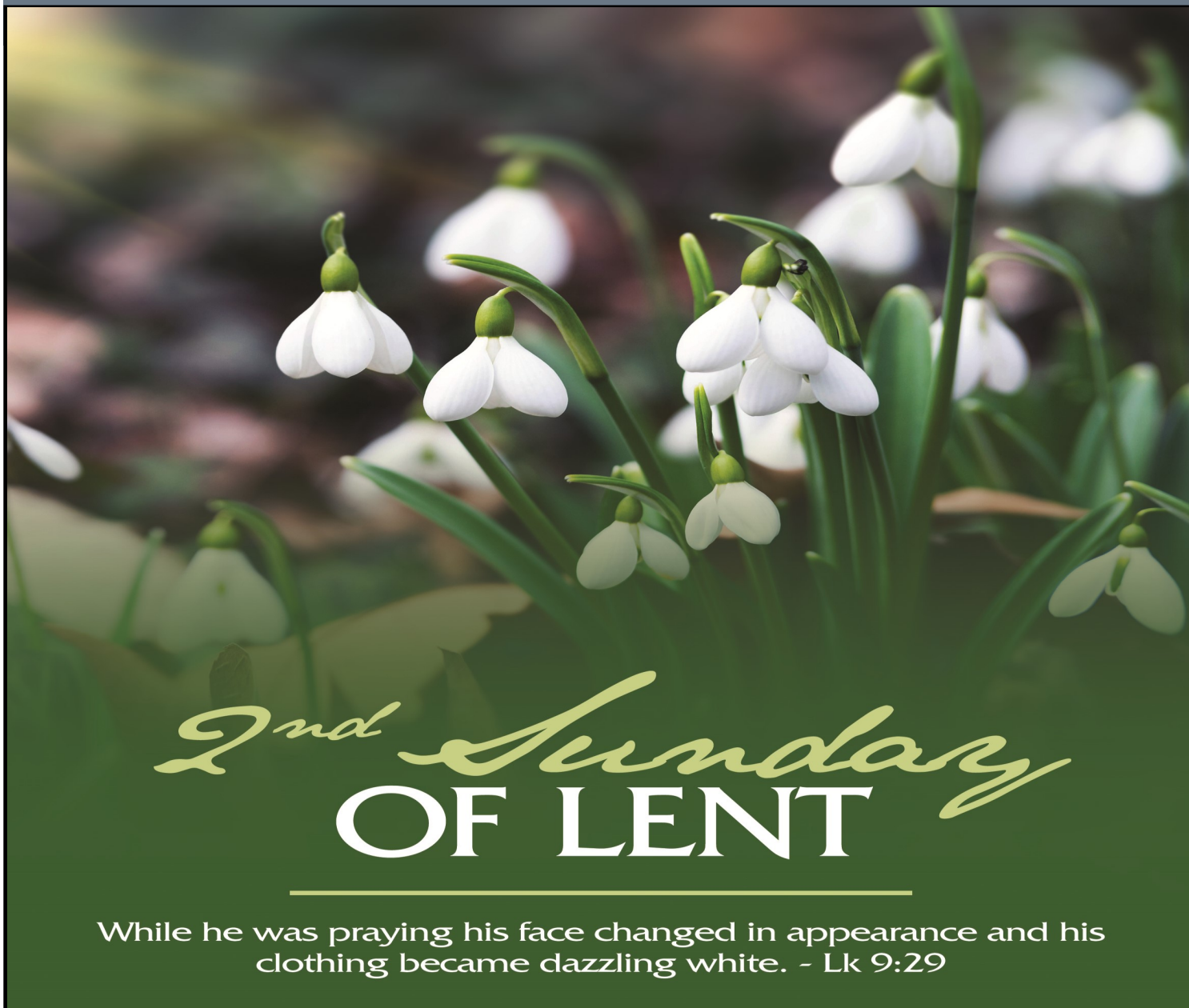




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John*



*March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent*



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Saint John the Evangelist
210 Central St., East Bridgewater 02333
Office –103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater
508-378-4207
E-MAIL: stjohnebridge@comcast.net
Website: www.stjohneb.org
Facebook: St. John the Evangelist-EB

The Church of Saint Ann
103 N. Main St., West Bridgewater 02379
508-586-4880
E-Mail: stanns@comcast.net
Website: stannswb.com
Facebook: St. Ann-WB

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring
fr_plrstjohn@comcast.net

Brendan Fitzgerald
deaconbrendan@comcast.net

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Michael K. Harvey

Permanent Deacons:

Joe Hopgood
deaconjoe@comcast.net

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

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Business Manager: Brian Manning
bmanning.stjohns@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Arlene Stefano
stanns@comcast.net

Director of Religious Education

Charlotte Leines
stannscd@comcast.net
508-588-7140

Director of Music: Matthew Cunningham
matthewcunningham@bpsma.org

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

Business Manager: Brian Manning
bmanning.stjohns@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Conrad
stjohnebridge@comcast.net

Director of Religious Education

Lorraine Hopgood
repstjohn@gmail.com
508-378-1521

Director of Music: Paul Hoffman

p.hoffman@stjohne.org
Music Minister: Erica Wasil

PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

Deacon Joe Hopgood
Paul Hoffman
Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams
Nancy Maloney
Margaret Mary Williams

Jackie Buccigross

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, March 23, 2019

4:00 - Martin J. Hanley — 29th Anniversary

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Nancy Robichaud — 3rd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship 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

Saturday, March 23, 2019

4:00 - Shakman & Mitkus Families — Mem.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:30 - Children being Confirmed

10:30 - Parishioners of St. Ann



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I love going to the movies; it’s one of my great “passions”. I especially enjoy getting there in time for the “coming attractions”, the previews of movies that will be released. It is there that I begin to “pick and choose” what movies I’m going to see and what ones I’m going to avoid. It is in today’s gospel that we have a “preview” of something to come, something to which we can look forward.

In today’s gospel, the Transfiguration is “front and center”. This moment in salvation history is seen by Peter, James and John, and is “seen” by those of us who have “eyes” (in the spiritual sense) to see. When this moment happens, the three disciples who are with Jesus are not seeing things clearly. This is understandable due to the fact that they (nor anyone else) had never seen anything like this, nor had anyone else. They were fearful and confused, but in some sense they trusted that the Lord had their best interest at heart; He had never led them astray, and wasn’t about to here. They fell silent because no words could convey the power of that moment.

Lent is for us a time of reflection. Lent for us is a time of conversion. Today’s gospel is, for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear, a moment of reflection and conversion as well. We reflect on the fact that in this moment of the Transfiguration, Jesus shows to us not only who it is He will become, but also who it is that we will become. When we believe in the power and presence of Jesus, we ourselves are “transfigured” – made anew as new creations of God’s love and power; this must be for us a moment of reflection and conversion. We reflect on the love which Jesus has for us in showing us the way to the Kingdom. We are converted in the sense that it is a moment of renewal for us in being shown who it is that we will become.

May we use this moment of reflection and conversion to deepen our commitment to Christ and His Church. May we come to see Jesus for who He is for us. May we come to believe that in the transfigured Christ, we have our hope and salvation. May this Lenten Season be a time of reflection and conversion, so that when Easter comes, Jesus may find us watching, waiting and ready to welcome Him anew.

A Blessed Lent to All,

Fr. Paul

LENT IS COMING.....

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (Confession Schedule)
6:30—8:00 PM

<i>St Ann’s</i>	<i>St John’s</i>
March 13	March 20
March 27	April 3
April 10	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

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

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.



Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy of our world. They are all around us: children and the old, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors and people in lands faraway.

Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, something that costs us. We will receive blessings from God in return.

Pope Francis said in his Ash Wednesday homily, 'Lent is also a privileged time for prayer', He quoted St. Augustine, who described fasting and almsgiving as "the two wings of prayer," because they are signs of humility and charity.

Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

During Lent do you think God needs the chocolate, candy, and other trivial things we give up? No He needs us to look deep within ourselves and reflect. He wants our hearts.

So when you fast, do not proclaim it, do not look hard done by, smile and go about your day happy. We are told this in the Bible.

In fact he wants us to stop our obsession with the ME and start thinking about what truly matters in life. www.catholic.org/lent/story.php

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.

**PASS IT ALONG!
BUY THE NEXT
PERSON'S
COFFEE, PAY FOR
A STRANGER'S
BRIDGE TOLL,
OR LET SOMEONE
GO AHEAD OF
YOU AT THE
CHECKOUT.**



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
P O Box 474
West Bridgewater MA 02379

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
2winchange@gmail.com

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

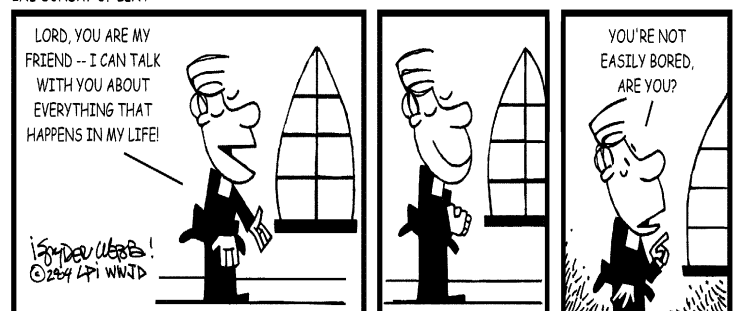
MEAT RAFFLE

MARCH 30, 2019

1:00 PM

ST. ANN'S PARISH CENTER

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



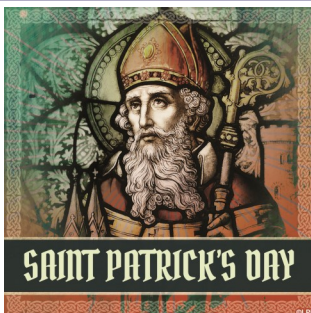
Please keep the following in your prayers:

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, Diane Nicoliar & 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



wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick

According to the *Confessio* of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.



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

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

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.

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

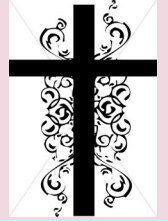
Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge you are in a spiritual desert? Bring life to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **The next Weekends are Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA and Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA.**

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.