



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
SOLEMNITY OF MARY
January 1, 2017*



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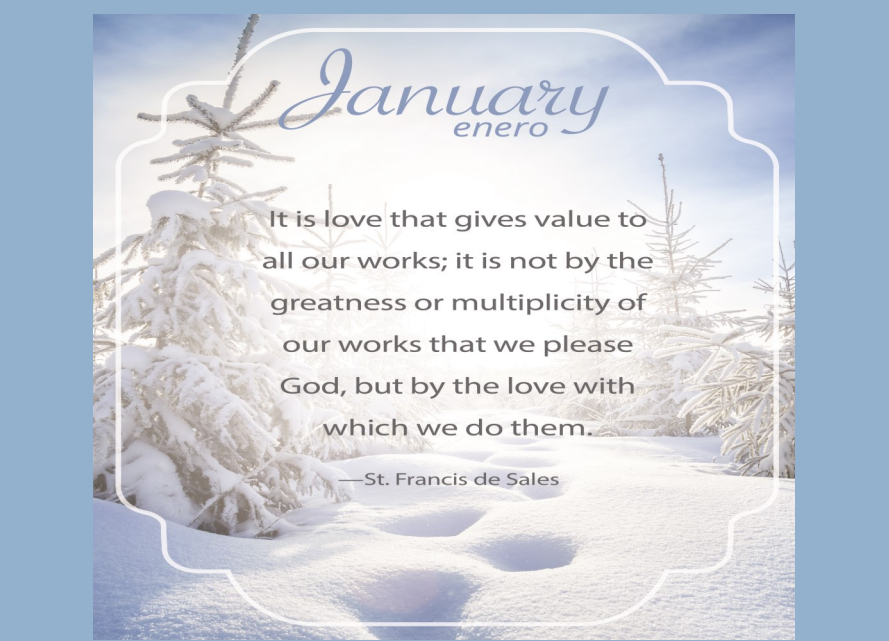
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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA
Daily Mass, Monday – 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.
Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, 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. Please call for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory anytime.

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 - 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 1 — SOLIMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.
JANUARY 8—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, January 1, 2016

8:00 - Gifts of bread & wine -Sheila Creney

10:30 - Addison Barry –8th Anniversary

Monday, January 2, 2016

9:00 - Jacob Wolf –Month’s Mind

Saturday, January 7, 2016

4:00 - Deceased members of the DiFalco Family

Sunday, January 8, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Gene Biagi –34th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00 - Christiano Victoria - Birthday Remem.

Sunday, January 1, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Saturday, January 7, 2016

4:00 — Virginia Welch –4th Anniversary

Sunday, January 8, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 -Josephina Biladeau –70 Anniversary

DEACONS' CORNER

As we begin this New Year I am sure we are thinking about resolutions to change our lives for the better. We might be thinking about spending a bit more time at the gym to get into shape. We might want to take a course to better our position at work or even read a little more. These are all good goals and I hope you stick with whatever goal you choose to follow. For many of us, we tend to be full of energy at first and then as time goes on, the wind is taken out of our sails. As we begin this new year, I would ask you to reflect upon this quote from Roman 6:4, “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Through our Baptism we share a newness of life with Jesus. Look for ways during this coming year that you may experience and share this newness of life with all those you encounter.

May God Bless

Deacon Joe Hopgood

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a confession to make: I haven’t always had a close relationship with Mary. One might wonder why since, as one parishioner put it, “all priests are close to Mary, aren’t they?” It’s not that I don’t understand Mary’s sacrifice, or appreciate all that she has done for us. It’s due to the fact that for most of my life, I’ve had my *own* mother with me. This changed in 2001 with her passing. It was at that time that my relationship with the Blessed Mother changed, and changed for the better. It was at that time that I came to appreciate Mary as *mother* – Mother of the Church, Mother of us All.



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This feast has had many “incarnations”. It has been celebrated at different times of the year and has been displaced a few times by other feasts, but it has found its current place mainly due to the Council of Ephesus. It was at the Council of Ephesus, in 431, that Mary was called “Theotokos”, or “God-Bearer”. If she is the mother of Jesus then, by association, she is rightly the mother of God – thus the naming of the feast as the Solemnity of Mary, the most holy Mother of God.

Mothers hold a very special place in familial archetypes. Not to take anything away from fathers (being a “father” myself!), but mothers are unique in that it is they who bring the life (conceived by God with the “co-authorship” of mother and father) of a child into the world. It is in this maternal bond, “forged” in the first months of a child’s conception and “solidified” at the first months of their birth, which makes the mother/child union a unique one. This is why Mary holds a special place not only in the life of Christ but in the life of the Church, Herself. This is why this solemnity is a celebration for the whole Church gathered throughout the world.

In this Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, our Church comes to understand its place in the world. We are called to foster, with a mother’s love, the unique gift that God has in our lives. Just as Mary brought Jesus into the world through birth, so too do we bring Jesus into the world by “bringing to life” the reality of God’s love in our lives. We who know God, and who love God, are called to “birth” into reality the manifestation of that love by loving our brothers and sisters, especially those who the world has cast aside – the pre-born, the mentally/physically challenged, the elderly, the terminally ill. In all of these people, we are to see Christ, and we are to help the world see Christ in them.

May we have the courage, on this feast, to welcome Mary into our homes, hearts and lives. May we know that Mary, who leads us to her Son, has something to teach us. As disciple and exemplar of faith, Mary shows to the world what it means to love unconditionally. May we share that unconditional love, a love which the world does not know, with all whom we meet.

A Blessed New Year to All, Fr. Paul

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900

December 18th Offertory \$4,920
Below Goal 980

Grand Annual Total - Dec 18 \$18,640

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

December 18, 2016

3,899



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.

St Vincent de Paul Society At St. John's

Happy New Year! May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

January 1: Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please continue to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish in 2017. Through your generosity we do make a difference and bring comfort and peace to many of our neighbors.

Is there anyone you know in East Bridgewater who is in need of food or assistance? Please ask them to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at: **508-378-3760**.

Everything is kept confidential.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

Now that we are coming into cold weather, Saint Vincent DePaul Conference will be responding to an increase number of calls asking for help. We would ask that you make a small donation to the conference so that we will be able to respond to those asking for assistance. There are small envelopes at the doors of the Church for this purpose.

MASSPASS BOOKS: SAINT VINCENT dePAUL FUNDRAISER:

The coupon books have finally arrived! They will be on sale at the back of the Church at all the Masses. The cost is still \$25.00. You can also e-mail Christ Baker at jchbacker@msn.com to purchase a book. Books are also available at the Rectory.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Christmas collection for our priests. If you did not have the opportunity to give but you'd like to make a gift, please visit clergytrust.org or pick up an envelope in the back of the Church. To learn more about the Trust and stay up to date on what's going on with our priests, find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

January 1, 2017 — Solemnity of Mary

January 8, 2017 — Special Parish Collection for unexpected expenses

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeuff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Tim Ring & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Bulletin Announcement: Pre-Survey

TITLE: St John the Evangelist and St Ann have been selected to participate in National Study! Please Read

Our Parishes have been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will be emailed to you by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com. The survey will only be available from the week of February 6 through March 6 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr Paul Ring and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If we don't have an email address for you, please send an email to Debbie Conrad at stjohnnebridge@comcast.net or Arlene Stefano stanns@comcast.net with your name and email so we can add you to the list.

If you don't use email –

There will be a generic link that you can use to complete the survey

There will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Debbie Conrad or Arlene Stefano at 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission: Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable masterpiece from God. The Parish and Youth Ministry strives to share in each one of our special gifts to create moments we feel Christ among and around us. When we come together as a faith family, we all grow closer to the heart of Christ.

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Google Calendars are available on our websites.

December 30th, 2016

Meet PJ Anderson-National Catholic Singer/Speaker Concert– January 6th at 7:00, and Mass– January 8th at 6:00 pm

PJ Anderson has a gentle and beautiful faith. His music and stories will touch your heart and help grow your faith in new ways. He lives in Nashville, TN with his wife and three children, and has performed at World Youth Day 2016 and the National Catholic Youth Conferences in Washington, DC. Our Mission team met PJ four years ago on our first trip with CHWC. St. John has been very blessed to have him with us for the past two years. We expect this year to be just as grace-filled, and we are thrilled to introduce him to the parishioners of St. Ann's. This is an event that can't be duplicated often, so clear the schedules, step out of your comfort zones and come enjoy a beautiful evening. This event is truly for all ages!

PJ ANDERSON

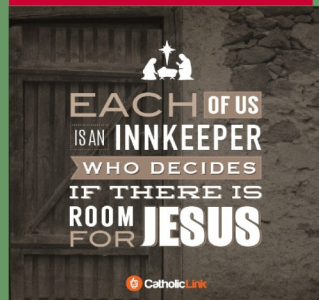
AT SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
210 CENTRAL STREET • EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

FRIDAY JAN 6TH 7PM

A SPECIAL NIGHT OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG & STORY
PERFECT FOR ALL AGES • FREE WILL OFFERING
CONCERT • PRAISE • FAITH

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Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team
Meets the 4th Thursday of
each Month

Youth Leadership Team
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team (including
our auction and golf tour-
nament teams)

Reboot Live Team

Please come for a visit any
weekday in our new office
for tea, coffee, and snacks
and share your ideas and
thoughts.

You are always welcomed to
join our team!



Monthly Events

Utreya Mass and Group Sharing

Thursday, January 12th: 7:00 pm– St. John Chapel

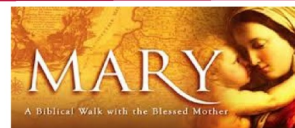
Pancakes with the Pastor

Sunday, January 22nd: 9:00-10:00 am– St. John Parish Hall

Sons and Daughter's Prayer Group

Friday, January 27th from 10:00-11:30– St. John
Parish Hall

Study of Mary– All are welcome!





More Opportunities to share in PJ Anderson's beautiful faith!

"I AM" Weekend Retreat for 8th Grade-College

I AM a Treasure, I AM a Son or Daughter, I AM Loved.

Join us for the special weekend to discover all that we are and all we can be in the love of Christ.



Take a chance, enjoy an overnight with friends while we grow in faith. The weekend will include lots of fun like: skits, games and chill time. We have a high school track and a college track. You may come for part of the program if you have other commitments. You are welcome to choose your roommate by bringing a friend! Our Parish and Youth Ministry is putting together a team that will include Fr. Paul and PJ Anderson. PJ travels all over the world sharing his faith, and we are very blessed with his friendship. You will be



surprised that among the fun and friendship will be some moments of faith and growth along your journey. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com to reserve a spot.

**Saturday, January 7th—Sunday, January 8th
3:00 pm—2:00 pm**

La Salette Retreat Center, Attleboro Ma

\$75.00 : Three meals, lodging and retreat activities

**Gala Night
at the Auction
Halifax
Country Club
Thursday,
April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
\$30.00 per person
Dinner, Dancing,
Silent Auction,
Live Auction,
Games**



Waterville Valley Ski Trip

All are welcome to join our Annual Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH. Waterville offers several choices: Ski One Day, Ski Two Days, skating, fire works, indoor pool, tubing and shopping. We stay in three bedroom condos at Town Square. This trip is open to 8th Grade and up. Younger siblings are invited if a parent is willing to chaperon. We have 20 spots. If there

Martin Luther King Weekend

January 13th – 16th
2:00 pm on Friday
Mid Afternoon on Monday

is interest in splitting the cost, we will charter a bus.
Room Cost: \$135.00 for three nights (based on ten per room)
Ski Lift Ticket: \$48.00 one day pass, \$90 two day pass
Ski Rental Cost: \$33.00 one day rental, \$63:00 two day rental
Email, or call Nancy Smith for payment questions or to register.

**Save the Date:
Golf
Tournament
Friday,
September 15th
at Riverbend in
West
Bridgewater
\$150 per golfer
Teams of (4)
Raffles and Lunch
120 golfers
needed**



Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend

This weekend is open to 6th-12th Graders www.berea.org for more information. The weekend includes: Tubing, Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Ice Cream Social, Paint Ball, A Band, Speakers, Workshops and lots of activities. Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like



to invite. This is a wonderful weekend of faith, friendship, and fun!

Fr. Paul and I feel very strongly that cost should never be the reason someone does not attend. There are many arrangements that can be made, please speak with either one of us. The Ministry accepts cash, checks (made payable to St. John) or credit or debit cards. In order to make the cost manageable, families are asked to make monthly payments and total payment is due by February 1st.

**March 3rd-5th
\$230, Hebron, NH
Includes lodging, food,
transportation.
\$55 deposit is due to reserve your spot**



**Mission Trip
June 24th–
July 1st
\$630
Includes
registration with
CHWC, trans-
portation by
Amtrak and
meals.
\$90 deposit is
due to reserve a
spot**

**4th Annual Mission Trip with Catholic Heart
Work Camp– Richmond, Virginia**

Youth in 8th Grade –12th Grade and Young Adults in College are invited to join us for this life changing week of service, friendship, and faith. We are traveling to a new location in Richmond. Joining our team early means we can do more fundraising to help with the cost. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.



PARISH NEWS

FOOD PANTRIES

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry
phone line is 508-378-3760.

Gift cards & money are always a big help.

The next Food Pantry dates are:

January 2, 2017—3:00—6:00; January 16, 2017

53 Christmas Dinners were given out this year.

Thank you for making this such a success.

God Blesses those who give.

Thank you to all our parishioners who participated in making the Christmas Giving Tree at St. John's and the Christmas Sharing Program at Saint Ann's such a success.

It has truly been a wonderful season of giving at both churches.



May the peace and love of this holiday season be ever present in your homes and hearts this New Year. God Bless you and yours.

Love

Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike, Fr. Don, Deacon Brendan, Deacon Joe, Lorraine, Charlotte, Debbie, Arlene, Nancy, Jackie, Judd, Paul, Matthew, and Nellie & Toby



Let Us Remember the Golden Rule:

Do unto Others, As You Would Have Others Do Unto You.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty.

There are many families in need of assistance. Canned green beans, corn, jam and jelly, canned fruit, cereal, and tomato and chicken noodle soup are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Once again St John Parish is participating in the Archdiocesan Pro Life Baby Shower!

Collections can be brought to St. John Parish beginning Saturday, December 31st.

We will collect items through Sunday January 22nd.

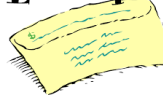
Currently, the Archdiocesan Pro Life Office is in need of the following items:

- Sleep & Plays - newborn
- Winter outfits - newborn
- Winter outfits 3-6 months
- Baby Wipes
- 4oz & 8oz baby bottles
- Baby Thermometers
- Desitin
- Pack & Play



Thank you in advance for your donations and your support of mothers in need who choose LIFE for their babies.

Offering Envelopes



The parishioners of St Ann's will be getting a new set of envelopes for the months of January and February. In this set of envelopes you will find a new envelope dedicated to monthly offertory giving. This would be used instead of a weekly offertory envelope if you so choose. However for those of you who would like to continue to give weekly, those envelopes are also in the set. You also will find a Special Parish Collection Envelope for each month. The proceeds from these envelopes will be used to defray the cost of unexpected expenses and or necessary facility maintenance.

GRAND ANNUAL Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church for anyone who was not on a mailing list and would like to donate to the collection.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30
In St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors open 5:00

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**There will be no Religious Education
From December 20th to January 2nd.
Religious Education will resume on
January 3rd.**

Director: Charlotte Hasomeris-Leines
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**There will be no Religious Education
On December 25 or January 1st
Religious Education will resume on
January 8th**