



*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 January 19, 2020
 The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God”
 - Jn 1:34

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

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.

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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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 - Robert Robichaud & Geneva Cashman—
Memorial

10:30 - Chester Shalginewicz — 11th Anniv.

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00 - Dolly Morris — 1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 26, 2020 - Parishioners of Saint John

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Robert Hill — 1st Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 - John Crawford — 10th Anniversary

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:30 - Danette Gouthro — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, January 20, 2020

9:00 - Anna Margaret Ritucci — Memorial

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 - Miriam May Short — 17th Anniversary

Friday, January 24, 2020

9:00 - Cheryl Sherwood — Birthday Remem.

Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00 - Shirley Brady, Lee Ann Brady — Mem.

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Maddie Bain — 1st Anniversary

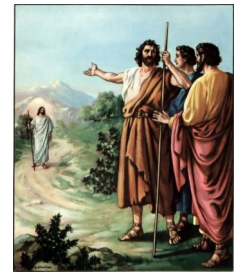
Monday, January 27, 2020

9:00 - Angelo DiNunno — 1st Anniversary

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have now moved into “Ordinary Time”, named thusly due not to its routine nature but to the fact that we mark the weeks using *ordinal* numbers (thus, the *Second* Sunday in *Ordinary* Time). There is surely nothing routine about our life of faith or our relationship with God! While we have moved away from major celebrations and get back to our regular schedules of work, school and the like, we still make time for God in a particular way. This is done both in worship on Sundays and Holy Days as well as in our relationships with one another. In our worship and prayer, we are called to look within and see how that relationship is progressing, how it is being strengthened; we also look to see where it is stagnant and where it can be further solidified. In our everyday lives, we are called to see where God has been invited and where He has been excluded. In doing all of this, the “ordinary” nature of our lives takes on an extraordinary dimension.

In today’s gospel, this is the closest the Gospel of John gets to a baptism account of Jesus. The actual event is not recorded in John’s Gospel (as it is in Matthew, Mark and Luke), but the reference to it in John’s account hit all the “high points”: the descent of the Holy Spirit, the deepening of the nature of baptism with the inclusion of the Holy Spirit (as opposed to just water), the pronouncement of Jesus as the Lamb of God. In all of this, John’s account brings baptism to the “next level”. It is in this spirit that we are baptized and brought into the faith.

It is the gift of baptism which makes us sons and daughters of God and makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is this “spirit of adoption” (Rom 8:15) which brings us into God’s “family”. This is what makes us a “family of faith”, rooted in the love that we have for God and, by association, one another. It is in this spirit that we have the courage to go out into the world, proclaiming God’s Kingdom to be in our midst, a Kingdom which we are called to assist in building. We do this by living the faith in word and deed. We do this by living our faith to the best of our abilities. We do this by recognizing the opportunities of discipleship which help us to actively live our faith.

May we use this “Ordinary Time” in extraordinary ways. May we have the courage to reach out to our brothers and sisters, especially the poor, the marginalized and those the world sees as “less than”. May we continue to seek to strengthen our relationship with God through works of prayer, charity and love. May we know God’s love and have the courage to share it with whom all we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

The Next Second Collection JANUARY 26, 2020 — Churches in Latin America

| Financial Blessings | St. Ann's | Budget | St John's | Budget |
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| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS | | | | |
| | <i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i> | | <i>Grand Annual</i> | |
| OFFERTORY 12/27/19 | \$ 4,795 | \$3,412 | \$ 4,973 | \$ 5,333 |
| 01/03/20 | \$ 3,610 | \$3,412 | \$ 4,070 | \$ 5,333 |
| Christmas Clergy Health & Retirement Trust | \$4, 443 | | \$5, 264 | |
| GRAND ANNUAL THROUGH 1/3/20 | \$14,210 | | \$12,116 | \$20,000 |

Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

A Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm at St. Ann Parish, 95 North Main Street, West Bridgewater. This evening is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. Led by Deacon Joseph Hopgood, Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald, and Deacon Leo Donoghue, all will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those who have been wounded by abortion, for those facing death, and for increased holiness in the Church. All are welcome to join us for this hour of prayer and reflection.

The Life of Our Parishes

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst" (MT 18:20). In that same way, when we gather to minister to God's people, Jesus is there with us.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

The Family Life Ministry is committed to creating a supportive atmosphere for the growth and development of family life by addressing the spiritual and social needs of families in our parish and community. Members of this ministry monthly provide activities to the patients at Sachem Nursing Facility, donate money to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, bring communion to the patients at Sachem, organize and run both the annual picnic and Easter Egg Hunt, and maintain the lending library in the basement of the church near the CCD Office. They meet once per month on the 2nd Tues of each month and are always looking for new members. If you think this ministry might be a good fit for you, please call the Rectory.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba wrote to give an update on the progress of the dormitory in Uganda, St. Benedict's



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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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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation,
you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.
We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes.
We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance.
We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead.
Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church.
Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives.
We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"

-St. John Baptist de la Salle

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.**

Trinity Catholic Academy is conducting Open House Tours every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00—12:00 beginning January 14.

If interested, please call the Lower Campus (Pre-School through Grade 3) at 508-583-6231 or at the Upper Campus (Grades 4 through 8) at 508 583-6225. If you prefer to just stop by without calling you will be most welcome.

A Senior's Prayer

Good and gracious God,
I thank you for the gift of life.
You have given me so many good things over its course:
health of mind and body, friends and family,
strengths and weaknesses, sorrows and joys.
You have ordained that seasons change and time passes.
Help me to surrender graciously
to the changing circumstances of my life.
Help me to accept my weaknesses,
and to see them as opportunities
for others to show the love of Jesus.
Make me strong in Your spirit,
that I may love You all the days of my life.



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.

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, John McCovy Murphy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The Pro-Life Committee is hosting the annual parish Baby Shower. Donations will be collected until Sunday, January 26th. All donations will assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese who have chosen LIFE for their babies. The following items are needed:

- Disposable diapers (sizes Newborn and 1)
- Diaper bags
- Crib sheets
- Baby towels
- Sleep n Play sleepers
- Nightgowns
- Baby Bottles
- Blanket Sleepers (0-3, 3-6 and 6-9)
- Receiving Blankets
- Crib sheets
- Rattles, Pacifiers, Teethers
- Toiletries (ie... Wipes, rash ointment, baby shampoo, baby soap,
- Baby lotion, powder, baby nail clippers, baby thermometers)

Please do not wrap the items. Items can be placed in the "crib" in the front corner of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Schrader : 508-350-0017 missyschrader73@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

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

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

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

January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

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.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Collaborative hosted it's Christmas Open House on last Saturday.

We were joined by a wonderful group of parishioners from both St. Ann's and St. John's. Everyone had a good time closing out the Christmas Season by meeting new people, sharing laughs and enjoying good food.

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.



TEEN MASSES
6:00 PM

February 9th
@ St. Ann's

March 8th
@ St. John's

February 29th — 8:00 - 12:00
9th Grade
Confirmation Retreat
St Ann's Parish Center