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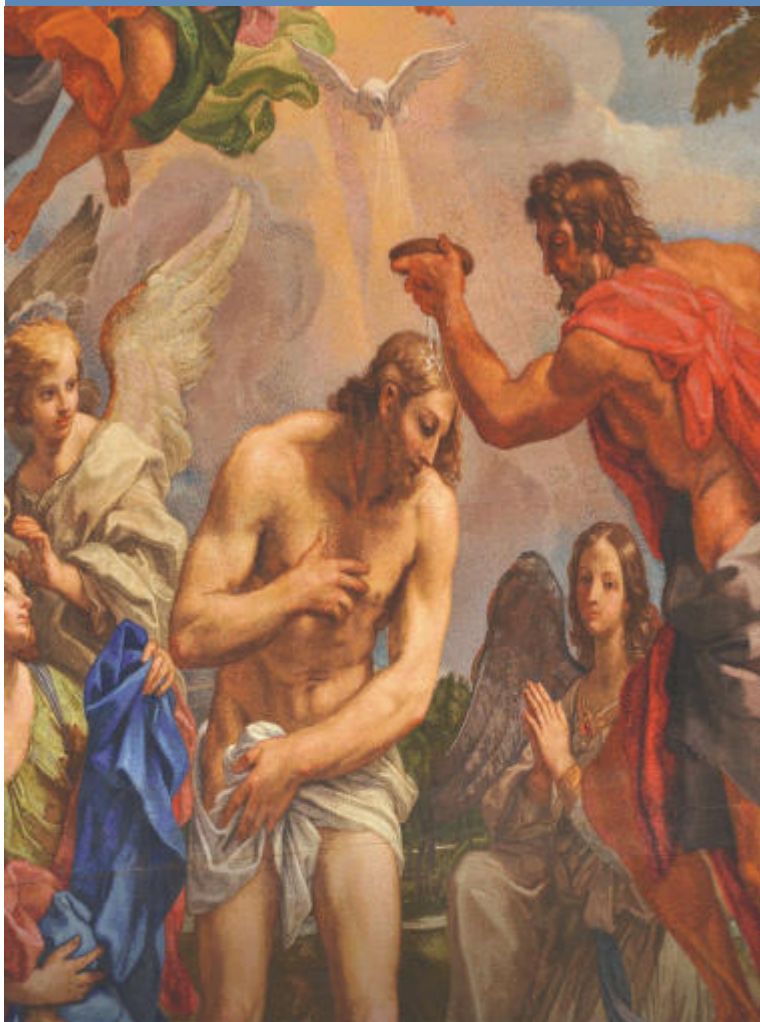
Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022



SAIN'T ANN

MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED



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For both Churches**

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Paul L. Ring
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

In the Church

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Life Teen Mass w/ Drive up option —
6:15 p.m.

Daily Mass: Thurs & Sat.

9:00 a.m. On hold until further notice

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. These baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are recommended. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at Saint Ann's Church or
by appointment during the pandemic. Please 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 - Frank DePaola — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday January 9, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 For those who have no one to pray for them

Saturday, January 15, 2022

4:00—Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

6:15 - For those who have no one to pray for them

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, January 9, 2022

10:30 - Sean Coakley — 6th Anniversary

Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:30 - Gene Biagi — 39th Anniversary

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekly Offertory

Dec 21 - Dec 27, 2021

ST ANN		ST JOHN
Online	N/A	Online \$ 3,912
Mail	\$ 890	Mail \$ 2,575
Mass	\$ 2,352	Mass \$ 1,357
TOTAL	\$ 3,242	TOTAL \$ 4,867

We are returning to the process of passing the basket during the Offertory.

Some people have expressed concerns as to how the money will be separated for each church.

If you are giving cash and you want it specified for your church, please put it in an envelope with the church name on the envelope. Otherwise money collected at a mass will be designated for that church.

Ex. If you attend the 8:30 at Saint Ann and do not specify that you want your offertory to go to Saint John by using an envelope for your cash, it will be counted as offertory for Saint Ann.

RENOVATION FUNDS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

My Dear Friends in Christ,

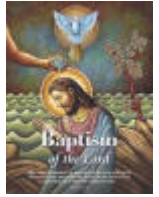
I dare say that most of us don't remember our Baptism (save for those baptized as adults through the RCIA), as we were a bit young at the time. When I was entering the seminary, one of the documents I needed was a copy of my baptismal certificate. When I looked at the date (8/9/64), it dawned on me that I was baptized on my brother's (Tom's) fifth birthday. Perhaps that's why, growing up, he and I had a bit of an antagonistic relationship, e.g. he "taught" me how to ride a bike by taking me up the steepest hill in South Boston with the sole instruction to "hold on tight to the handlebars" and then proceeded to hurl me down the hill, headlong! Hmm... In any event, we've overcome those differences and have become good friends!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In this moment in salvation history, Jesus is declared to be God's "beloved son" (Lk 3:22). In our Sacraments we become, in a very real way, beloved sons and Baptism to the sacramental level. In doing so we are united with Jesus, who constantly reveals Himself to us through the Sacraments. Baptism is the "gateway" to other Sacraments, followed fairly closely by the others. Throughout the centuries, the Church has wrestled with the question of baptism. The "when" of Baptism has been debated for centuries, with the question centering on the readiness of the child to receive such a gift. In our Church, it is the parents who answer for the child in infant baptism; because this did not happen in Jesus' case, many wonder if this doesn't alter, if not negate, the power of the sacrament. I tend to think not, as we have other opportunities (such as First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) throughout our lives to validate our faith.

In any event, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord gives us, as a Church, an opportunity to reflect on the gift that Baptism is for us. One of the great joys I have, as you might imagine, is to celebrate a baptism. It is made even more special when it can be celebrated at Mass, with the full support of the people. It highlights the importance of the community in the life of faith of the individual Catholic. While we, and we alone, receive the Sacraments of the Church, they are a sign and symbol of a larger reality. That reality is that it is in and through the community that we live our faith and it is in and through the community that this faith is sustained, nourished and strengthened. May we realize the gift that Baptism (and all Sacraments) is for the Church, the People of God. May we know God's love through the Sacraments, and may we share that love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

I love Christmas! I know that sounds like an obvious statement but I do love the fact that we have an entire SEASON in which to celebrate – a Season which ends today (NOT 12/25!) with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. But as much as I love Christmas, there is a Holy Day/Season which I love even more – Easter Sunday and the Easter Season. Again, like Christmas, the Church gives us an entire Season in which to celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection.

You might be wondering why I am bringing up Easter as we are just finishing the Christmas Season. It is because there is an intrinsic link between Christmas and Easter and that link is, of course, Jesus. Jesus came into the world as an infant at Christmas so that He could grow up in the world and transform it by both His mission and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. There is a beautiful Christmas song which is titled “Wood of the Cradle”, whose opening verse is:

**Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,
bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss,
who is your loved one? Who could it be,
born in a manger to die on a tree?**

And whose refrain is:

**This, this is Jesus the Lord,
here in the body and blood outpoured.
Come, come, walk in his ways.
Kneel at the manger and rise from the
grave.**

In this verse and refrain, we see the link between Christmas and Easter, Jesus’ birth and His death. It is also in this connection that we see St. Francis’ creation of the Crèche (that is, the creation of the first manger scene, a Living Nativity) and his receiving the Stigmata (the reception of the wounds of Christ). It is in this “linkage” that we see the connection between Christmas and Easter. Francis’ reception of the Stigmata was born of a desire of St. Francis to unite himself as closely as humanly possible with Christ. In receiving these wounds two years before his death, Francis was more able to relate to Christ and, thus, relate Christ to his Franciscan Brothers and followers.

As we conclude yet another Christmas Season, let us recognize the gift not only of New Birth (of Christ at Christmas) but of New (and Everlasting) Life (in Christ at Easter). Let us link those together in our minds and hearts so that the “Wood of the Cradle” and the “Wood of the Cross” bring about the New Life we find in Christ Jesus.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul



THE DEACON’S COLUMN

Meeting Jesus in the Bible

Tucked between the many books in my office is a book that I received when I was 16 years old. The front and back covers are no longer attached. The spine of the book is broken down and worn. Pages of the book are folded and wrinkled. Yet, if I had to choose one book to keep among them all, this would be the book—The New American Bible.

It was this Bible where I grew to know and love God. When I was 16, I had several friends who were Evangelical Christians. They would often quote the Bible to engage me in conversations about my Catholic Faith. The weren’t curious about the faith, they sought to discredit it because it did not rely solely on the Bible as the source of truth. Because I didn’t know the Bible as well as they did, I felt inadequate to respond to them. So, I picked up the Bible I received for my Confirmation and began to read it. As I read the sacred stories, I began to pay attention to the footnotes at the bottom that explained difficult passages. I followed the cross-references that showed how various scripture passages were linked together. I recall feeling like I was on a wild adventure discovering a truth that one could not make up on their own.

My biblical investigations brought me to the Prologue of John’s Gospel, that reads, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.”* Then, a few verses later, *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”* Instead of finding the words to give back to my friends in defense of the faith, I began to discover a person being revealed in the words of scripture. That person is Jesus Christ.

Since that time, I have dedicated my life to the reading, praying, and studying of scripture. I went to Stonehill College because it was a Catholic college—a place where I could take theology classes. From there I went to graduate school at Providence College studying scripture. After earning my master’s degree, I began teaching scripture to high school students and now teach the Old and New Testament to students studying to be deacons. At my ordination, the Bishop entrusted me with the Gospel with these words, *“Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”* It is my privilege to proclaim the Gospel every week and present the one we love, the one who became flesh, the same one who died for our sins, and the same one who rose and ascended into heaven—Jesus Christ.

Through the Words of Scripture, we are not simply given words to inspire, enlighten, and challenge; we are given words that save because these words make Jesus Christ present to us in our time. Next time you read the Bible or hear his Word at Mass, know that you are being invited to see, talk, and walk with Jesus.

Anyone interested in becoming or rejoining as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, Please contact the Office.

508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880

Baptismal Bib

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS WHO DONATED TO THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE DECORATING COMMITTEES OF SAINT ANN AND OF SAINT JOHN'S. ONCE AGAIN YOU DID A BEAUTIFUL JOB!



WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT & YOUR HELP!

SAINT ANN AND SAINT JOHN ARE IN NEED OF SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP WITH SNOW REMOVAL THIS WINTER.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORIES IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CAN HELP!

ST ANN 508-586-4880
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Happy New Year!

January Religious Ed Schedule

January 9th:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30 at St John's

Grades 3 and 4: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm at St John's

Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 16th: off MLK Holiday

January 23rd:

Grade 1: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

Grades 3 and 4: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm at St John's

Grade 9: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm at St Ann

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 2, 5,6,7,8 and 10

January 30th:

Grade 2: Class: 9:25am, Mass: 10:30am at St John's

Grades 5 and 6: Mass: 10:30am, Class: 11:30am-12:30pm St John's

Grades 7 and 8: Class: 5:00pm-6:00pm, Mass 6:15pm at St Ann's

Grade 10: Mass: 6:15pm, Class: 7:00pm-8:30pm St Ann's

Asynchronous work and Mass attendance:

Grades 1, 3,4 and 9

For those doing Asynchronous work, your work will be sent via email. If you do not receive the work, please email Nancy Goggin at:

directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

and I will send you the work.

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett Harry Evans, Frank & Stephen Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen & Janet Daly, Bryan Senn, Joan Fisher, Gail Butler, Helen Conrad, Kathy Conrad, Bob Knowlton, Karen Parenteau, Casey L'Italien, Joan Ward-Fusco, Claudette Rochefort, Frank McCarthy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

Winter dates and hours will be in effect from **November thru April**, pantry days will be the **first Monday** of the month, except for holidays, from 1pm to 4pm., and the **3rd Saturday**, except for holidays, from 10am to 11:30 am

THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NEW HOURS:

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.

Monday, January 3 — 1-4 PM

Saturday, January 15 — 10—11:30 AM

Tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc are always great additions to the shelves.

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. 508-378-3760
Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.



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PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095 or jchbaker@msn.com
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Saint Ann's Church is continuing to collect food items for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry. Items can be left in church on the shelves to the right as you come in the front door.

In-person masses have Returned!!! To be Live-Streamed as well

**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AT SAINT JOHN
THURSDAY & SATURDAY AT SAINT ANN**

**CONFESSIONS WILL BE AT SAINT ANN'S
BETWEEN 3:00—3:30 OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH
ONE OF THE PRIESTS AVAILABLE.**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN MASS MANDATED BY THE
CARDINAL UNTIL JANUARY 17TH. AT THIS POINT,
IF THE MANDATE GOES BEYOND THE 17TH, WE
WILL NOTIFY YOU. PLEASE BRING A MASK TO
MASS JUST IN CASE.**

What is a Drive-Up Option?

The 6:15 Sunday evening Life Teen Mass has a drive-up option which means that you can sit in the parking lot and livestream the mass from the St. Ann's Facebook page on your electronic devices., like your iPad or cell phone or laptop. (St. Ann - WB)

You are able to receive the holy eucharist by getting out of your car and lining up for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to distribute the hosts to you or you can signal that you would like to receive from your car.

Please park on the Rectory side of Saint Ann's Church.



Our choir is looking for additional Members. No musical background is necessary; just a love of God and Singing!

PLEASE CONTACT RICH CESARINI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

richcesarini@gmail.com

REMEMBER THE 6:15 PM MASS IS LIVE-STREAMED FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE SAFE BUT RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

PLEASE PARK ON THE RECTORY SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT.

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CLEAR OUT
&
ORGANIZE
SAINT JOHN'S PARISH HALL

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TO
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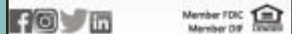
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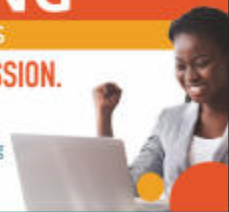


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