



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*March 10, 2019
First Sunday in Lent*



1st

SUNDAY OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

- Lk 4:1-2a

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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., 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, March 9, 2019

4:00 - Donna McGrath — Birthday Remem.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Catherine Eisenmann — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, March 16, 2019

4:00 - Children of the Parish

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:00 - First responders of the Parish

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

9:00 - Patrick Sullivan — Birthday Remembrance

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, March 9, 2019

4:00 - Robert Riberio — 1st Anniversary

Helen Cappiello — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners struggling with addiction

10:30 - First responders of the Parish

Saturday, March 16, 2019

4:00 - Robert Smith — Memorial

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Kevin F. Lyons — 5th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent has begun! Our forty-day period of “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” has kicked off, and I hope and pray that this Season is a time of grace and joy for you. Yes, I said joy! When we think of joy, we think of a festive feeling of frivolity, but joy to the Christian is something entirely different. Joy to the Christian is rooted not in this world, but in the Kingdom; this is why the concept is so difficult for many to grasp. We live in a world of instant gratification, of living “in the now”. There is nothing wrong, per se, with “living in the moment” – it can make the present reality that much more “present”. The challenge with living in the here and now, however, comes to bear when we forget why we are here. The present life isn’t just a “stop over” until we get to heaven, but neither is it the “be all, end all” that world would have us believe. The “pitfall” of living a fully human life is to think that this is all there is; it is a temptation to be avoided, for if we do not our very soul could be at risk.

Jesus knows all about temptation. Today’s gospel presents three very real temptations to humanity – physical deprivation and need, power and glory, and safety and security. In being presented with these three temptations, Satan acknowledges Jesus’ humanity. This is something of which we need to remind ourselves. When we remember that Jesus (along with being “fully God”) is “fully human”, we find our own humanity “raised up”. A reminder of this comes in our Mass, when the priest (in preparing the water and wine for consecration, so as to become the Blood of Christ), says the words “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity”. In doing so, he is reminded (and thus, by his actions, reminds the congregation) that Jesus knows what it is to be tempted as a “flesh and blood” human being, but did not give into those temptations.

In moving forward in our Lenten journey, may we realize that there will be temptations. May we also realize that we can, with the help of God through the presence of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, overcome those temptations. May this Lenten Season be for us a time of cleansing, purification and healing. May this Season also be a time of hope, peace and....JOY!

A Prayerful, Peaceful, and Joyful Lent to All,

Fr. Paul

LENT IS COMING.....

**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 — 7 PM
Good Friday — St. Ann’s — 7 PM
(Easter Vigil) — St John’s — 8 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

At St John’s after the 9:00 am Masses
At St. Ann’s — 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAYS

St. Ann — 8:30 & 10:30
St John — 10:30

The Next Second Collection
Ash Wednesday — Catholic Charities

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

Brian Manning has officially joined the staff of the Collaborative. He is currently training with Jackie. When he gets his feet planted firmly in our procedures, offertory totals will be available. Please give Brian a warm welcome.

We've seen how the scandal has drawn people away from the faith. As parents, we worried about the impact on our young children, and it made us think about why we remain Catholic.



The answer lies in the way we saw adults in our lives live out their faith when we were young and impressionable, like our kids are today—the example of our mother working to help the poor, our father praying the Rosary with us, and our grandmother bringing communion to the sick.

We quickly realized the path forward out of today's darkness started with us. We long for our kids not only to grow up in the faith, but to continue to live out that faith as adults. It became clear that we needed to shift our focus toward boldly living our faith at home, toward answering the universal call for holiness within our family life, toward building our domestic church into the vehicle keeping us on the narrow road. We knew we needed to make the conscious decision to fearlessly live the life Christ calls us to live. For us, that means giving our children visible examples of how to live a holy life, engaging in frequent family prayer, involving our entire family in the corporal works of mercy, building community with other Catholic families within our reach both in real life and online, and so much more.

Our identity as Catholics blossoms in the home. Today, as we look at the living room wall above our home altar, adorned with framed pictures of various saints, we're reminded of a quote from one of those saints, Servant of God Dorothy Day: "It is the saints that keep appearing all through history who keep things going."

We each need to become one of those saints. There is still a lot of work to be done in the Church and around the world, but the work starts in our homes.



Forty days — Forty Items

Wednesday, March 6th is the first day of Lent.

I have a challenge for you!

Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into the trash bag provided.

At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them.

The collaboration has made arrangements with The St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The week after Easter, bags can be dropped off for pick up at St Ann's.

Specific drop off details to be announced.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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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.

Financial Peace University – Do you run out of money before you run out of month? Do you feel enslaved by your debt?

St. Joseph / St. Mary Collaborative in Kingston, MA is offering Dave Ramsey's life-changing "Financial Peace University" (FPU) on Friday evenings this spring. You'll get a step-by-step plan to create a budget, pay off debt, make wise spending decisions and save for the future. This 9-week course has changed lives and saved marriages!

We'll be watching entertaining videos by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team. Colleen North, a Certified Ramsey Master Coach and parishioner will be your course coordinator. Together they will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before.

FPU will begin: Friday March 15 at Our Lady's Hall, St. Joseph's Church, 272 Main St. in Kingston 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

The cost is \$129 per family (\$20 discount if you use the following link). Register on-line at

<https://fpu.com/1087345>

Not sure if this class is for you? Come to the first class **FREE**. All are welcome!

Contact:
Colleen North: phone/text 781-291-2461 or email
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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.

CONFIRMATION INFO St. Ann's

1st Confirmation Rehearsal
March 20th
6 PM

2nd Confirmation Rehearsal
March 27th
6 PM Dinner to be followed by Rehearsal
Gowns to be distributed

Confirmation
April 3
7 PM

First Penance

Saturday, March 16, 2019

10:00 AM



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

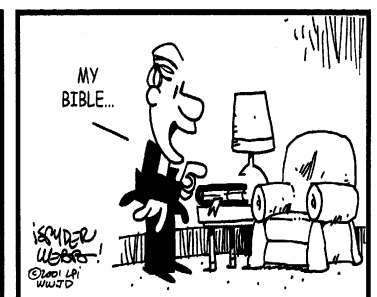
MEAT RAFFLE

MARCH 30, 2019

1:00 PM

ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



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, 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, Maureen Campbell & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

CONFIRMATION INFO St John's

Confirmation Rehearsal
March 28th
6:30 PM

Confirmation
March 29th
6:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

It will take too long. I can't spare it. I don't know anybody. I am just too busy.

How many excuses can you think of to put forth as reasons why you should say no to the call of Jesus Christ? Wait. You didn't know to whom those responses were directed? We say no to many things and many people, but we wouldn't say no to Jesus. Really?

During this Lenten season, like all the other seasons, we will be asked to respond in many different ways. There will be fasting, almsgiving, and abstinence from certain foods. There will be invitations to various devotions and formational studies. We will be asked to reflect on our faith and then dive deeper.

The argument will be made by some that many of these things are being asked of us by others and not Jesus. Of course, that will just be another excuse like those above. For every calling upon us comes with a temptation to take the easy way out or to minimize the value of the request.

We will stay caught up in an endless cycle of excuses that lead us nowhere. That is unless we simply choose to stop the madness and say YES! This Lent, give up and give in. Let God take over as you surrender all you are and have to Him. Now is the time to turn to Jesus. No more excuses.

-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

First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter

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 Hoffman, St. John's Music Director, for details.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

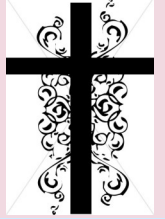
Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next Weekends are Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA.**

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.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.

**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!



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann	Saint John
March 10	March 24

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.