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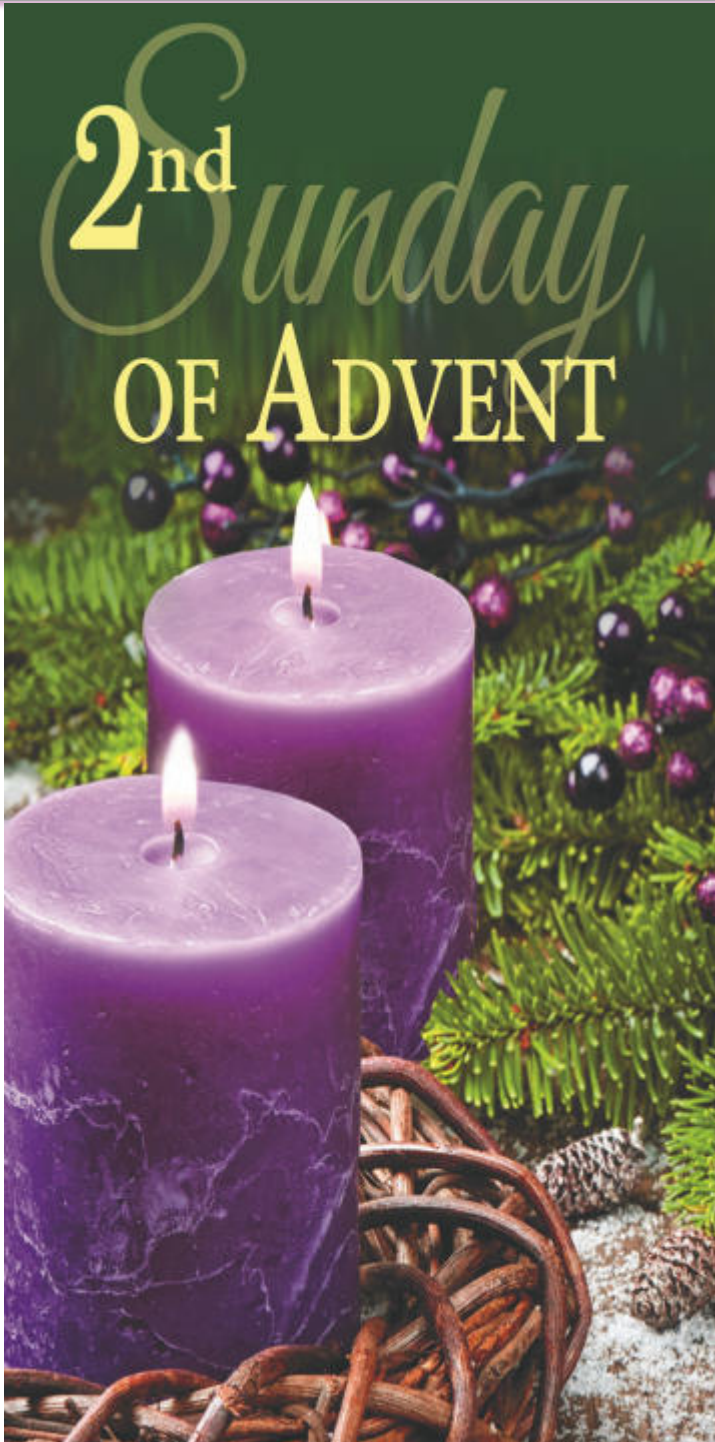
December 6, 2020

**Second Sunday
Of Advent**



St. John

St Ann



**2nd Sunday
OF ADVENT**

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Collaborative Office Hours are 9-4 M-Th

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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:30 - Mary & Claire DiFalco — Memorial

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 10th Anniversary
Fred Climo — 3rd Anniversary

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:30 -- Eva Morawski — 26th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:30 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30 - Charles Matthews — 22nd Anniversary

**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.**

Weekly Offertory

St. John — Nov. 11 – Nov 17, 2020

**On-line Giving — \$849
Mailed Offertory — \$1,958
Offertory from Mass — \$1,154
Total \$3,961**

St. Ann's — Nov. 4 — Nov 10, 2020

**On-line Giving — NA
Mailed Offertory — \$850
Offertory from Mass — \$755
Total \$1,605**

Suggested Sacramental Offerings:

Memorials Masses — \$25

Baptisms — \$50

Funerals — \$600

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Usually when a king had a message to give to his people, he would send out a herald – someone whose message would usually start “Hear Ye, Hear Ye...”. This “heralding” would be followed by a proclamation or edict for the people given by the king. This herald would be a trusted person, one who could be assured to give the message properly and with the appropriate amount of gravity, depending on the message.

John the Baptist, the “cousin” (for lack of a better term) of Jesus, was the herald of the Savior. It was John the Baptist who first identified Jesus as the Messiah, proclaiming to the people “behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). John’s realizes that in this role he is a messenger, not the message, and shows the proper humility in this role as he states that “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:7-8). In his humility, John the Baptist shows us how we are to carry ourselves. We are called to be “heralds” of Christ, proclaiming Him as Messiah. We do this work as ones having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do this with confident humility, our confidence coming in and through Christ and our humility coming through the fact that we are not the Messiah. We may act in His name, we may proclaim His presence, we may live in His way, truth, and life...but we are not Him. We are called, as we read in our 2nd Reading, to be ones “conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:11-12).

We know that the end of the world IS coming, but because we do not know WHEN, we need to be ready at a moment’s notice. We need to act at this very moment as if the Lord is already here, for indeed He is. Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God is around us, in our midst. We must act as “Kingdom People”, living in this Advent Season as ones preparing for the two-fold coming of the Lord – the coming as the Christ Child at Christmas and the coming as the King of Glory who will call us home to Heaven. May we live in the “right now” and the “yet to come” with a sense of eagerness and urgency. May we welcome the Christ into our midst here and now so that when He does come in glory, He may find us watchful... waiting...ready!

Have a (Continued) 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 de Paul 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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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve

1:00 pm St. John's
3:00 pm St. Ann's
5:00 pm St. John's
6:00 pm St. Ann's

Christmas Day

12:00 (Midnight Mass) St. John's
8:30 am St. Ann's
8:30 am St. John's
10:30 am St. Ann's
10:30 am St. John's

We hope to accommodate as many people as possible for Christmas. However, people must register for the Mass they wish to attend. Each Mass can accommodate approximately 60 people.

We will be following the same guidelines for Covid Protection that have been in place since May, You must pre-register. You will be checked off at the door. You must wear a mask, and socially distance in the church. Ushers will guide you to seats and directions for receiving communion will be explained fully during Mass.

Please check the website, www.stjohne.org or stannswb.com for Mass Registrations. If you have difficulty using the site or if you do not have a computer, please call the rectories and someone will assist you in signing up for the Mass.

We will need extra volunteers for all the Christmas Masses to insure that everything flows smoothly. Please call the rectory if you could assist in ushering, checking people In or cleaning. We will train you if you are volunteering for the first time.

TO SIGN UP FOR MASS GO TO THE WEBSITE:

stjohne.org
stannswb.com

Click on Mass Registration
That takes you to a calendar.

Scroll to the day and Mass time you prefer.

Click on that and scroll down to the bottom of the list of names,

Click sign up under the name, and Submit and sign up at the bottom of the screen

Fill in the information required

Under your telephone number, click on Sign Up Now

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilant to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

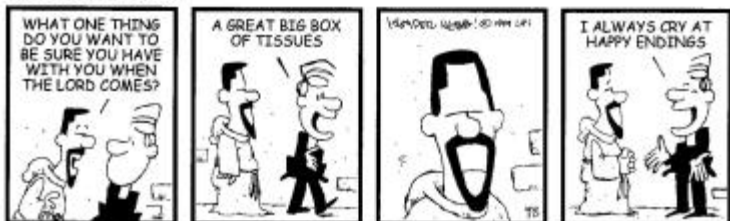
Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



[Let Your Voice Be Heard – Again](#)

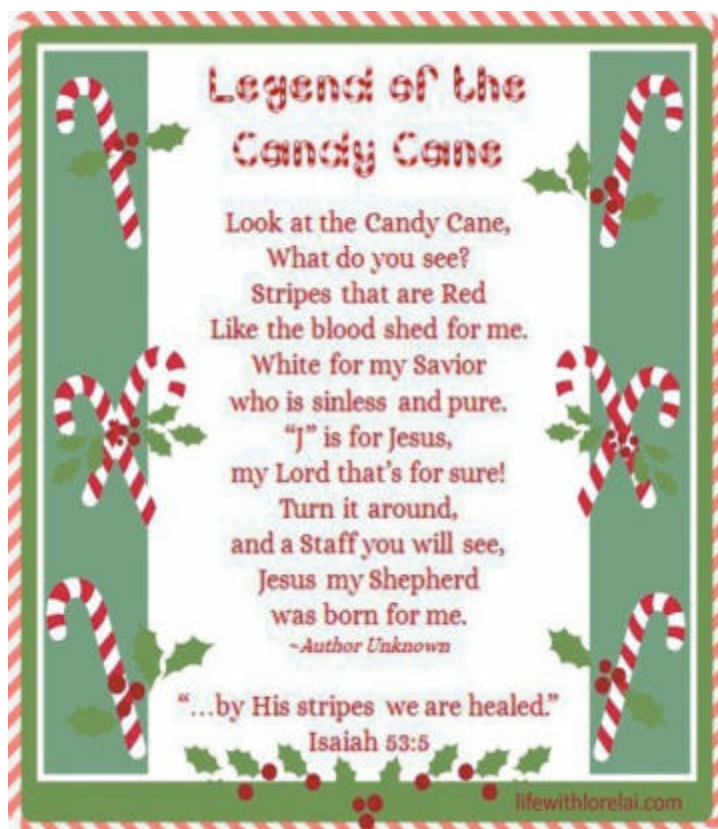
“Say No to ROE”

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.



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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