



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017*



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EUCCHARISTIC 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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

JANUARY 15—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 14, 2016

4:00 - James Clancy—5th Anniversary

Sunday, January 15, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Lucy & Rose Chaves—Memorial

Saturday, January 21, 2016

4:00 - Ralph Ortenzi—37th Anniversary

Sunday, January 22, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - George & Dorothy Jackson—74th
Wedding Anniversary Remembrance

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 14, 2016

4:00 - Doris Corazzini—Memorial

Sunday, January 15, 2016

8:30 - Janice A. Kelleher -1st Anniversary

10:30 - Richard & Thomas Fitzgerald -Memorial

Monday, January 16, 2017

9:00 — Anna Margaret Ritucci -Memorial

Friday, January, 20, 2017

9:00 — Dixie Dickinson — Memorial

Saturday, January 21, 2016

4:00 — Shirley Bradley & Lee Ann Bradley—Mem

Sunday, January 22, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS' CORNER

I am sitting here writing my article for you on the January 9, 2016, the feast of, The Baptism of the Lord". The celebration is significant because we take time to recognize Jesus beginning his public ministry there at the Jordan river as he approaches John the Baptist and asks to be baptized. Jesus did not need to repent for sin but in his Baptism, he lowered himself in humility to share in our humanity. As Jesus ascended from the water behold we see the Trinity with God the Father saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.", the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Jesus, and Jesus the Son of God there to bring us salvation. Through the waters of baptism Jesus began his public ministry. Through our own Baptism we too undertake the same ministry that Jesus began on that day. Each of us are called to go and make disciples of all those we encounter. We do this in words but more importantly through our actions of charity toward others.

May God Bless

Deacon Joe Hopgood



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 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

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 January 8, 2017 \$2,056
Below Goal **3,844**
 Special Parish Collection 709
 Grand Annual Total - Jan. 8 \$22,128

January 15, 2017—Special Parish Collection for the Archdiocese
 January 22, 2017—No second collection

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 Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Donna Shepard Folloni & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the

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!

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

January 8, 2017 \$1196
 Special Parish \$367
 This weekend's second collection is for the Archdiocese



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

In today's Gospel, we read "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...filled with enduring love".

When you make a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's enduring love to those who need your help and assistance. It will give them a reason to believe and to trust.

The **HOTLINE** for St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish is **508-378-3760**. Anyone from East Bridgewater who is in need of food or other assistance is encouraged to give



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.

St John's Catholic Appeal of 2016 still has a balance of \$278 due to reach our goal to avoid the parish missing out on the rebate that we are supposed to be getting for the Appeal this year.

If you pledged an amount but forgot all about it, please send your payment into the Archdiocese. It is very important.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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.

January 13, 2017

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www.stannswb.com

Google Calendars are available on our websites.

Monthly Events for All Ages

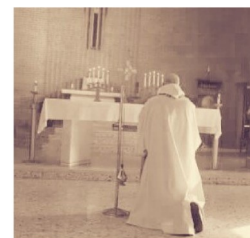
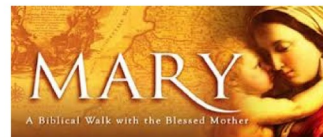
Pancakes with the Pastor

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!



Our Weekend of Faith with PJ Anderson



Our weekend with [PJ Anderson](#) exceeded any hope or dream we could have imagined. The grace and faith that flows from his ministry is a powerful gift that we are so grateful he is willing to share with us. The concert was amazing, the retreat was life-changing and the Mass was simply beautiful. This weekend had something for all ages. No worries if you missed any part of it, he will be back next year! For a full album of pictures please visit our Facebook page or our websites. A note of special thanks to all of the volunteers that helped: To those that prepared the church for the concert, baked goodies for the intermission, encouraged their youth to come on retreat, the adults that shared their faith on retreat, and Paul Hoffman and the Teen Mass Choir for partnering with us to make this weekend such a success. It is weekends like this that TRULY BRING US TOGETHER AS A FAITH FAMILY, and allow Parishioners from both Parishes and all

corners of our Collaboration to experience the love of Christ as a visible, strong and powerful FORCE WORKING WITHIN US. A special thanks to Fr. Tom for joining us on retreat and continuing to share his message with us from the Advent Mission. We look forward to having him back for our Lenten Mission.



evangelization

(n.) one beggar telling another beggar where the bread is.

- Matt Fradd



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 tournament
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!





Common Cathedral

Sunday, February 12th
12:00 pm
Boston Common

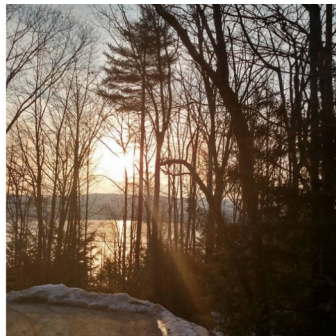
Gala Night
at the Auction
Halifax Country
Club
Thursday,
April 6th
6:00-10:00 pm
\$30.00 per person
Dinner, Dancing,
Silent Auction,
Live Auction,
Games

Common Cathedral is an outdoor congregation, housed and un-housed, sharing God's love through community, worship and pastoral care on Boston Common. Common Cathedral serves an important community for people experiencing homelessness and for our faith communities that want to support them. We have space to bring 20 high school or adult volunteers to help serve a meal. All others are welcome to help us prepare the meal back in our Parish or donate the food needed. Our entire Parish Community can play a role in helping in this very special "Service Saturday" project. We will also be collecting adult gloves. Our goal is to collect 100 pair of warm gloves for adult un-housed male participants of the Common Cathedral. Please contact Nancy Smith to volunteer on the Common or to help prepare the meal ahead of time. nhenn71@hotmail.com . Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

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

Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend

This weekend is open to
 6th-12th Graders
www.berea.org
 for videos and pictures



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.

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

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.

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



Steubenville East

Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This weekend is open to students in 8th-12th grade. There will be thousands of youth from around New England and beyond.

July 14-16, 2017
University of Lowell, Ma
\$270 program, lodging, food
\$50.00 deposit due upon Registration



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

Thank you for making this such a success.

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.

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Please don't forget to fill out a database form for the up-coming survey. They are available in the pews and at the doors of the church. 

TAX REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS USING THE ENVELOPE OR ON-LINE PROGRAMS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINT OUT, PLEASE CALL THE RECORY

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.

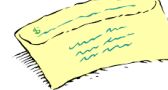
Currently, the Archdiocesan Pro Life Office is in need of the following items:

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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**