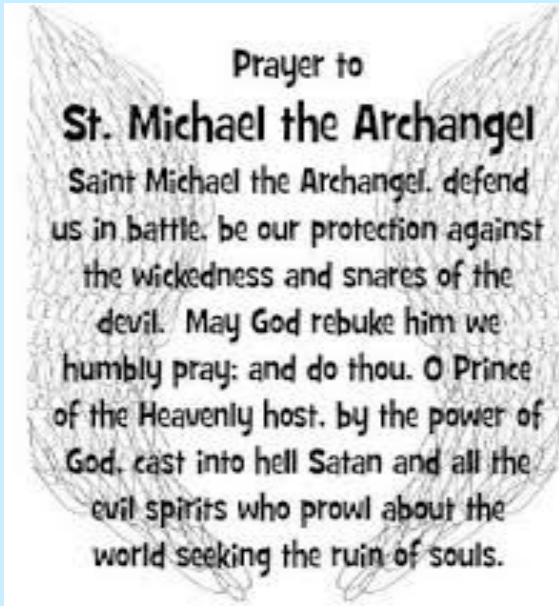
EASTER CHOIR

For teen and adult parishioners of both parishes interested in singing in the Collaborative Choir for the Paschal Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, rehearsals begin Monday, March 11, 7:15 pm at St. Johns. For children from St. John's Parish who have already received First Communion and are interested in joining the Children's Choir to sing Easter morning, rehearsals begin Monday, March 11, 6 pm at St. Johns. Contact Paul

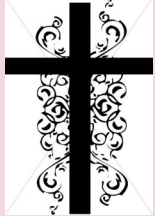
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." Give the gift of your love to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

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.



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



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann	Saint John
February 10 March 10	March 24 April 14

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.