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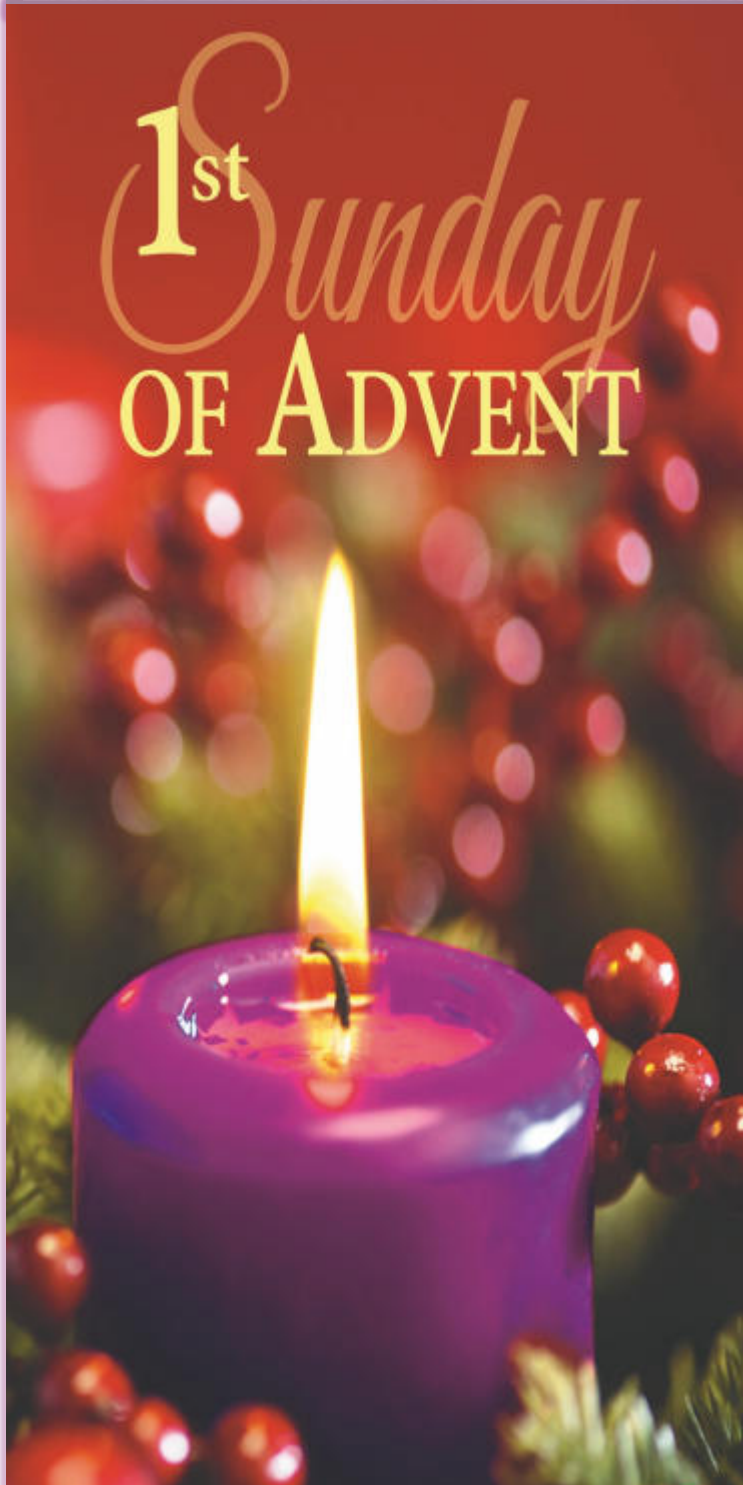
***Together in Christ
Collaborative***

November 29, 2020

***First Sunday
Of Advent***



St Ann



**1st Sunday
OF ADVENT**

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For both Churches

Currently we are working from home.

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Wednesday– Friday

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

In the Chapel

Divine Mercy every Thursday

After Mass.

St Ann's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., TBA

Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. All baptisms are private and can accommodate 30 or so people. Social distancing and masks are required. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is 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. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 21, 2020

5:30 - Emily M. Harrington — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:30 - John & June McHugh — Memorial

Saturday, November 28, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, November 29, 2020

10:30 -- Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 - Ernest Butler — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

**Our financial situation is getting to a crisis level.
The pandemic has taken a very real toll in so many
ways.**

Offertory comparisons:

St. John — Nov. 4 – Nov 10, 2020

**On-line Giving — \$839
Mailed Offertory — \$1,626
Offertory from Mass — \$1,266
Total \$3,731**

St. Ann's — Nov. 4 — Nov 10, 2020

**On-line Giving — NA
Mailed Offertory — \$980
Offertory from Mass — \$1,707
Total \$2,687**

Suggested Sacramental Offerings:

Memorials Masses — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600

My Dear Friends in Christ,



So...who is ready to “turn the page” on 2020?!? I know I am!! This has been one of the most (if not THE most challenging year) in recent history and I think most of us are ready for a fresh start, a “reboot”, a turning of the page. Not only have we had to deal with a global pandemic with its accompanying virus, causing the shutdown (and subsequent adjustments therein) of businesses, schools, and churches, but recently had the experience locally of an (minor) earthquake! And we still have a month to go! Anyone have any of this on their yearly “bingo card”? Seriously, let’s call it a year and move on already.

Well, the Church has this covered! Today, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and with it the beginning of a NEW Liturgical Year! Advent is for us a time of preparation of a two-fold variety. First, there is the obvious preparation for Christmas that is happening (and, for many, has long been underway), a time when we get our homes and hearts ready for the coming of the Lord as the Christ Child, as the Infant King, as the Savior. Second, there is the preparation of the coming of the Lord as the Messiah, He who is to come into the world as the One who will usher in a New World, a world free from sickness, war, and even death, a world of light, happiness, and peace. There is a challenge with this “second coming”, however, and it has to do with timing.

It is said that “timing is everything”; this is true with life, and it is true with God. The challenge that is inherent with God’s ushering in of the “end times” is that we know not the day nor the hour. We must be ready at all times, here and now, for the coming of the Lord. Because the Second Coming is unknown, we must always be “on alert” for the timing of the Lord’s coming. Our gospel today likens it to a man traveling abroad who leaves his property in the care of his servants, but does not inform them of when he may return. These servants, put in charge of the day-to-day affairs of the household, must be vigilant in awaiting the master’s return. We are the “servants” and Jesus is the “master” in this parable, and we must not only be busy about our day-to-day work of building up the Kingdom here on earth but also be keenly aware of the master’s return – whenever that may be.

May we not shirk the responsibilities we have been given to build up the Kingdom here on earth. May we be ever aware of the Master’s return when He comes to call us to our heavenly home. May we, during this Advent Season prepare with a two-fold vision – preparing both for the Christ Child who comes to us at Christmas and the King of the Universe who will come again in glory to bring us to the Eternal Kingdom where there is no more illness, tears, or death, but only newness of life.

Have a Blessed Advent,

Fr. Paul

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, David Warren, George Lepine, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Dennis Green, Dana Debenedictis, Harry Evans, Jerry Paluch, Frank Genatossio, Dr. Irfan Francis, Angela McDevitt, Nathaniel Maniff, Karen Daly & 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

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. —
1st Monday from 3:00-5:30 pm and the
3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

The Food Pantry is currently accepting donation at the bottom of the ramp. Please make sure you call to let them know you have dropped off food and that it is properly protected from the elements. Cash donations are always welcomed and can be mailed to the address above.

**Gift cards are also a great help.
\$5—\$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums, ie \$100**

**The next Food Pantry will be
Monday, December 7th.**

The shelves of the Pantry are depleted and need to be restocked. Your help is needed. Cereal, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, canned goods, etc. are always great additions to the shelves.

**The Next Food Pantry will be on
December 7th**

Thank you for your generosity, as always.

UPDATES FROM THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

Weekend Masses are being held at both churches, please check the schedule ON PAGE 7.

All guidelines of the Archdiocese are being followed.

Baptisms are being held on Saturday at 10 AM and 2 PM and on Sundays at 1 PM.

Please call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Funerals are now allowed within the guidelines of the Archdiocese. Call the Rectory Office for information.

Memorial Masses can be rescheduled or scheduled within the limitations of the four masses between both churches. Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

Daily masses are continuing to be celebrated on line until further notice.

SAINT ANN'S

Christmas Sharing

Christmas Sharing has to be different this year, due to the Pandemic. This year we are asking you to purchase gift cards that will be distributed to the families, Project Grad Teen Moms, and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family, teen mom or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. They must be received by December 13th, to allow the parents time to purchase gifts before Christmas. See the handout on November 21/22 for more details. If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: **508-586-6535** or linda@santry.org

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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A prayer from the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Great to be used during the Pandemic.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



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.

[Let Your Voice Be Heard – Again](#)

“Say No to ROE”

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are **opposed** to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps!

Remember these bills would remove:

- The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion
- The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion
- The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals
- The bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org.

Christmas Flowers have been approved by the Archdiocese during Covid. So although the amount will be somewhat reduced from last year, we will be decorating the altars for Christmas.

Christmas Flower donations are being gratefully accepted.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

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| WATCH | COME | MIDNIGHT |
| READY | MASTER | DAWN |
| TIME | EVENING | MORNING |

U W A T H O W Y S W U
M O R N I N G T I E L
A T Y U T K U A G V P
S U N H A Y C O M E Y
T I M E W I H P A N D
E C B W U E W I E I A
R E A D Y L A N O N L
Y H O A E I T E H G E
S A R W L S C P Y H W
M I D N I G H T W O R
A T E K U A O U S F I

MISSION

Play a quick game of baseball. Cheer for one another. End the game with a prayer that you will keep your eyes on Jesus.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Advent • Mark 13:33-37



PLANNING THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE IS A BIT MORE COMPLICATED THIS YEAR DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.

FR. PAUL IS WORKING ON IT!!!

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

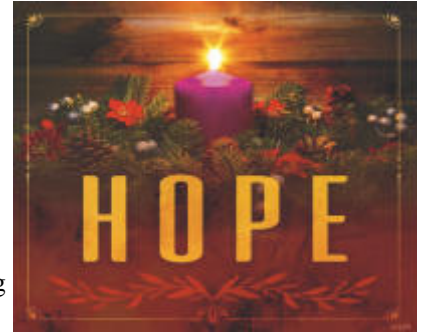


Advent Wreath

Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.



Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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As people begin to come back to Mass and those of us who have been attending become more relaxed after having attended Mass for a few weeks, it is important that we continue to follow the guidelines set up to ensure our safety.

The guidelines for the Archdiocese can be found on line at RCAB Office of Risk Management.

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