



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*



*St. Ann & St. John
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 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.

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

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 18, 2017

4:00 — Emily Harrington — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:00 — Ruth Giampietro — Memorial

10:30 — Margarida DeJesus — Month’s Mind

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of St. John

10:30 — Richard H. Foss — 21st Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 18, 2017

4:00 — Frank & Lucille Juleo — Memorial

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:30 - Lisa Kearney-Elias — Month’s Mind

10:30 - Ernest Butler — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00 - Antionette & Dominic Tarantino — Mem

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:30 - Stephen J. Nyhan — 3rd Anniversary

10:30 - Rodger Furey — Month’s Mind



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I would be willing to bet that for most of us, our first experience of “saving” was a “piggy bank”. It was in this way that we put away, little by little, our hard earned allowance, birthday money or the like, saving it for something really special or that proverbial “rainy day”. If you’re also like me, you got impatient at times and broke into that repository, splurging on something you “just had to have”. The object lesson in all of this (and in today’s gospel) is that there is a difference between “saving” and “hoarding”.

In today’s gospel, three servants are given “talents” (a coin which had varying amounts of worth, depending on the material of which it was made; presumably, the three servant’s talents were of the same value, albeit varying amounts). One is given five talents, one is given three, the third given one; the first two subsequently invested them, the third buried his one talent (given today’s economy, he might be seen by us as the wisest one!). In this way, the third servant wasted his charge. He chose not to risk the talent given, something inherent in investing. This sense of risk is also something inherent in discipleship, for following Christ involves risk. One risks losing friends, even family; one may even risk their life, given the situation.

When the master returns, he praises the two servants who invested (albeit with the known risks), and takes away the one talent from the third servant. The servant attempts to justify his action by putting the onus on the master – bad move! The master takes offense at this because his actions and motivations notwithstanding, the servant still failed to take that “leap of faith” necessary in investing (read: discipleship). We do not plant, yet we are called to harvest; we did not scatter, yet we are called to gather. At the very least (taking the gospel as a metaphor for discipleship), we are called to at least attempt to bring some “return on investment” – the investment God has made in us.

What “talents” (using now the modern understanding of the word) do we have, have we been given by God? Are we “burying” these gifts by failing to trust in God’s plan for us? Are we fearful of reprisal, rebuttal or retribution? We should not fear what the world can do to us, for the world holds no power over us (only the power we might choose to give it). May we have the courage of that “worthy wife” (Prv 31:10) spoken of in our first reading, reaching out to the poor and needy while trusting in God’s plan for us. May we, as Paul speaks of in our second reading, be “alert and sober” (1 Thes 5:6), ready to answer the Master’s call, no matter when it may come!

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

DEACON’S CORNER

A Daily Thanksgiving Prayer

"Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name, Amen."



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

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week *** Retired Religious Sisters
 Next week —Special Parish Collection —

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	11/05/17		11/05/17		
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,406		\$5,599		
*On-Line		\$3,680	797	\$6,396	\$5,700
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$956		\$931		
	11/12/17		11/12/17		
*In-Pew Giving					
*On-line					

Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting
11/08/17- St. Ann's Parish Center at 7pm

Present: Father Ring, Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald, Anne Smith, Linda Santry, Patricia Everett, Nancy Maloney, Kerri Fabroski, Chuck Moore

Absent: Deacon Joe Hopgood, Eileen Fitzgerald, Jim Cullen, Kevin Laslie, Steven Colburn
 ∞ Opening Prayer and Remarks – Fr. Ring

Father Ring opened the meeting with prayer at 7:06p.m.
 ∞ Approval minutes of last Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved.
 ∞ Updates from Fr. Ring:

- St. John's Offertory Development Program
- St. John's collections are still about 7% above what they were. A reminder about the increased giving program will be put in the bulletin.
- There will be a homily this week at St. Ann's masses on increasing stewardship through time, talent, and treasure. On the weekend of 11/18-19, envelopes will be in the pews for parishioners to commit to an increased offering. Father will explain the process of formulating the Finance Council, establishing a budget, requesting offertory increases and the Grand Annual Collection. He will emphasize that all increased offertory and the Grand Annual collections will stay in St. Ann's parish.
- Finance Councils
- No meetings with the Finance Councils have been held, but they have been kept in the loop through email communications about the budget.
- Pastoral Planning Writing Committee
- The PPWC has drafted a vision statement: (con't on St. John Pg.)

St John's Catholic Women's Club
8th Annual Craft Fair
Saturday, November 25th –
9 am to 2 pm
In the Church Hall



The signs are out – the ads are written, calls are being made, time to sign up for the Craft Fair.

If anyone would like to make gift baskets for the raffles, we welcome your talents. Also help is needed sorting our the treasures for the Attic.

Large donations can be brought to the barn, not the garage the week of November 20,

Smaller items can be left on the stage for sorting.

Thank you & God Bless
Call Mary Ann Boyle, 508=378-4704.

Christmas Eve Teen/Adult Collaborative Choir

Join our collaborative choir for Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at St. Ann's church this year!

Rehearsals are Monday evenings, 7:15-8:30, beginning 11/27 at St. John's. Contact Paul Hoffman, St. John's Music Director for more information.



Thanksgiving Day

MASS AT

SAINT JOHN'S

AT 8:00 AM



Parish and Youth Ministry

FILL THE
BUS
FOOD DRIVE



Fill the Bus

Help is needed Sunday, November 19th at Trucchi's Supermarket in West Bridgewater from 10:00 –5:00. We are looking for two volunteers per hour to help customers donate food for the St. John's Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Help

St. John's Food Pantry has asked us to help coordinate teams of volunteers every other Monday during Food Pantry pick-up. With the cold months coming, help is needed for the neighbors bringing food to their cars. 4 teams of 2 would be wonderful.



Christmas Craft Fair-Set Up



Help is needed on Sunday, November 19th at 7:00pm at St. John setting-up tables, moving partitions, and getting the items for the attic treasures out of the Barn and placed on the stage. With enough help, it won't take more than an hour. The help has been requested by the Catholic Women's Club.

To volunteer contact Nancy for more details.

Calendar



- 11/19: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann
- 11/26: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 at St. John
- 11/30: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm at St. John.
- 12/1: Church Dinner from 5:30-6:30 at St. Ann's Hall followed by Adoration and Confession
- 12/3: 10:30– Family Mass at St. John
- 11:30: Christmas Pageant at St. John
- 5:00: Advent Mission at St. John
- Mission Talk– History with Dinner
- 12/4: Second Day of Advent Mission
- 12/5: Final Day of Advent Mission

Contact US:

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We are pleased to welcome Jaymie Steward Wolfe to the Parish Mission. You may recognize her from her weekly column in the Pilot.

Jaymie Stuart Wolfe has been active in many facets of Catholic evangelization and spiritual development, and has sought to use every available means to strengthen the Body of Christ. Jaymie's bi-weekly column has appeared in Boston's Archdiocesan newspaper The Pilot since 1995. She is also a monthly contributor to the New Evangelizers. Jaymie is the author of several books for both adults and children. Her most recent, Adoption: Room for One More?, was released in September, 2015.

Jaymie has appeared as a guest on numerous Catholic television and radio programs including EWTN's @Home with Jim & Joy, Catholic TV's This Is the Day, and radio broadcasts and podcasts such as The Catholics Next Door, A Seeking Heart, An Engaging Faith, Among Women, In Season and Out of Season, and Seize the Day. Jaymie is a featured speaker at numerous spiritual events, conferences and retreats throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond. She most often combines inspirational music with spoken reflection, and has produced numerous recordings of original music.

At the parish level, Jaymie served as Music Minister and Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Maria Goretti in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. She also worked full time as an Editor of books for children and teens with Pauline Books & Media. Jaymie joined Our Sunday Visitor as an Acquisitions Editor in October, 2016. She is inspired by the spirituality of St. Francis De Sales. Jaymie and her husband Andrew live in Massachusetts. They have eight children, and nine grandchildren. Jaymie is a 1983 RCIA convert to the Catholic faith. A graduate of Harvard University, she also holds a Master of Arts in Ministry degree from St. John's Seminary in Boston.

Find Jaymie online at www.loavesandfishesministry.net

Advent Mission- God Who Comes!

- 12/3– St. John
- 10:30 am: Family Mass with Christmas Pageant following Mass
- 5:00 pm: Mass followed by Mission Talk– History with Dinner
- 12/4– St. Ann
- 6:00 pm– Adoration, 6:30 pm–Mission Talk– Mystery with Confession available
- 12/5–St. Ann :
- 9:00-11:00 am– Mission Retreat
- 12/5– St. John
- 6:00 pm– Rosary
- 6:30– Mission Talk– Eternity Adoration



Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above) The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory: will now be displayed on the Collaborative page.

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the end of December.



The Annual Cupcake Sale for Smile Train Will take place the 16th & 17th of December.

Before



After

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Each year we provide clothing and toys to children age 16 and younger in needy families. The families must meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, or email her, linda@santry.org. All information is kept in strict confidence.

We also are updating our list of senior citizens for a Christmas remembrance. We provide small gifts and a goodie basket to senior citizens who are needy, have no family, or who have provided memorable service to St. Ann's. If you know if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.



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.



The Annual Christmas Pageant will be December 10th
At Noon

All are cordially welcome to attend.
Baked goods would be greatly appreciated.



The Annual Food Drive for the Religious Education Program is underway. Please bring your canned goods with you to Religious Education Class in the month of November.



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Saint Ann's Church will be joining First Church at a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service hosted by Cochesett United Methodist Church located at 517 West Center Street on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and are encouraged to attend. There will be a collation after the service.



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, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Henry Wedge & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!

GRAND ANNUAL HAS BEGUN

PLEASE be as generous as possible with the Grand Annual and Increased Offertory Campaign.

God Bless and thank you for your continued generosity.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT JOHN'S IS IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THE ALTAR LINENS. DORIS THOMPSON HAS DONE THIS FOR YEARS AND IT IS TIME FOR HER TO PASS THE BATON. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP. 508-378-4207

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

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you share your gifts with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

During November and December many families are in need of food and other assistance. Please consider adding St. Vincent de Paul to your Thanksgiving and/or Christmas shopping list. We are in need of monetary, gift card and food donations. What you give to St. Vincent de Paul is used to help your neighbors here in East Bridgewater.

Catholic Appeal Update

If you have pledged money to the Catholic Appeal, please follow through with your commitment and please make your payment..

All monies are used to reduce the amount of money assessed to the Parish.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Jan Prall

Thanksgiving is a time to share and to be part of a much larger family. Our ancestors the Pilgrims came to this new land with a feeling of hope as they joined hand in hand.

They thanked God the Father for the blessings they shared, and all bowed their heads and offered a prayer.

Through time we have learned to fill our cornucopia with love, and give thanks as the Pilgrims to Our Father above.

So reach out a hand to those you hold dear, strive to be loving, honest, sincere.

"We the Together in Christ Collaborative of St. Ann and St. John the Evangelist, welcome and engage all ages. United by faith, we embrace the call of Jesus to live our mission 'to " go forth and make disciples.' Through evangelization, education, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we will grow together as One Body of Christ."

The statement was well-received by the PC. The PPWC will meet again on 11/15 to begin work on SMART goals around hospitality, faith formation, Sunday experience, and vocations.

- ∞ Open discussion
- The PC meeting for December has been moved to December 6th at St. John's.
- The Collaborative Mission for Advent will be held on December 3, 4, and 5 with a theme of "History, Mystery, and Eternity". It will be led by Jaymie Stewart Wolf.
- On 12/3 there will be a mass at 5p.m. at St. John's, followed by dinner and a talk. On 12/4 there will be a morning service at St. Ann's, and then an evening talk and reconciliation. On 12/5 there will be a talk and reconciliation.
- On December 3rd the diocesan Bishop Cheverus Award will be presented to Linda Santry at the Newton Church, Our Lady Help of Christians.
- On November 19th at 7:00p.m. there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Cochesett Methodist Church in West Bridgewater, with First Church and St. Ann's.
- Thanksgiving morning mass will be at 8:00a.m. at St. John's.
- On November 30th the East Bridgewater clergy will have a prayer service followed by tree lighting on the Common.
- ∞ Closing prayer – Fr. Ring

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