



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
The Epiphany*

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

January 7, 2018—The Epiphany

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:00 — Addison Barrett — 9th Anniversary

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Gene Biagi — 35th Anniversary

Monday — January 8, 2018

9:00 — Sean Coakley — 2nd Anniversary

Friday — January 12, 2018

9:00 — Rose Marie Chaves & Family— Mem

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 — Joan Ellen Ireland — Month’s Mind

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Yvonne Blauss — Memorial

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DEACON’S CORNER

A “NewYear “! Maybe you are already working your resolutions for 2018. For anyone who has not settled on one, here are some to consider: *Instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; bear wrongs patiently; admonish (kindly) the sinner who wrongs us; forgive another’s offence willingly; comfort the afflicted; pray for the living and the dead.* Recognize them? They are Spiritual works of mercy which when practiced remind us of God’s love and mercy.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



According to the dictionary, an “epiphany” (from the Greek “epiphania”) is an “appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being” or “a usually sudden perception of the essential nature or meaning of something”. One often speaks of having an “epiphany” when they have been wrestling with a dilemma and come upon a solution that, often times, was right in front of them. An epiphany of this sort brings about a sense of relief, if not outright joy. A problem solved, one can then move on to other things.

Either of the above definitions fit into our celebration on this day’s Feast of the Epiphany. It has been held traditionally that on this day, the Magi appeared at the manger, paying homage to the child Jesus. They came bearing gifts (a bit of an impromptu “baby shower”, if you will!) of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The “manifestation” is that of the Christ Child, who holds the promise of salvation for all. In approaching the manger, I’m sure the Magi were overwhelmed with a sense of that “essential nature” not only of the Messiah, but of themselves. Their purpose was two-fold: not only to pay homage to the Child Jesus, whose birth had been foretold, but also to gather information for Herod and report back to him all that they had seen. Upon seeing the child, they are given another “sign” of God’s handiwork in this moment: a dream which tells them not to go back to Herod, but to depart for home by another route. Why? Because the intentions of Herod are not to pay homage but to do harm to the infant Jesus; Herod sees Jesus as a threat to his reign. And well he should – Jesus has come into the world to re-establish on earth God’s Kingdom. This Kingdom, based not on power but service, not domination but peace, is one that Herod cannot understand or by which he can abide. He must eliminate the threat of Jesus so as to maintain power.

The gifts themselves are a “manifestation”, a sign of things to come. The gift of gold, befitting a king, is a reminder of Jesus as Messiah and King of all Creation. The gift of frankincense is one which befits Jesus “priest and prophet”, for this was often used by the temple priests and rabbis to signify prayers “rising” to heaven. The myrrh (a balm used to prepare a body for burial) was a bit enigmatic, as it signifies Jesus’ death (yes, a rather odd gift for a baby!), a death which He would offer for the world. This “trinity” of gifts, brought to the manger, is meant to bring the mission of Jesus to the forefront. Even in the manger, Jesus’ destiny is set; He has been “ordained” by the Father to carry out His plan of salvation for all. Jesus – priest, prophet and king – has been sent to us to restore the relationship broken by sin.

In this Feast of the Epiphany, may we come to our own realizations of the “essential nature” of God in Christ Jesus. May we continue to seek out the Child, just as the Magi did, so as to pay Him homage. May God’s love, made flesh in the Christ, reside in and resonate from our hearts. May this feast be for us a true “epiphany” of faith so that we may continue to grow in faith, hope and love!

Happy Christmas Season,

Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week — No Second Collection
 Next week — No Collection,

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	12/24/17	12/31/17	12/24/17	12/31/17	
*In-Pew Giving					
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd 12/17 to-date	3,905	\$32,000		\$600	\$15,189 \$32,000

Figures will be updated in our next bulletin when they are available.



Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

The first Saturday of the month at:
 Holy Ghost Church, Whitman 11AM—12 Noon
 Light lunch to follow. For more info contact:
 Karen McWilliams 603-682-7933

Third Saturday of each month: at St. Ann's By the
 Sea, Marshfield, 10 AM—11 AM, light refreshments
 to follow. Contact Sean Flaherty 781-308-863

Fourth Saturday of each month at: St. Joseph the
 Worker, Hanson, 11:30—12:30, light refreshments
 Contact: Fr. Mike Hobson 781-293-3581 ext 211
 Rosary4recovery.com

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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, 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 - Every Tuesday 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



Together in Christ Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry
Leaving Footprints Of Faith, Hope, Love



**Common Cathedral – St. John and Boston
Feeding the Homeless on Boston Common
Sunday, January 28th**

We will join the Common Cathedral for the second year. We are looking for donations for the lunches: bread, fruit, chips, dessert, napkins, lunch meats, tuna, peanut butter and jelly, chicken salad. We need to provide at least 100 lunches.

Volunteers will be needed to assemble the sandwiches from 8:00 am –9:00 am on Sunday morning at St. John. A team of at least 10 people will also be needed to head into Boston to serve the lunch and join in a prayer service held right on the Common.

The was a wonderful event last year. We were able to provide lunch and dinner for the homeless due to the overwhelming donations for lunch. All ages are welcome to volunteer for this wonderful project.



Pasta with the Pastor– St. Ann’s Rectory Welcomes You on 1/20

One of our most enjoyable programs last year was Pancakes with the Pastor. Folks at St. Ann’s really wanted an option for them because many could not attend due to the Religious Education Classes so we came up with Pasta with the Pastor on a Saturday night. Those plans needed to be altered with the addition of Brockton Youth Hockey Bingo in the Hall on Saturday night.

It took us a little while, but with the wonderful friendship, conversations and good food that took place at our Christmas Open House, we have decided to hold Pasta with the Pastor in the Rectory at St. Ann’s. We hope you will join us for great conversation and the opportunity to get to know one another!



Calendar

- 1/12-1/15: Winter Wonderland Weekend in North Conway.
- 1/19: Prayer Group at St. Ann 10:00-11:30 am
- 1/20: Pasta with the Pastor at St. Ann’s Rectory at 5:00 pm.
- 1/21: Family Mass at St. Ann 10:30 am
- 1/25: Adult Committee Meeting
- 1/28: Pancakes with the Pastor at St. John’s from 9:00-10:00 am
- 1/28: Common Cathedral on Boston Common feeding the homeless lunch 11:00 am
- 2/2: First Friday Adoration at St. Ann 6:45-8:00 pm
- Save the Date:
2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction April 6th-Emerald Hall, Abington

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Prayers are Requested!

Based on the suggestion of Fr. Tom Carzon from Missions last year our ministry purchased a beautiful statue of Mary. This statue has been traveling from home to home giving families the opportunity to pray together for our Parish and for personal intentions. We are looking for families to “host” Mary for the weeks leading up to our Lenten Mission. She comes with a rosary and other materials. Please contact us to sign up for a week!

FAMILY MASS: Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



Please Save the Date for our Lenten Mission

A Step Towards Becoming a Saint

Saturday, February 17th-Tuesday, February 20th

Featuring:

Jimmy Mitchell and DJ Anderson

Check our web-sites, social media or future bulletins for more information



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory.



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.

**As of the first of the year,
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
address will be:**

103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater MA 02379

**POST OFFICE BOX WILL BE
DISCONTINUED.**



Thank you to all who
donated to the beautiful
flowers this Christmas.
XOXO

*The Religious Education Program will
begin again:*

January 7, 2018

EPIPHANY



Wishing you
a *blessed*
New Year



Thank you to all parishioners who gave so generously of their time and talents to make Saint Ann and Saint John so shiny and clean for Christmas and to the decorating crews.

Both Churches looked beautiful.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference



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 make a monetary or food donation gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

If you need food or other assistance please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.



REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON. . . AND



THE BEST GIFT TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN IS THE GIFT OF FAITH.



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A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE GIVING TREE THIS YEAR.

WE WERE ABLE TO SERVE 15 FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE GIFTS FOR ALL THEIR CHILDREN. THESE FAMILIES WERE ABLE TO ENJOY THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS THANKS TO YOU.

ANOTHER THANK YOU IS IN ORDER FOR THE REPAIRS WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY.

The lights for the Choir Area
The leaks in the Hall of the Church
The tiles that had to be replaced in the Hall
The bulkhead that was causing a leak into the Boiler Rm.

The donated repairs to the walkway by United Seal Coating, the Kneelers donated by a parishioner and constructed by PYM in the chapel and the repairs to the roof and bulkhead taken care of by the Catholic Women's Club.



Archdiocese
Pro Life Baby Shower

The Crib is up
And will
Be up until
January 21st.

All donations assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese.

Needed Item:

Blanket sleepers size 0-6 months & 6-12 months.
Onesies Girl & Boys size Newborn & 0-3 month
Warm Outfits — Boy & Girls size Newborn, 0-3, 3-6, & 6-12 months
Bottles—4 oz. & 8 oz.
Diapers Newborn & size 4
Receiving Blankets (flannel)
Diaper Bag

No furniture or equipment

ConnectNow
Online Giving

In January of next year, Saint John's will be moving to a new program for On-Line Giving. This program will offer more options for the Office and will be at a reduced rate, thus saving us money.

If you have been having any trouble with the current program, please let the Office know.

If you have used our website to set up an account, you have to complete the registration form even though you may already have an account with [Online-Giving](#). More details to follow when we roll out the new program.

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