



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
January 5, 2020
The Epiphany of the Lord*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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., See Schedule

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 p.m., See Schedule

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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Gene Biagi — 36th Anniversary

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 - James Clancy — 8th Anniversary

Sunday, January 12, 2020 - Parishioners of Saint John

8:00 - Sheila Creney — 6th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:30 - Maureen Pigeon — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Roger Furey — Memorial

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My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today our Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. Growing up, I always understood this to be the “end of the Christmas Season”. This makes sense for many reasons: it speaks of God’s manifestation to humanity in Christ, it highlights the appearance of the Magi, and it is a bit of a “birthday party” for Jesus. How wrong I was! The Christmas Season actually/officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This makes infinitely more sense! After all, our entrance into the Church isn’t marked by our birth but by our baptism. The Baptism of Jesus, about which we will read at tomorrow’s liturgy, begins Jesus’ entrance into “public” ministry. It is His “coming out party” as it were.

Now back to today’s feast. The Feast of the Epiphany, a word which has its roots in the Greek word “epiphaneia”, which means “manifestation”, marks and celebrates the appearance of the Magi upon the scene of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. In the classic Greek it was used to mark the appearance of gods. Of course, in our monotheistic tradition, this is adapted to mark the appearance of the One True God in the Person of Jesus Christ. The first reference in Christian literature to the Epiphany would be in the 4th century, which speaks of Jesus’ “birth, that is, His Epiphany” by St. Epiphanius of Salamis in his work “Panarion” (written in 361). It was celebrated on January 6th for the longest time, and currently is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th (thus the short “down time” this year between Christmas and Epiphany).

I can always remember the Feast of the Epiphany for the traditions we held in our household. We would set up the crèche on Christmas Eve (minus the Baby Jesus, of course!), placing Baby Jesus in the manger when we returned home from Midnight Mass. On Christmas Day, the Magi would make their appearance, but not at the manger – they would be placed on the kitchen counter! Over the next week or so, they would slowly be moved from the counter, to the stovetop, to the back of the couch and finally into the manger scene. This, of course, gave each of the five children a chance to “relocate” the Magi. The Magi were three in number (as in the song “We Three Kings?”); this, we later came to find out, was probably not entirely accurate. We came to find, through investigation, that there were as many as a dozen “magi”, which is, not coincidentally, related to our modern word, “magic”. The Magi were a class of palace workers who were part magician, part alchemist, part astrologer (thus their knowledge of, and reliance on, stars for guidance). They were “jacks of all trade” (although “jacks” may be a bit of a misnomer, as there may have been some women in their company), relied on by the king (such as Herod) for guidance and direction for many things.

The Feast of the Epiphany gives us an opportunity for a “breather” (albeit a small one this year!) between Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord. May we, like the Magi, come to the manger and reflect on the good things God has provided for us – namely, Christ the Lord.

Have a Blessed (rest of the) Christmas Season,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection December 1, 2019 — Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	9/15/19	\$ 3,352	\$3,412	\$ 4,070	\$ 5,333
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 4,544	\$ 5,333
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.					

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts: Psalm 95



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless
Your Church with an
abundance of holy and
zealous priests, deacons,
brothers and sisters.
Give those You have
called to the married
state and those you have
chosen to live as single
persons in the world
the special graces that
their lives require. Form
us all in the likeness of
Your Son so that in Him,
with Him and through
Him we may love You
more deeply and serve
You more faithfully,
always and everywhere.
With Mary, we ask this
through Christ Our
Lord.
Amen.

A special thanks to Sophia Cameron for the Art Work.

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded
Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have
never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words
are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of
Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw
bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay
homage to the One who has been born above all others and
brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to
bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and
penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it
that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the
Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances
lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of
meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in
us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily steward-
ship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the
kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we
ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This
baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must
continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.**

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.



Please come and join us in celebrating each other and
the holiday season.

Saint Ann's & Saint John's Parishes are hosting
a Holiday Open House.
A time to gather and enjoy some food, friends and
conversation.

Please join us following the 4PM Mass on
January 10, 2020
5:00– 9:00



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, January 25, 2020
1—3 PM
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Karen Parento, Alice Keymont, Paul Currie, Dennis Green & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

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

Advent Mission — 12/ 8, 9, 10 check for times & locations

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

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

January 5—Epiphany:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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.

Don't forget the need will be there for January and February !

White tuna, cereal, and soups are always needed.

CLEANERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

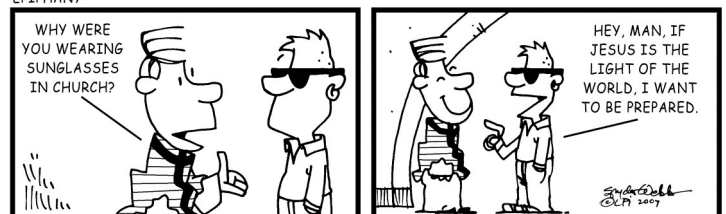
WE ARE DOWN TO THREE TEAMS.

WE NEED TWO MORE TEAMS.

call 508-378-4207 PLEASE



EPIPHANY



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**If God is for us,
who can be against us?**

Rom 8:31



**TEEN MASSES
6:00 PM**

**January 12th
@ St John's**

**February 9th
@ St, Ann's**

**March 8th
@ St. John's**

**January 11th — 8:00 - 12:00
10th Grade
Confirmation Retreat
St Ann's Parish Center**