



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016*



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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

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 26, 2016

4:00 - Richard Hildor Foss — 20th Anniversary

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:00 - Laurence L. Duncan — 25th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00 - Thomas Garvey—6 month Anniversary

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Karen Goguen — 5th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 26, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

Sunday, November 27, 2016

8:00 - Doris Corazzini—Memorial Mass

10:30 - Paul J. Sheedy — Month's Mind Mass

Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00 - Lori Lavage Jenkins — Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Roy Carbone — 1st Anniversary Mass

DEACONS' CORNER

Deacon Brendan and Deacon Joe are excited to have this space to communicate with you. Let us first tell you we were ordained by Cardinal Law and Cardinal Sean respectively. As members of the clergy we are to serve in obedience to the bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with our priests. While all Christians are called to serve others, "the deacon is to be a credible sign of the servant Christ in the world". We are to minister to the needy and the poor; to be ministers of the Word and Sacrament. By that, we mean we are ordained to proclaim the Gospel, preach and evangelize. We serve at the Eucharistic Table. We solemnly baptize, officiate at marriages, and preside over funerals and burials. We are above all to serve the poor and marginalized, to visit the sick and dying. There are over 240 permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of Boston and 42 in formation.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent has arrived! It's hard to believe, but we begin another liturgical year. We begin our use of "Cycle 'A'" for Sundays and "Year I" for Weekdays, for the liturgically-minded in our congregation. We also move into usage of Matthew's Gospel. Thematically, Matthew's Gospel (written, most likely, not by Matthew, but by an anonymous Jewish-Christian) revolves around the Kingdom of Heaven and Jewish elements such as Jesus' lineage to David and Jesus portrayal as "King of the Jews". These elements, while not unique to Matthew, are stressed most profoundly in Matthew's Gospel.

This "sets the stage" for us to begin our new liturgical year. As we dive headfirst into Advent, we "begin at the end", so to speak. Jesus, in today's gospel, is speaking of the end times, of what will occur as we are called home to the aforementioned Kingdom of Heaven. This is appropriate to our Advent journey, for Advent is a time of "two-fold waiting" – waiting for the Christ Child, born from the line of David, and the waiting for Jesus as the King of Glory who calls us home to fullness of life in the Kingdom (of Heaven). This waiting can be, for many, a test of faith (and patience, if you are of a certain youthful age, waiting for Christmas to arrive!). We want to go to heaven, but we also want to live life to the fullest here on earth. The thing to remember about our lives on earth is that they are but a foretaste and promise of what awaits us in the Kingdom. We can go about working (as is evidenced in today's gospel), but we should be ready, here and now, for Jesus' call to join Him for all eternity. This is the sum of the "two-fold waiting".

Our Advent journey is also a time of preparation of those "waitings". Often times, we think of Lent as the season of "preparation", with its emphasis on reconciliation, of "making straight the path". This language will appear to us next week, with the emergence of John the Baptist. Advent, like Lent, is a time for us to clear out the "spiritual deadwood", those things which are not of God. One way we can do this is by taking advantage of one of the "hidden gems" of our Church - the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we open our hearts to God in this way, we make known to God those things of which we want to rid ourselves.

May we use the opportunities Advent presents to grow in our relationship with God and His Church. May we know God's healing love in the sacraments (of Eucharist and Reconciliation). May we always be aware of God's desire to share the gifts of faith, hope and love with us, and may we, in turn, share these gifts with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Advent Season,

Fr. Paul

Our Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
Current budget
Offertory
2nd Coll
Grand Annual

2nd Collection — Special Parish Collection — November 27 th
 IT issues in the Offices
 December 4, 2016 — St. Vincent de Paul Society

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

November 20th offertory will be posted in the
 December 4th Bulletin.

**Kay Evans is the recipient of the
 St. John's Cheverus Award**
**The ceremony is December 4, 2016, at the
 Cathedral in Boston at 3 PM**

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, Christoper MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the

St Vincent de Paul Society

St. John's Parish is always generous to the Food Pantry. It is your generosity that helps us keep the shelves stocked, not only during the holidays but all year round. What you give to the pantry is used for the pantry!

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank the high school students who donated their time and assisted with the Turkey meals before Thanksgiving.

If you know of anyone from East Bridgewater in need of food or assistance please have them call our **HOT-LINE** at **508-378-3760**.

First Sunday of Advent

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond us; for we seek the coming of the Lord.

When you make a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas by helping those who are having a difficult time preparing for His coming.

Saint Ann's Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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 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 SHAIRING 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 Saint Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater Schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of Saint 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 are also updating our list of senior citizens who are needy, have no family or who have provided memorable service to Saint Ann's. If you know of someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.



THE GIVING TREE IS UP.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL
 GIFT CARDS
 TO
 LORRAINE HOPGOOD
 BY
 DECEMBER 11TH.**

Make this Christmas Special



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

No bingo on December 22.



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.

November 25, 2016

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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 tournament
teams)

Reboot Live Team

**All are welcome to
volunteer for one of
our teams.**

Come Lord | Preparing for Jesus | Parish Mission December 4th-6th

Please help us welcome Fr. Tom Carzon from the Oblate of the Virgin Mary. Through the transforming power of a mission, we will have the opportunity to see with new eyes and hear with a new heart as we come together as a Faith Family. Fr. Tom will lead this journey for all ages to quiet our hearts during the Advent Season in order to listen and experience the voice of God within our hearts. Our Mission will touch the very core of your heart and remind us all of God's deep love for us as his Sons and Daughters. We will gather together to receive, believe and become the hands, the mind, and the heart of Christ! This will be a wonderful three nights (or days for those that prefer) that will allow us all to see the richness of our faith.

Sunday | St. John
6:00 pm Mass and a reception will follow Mass in the Parish Hall

Monday | St. Ann
10:00 am: Presentation by Fr. Tom with
Coffee and Pastries
7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Tom with a
Penance Service

Tuesday | St. John
10:00 am: Presentation by Fr. Tom with Coffee and Pastries
7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Tom with Adoration and a Reception to close our Mission



Gala Night at the Auction– April 6th at Halifax Country Club

The Ministry is a vital part of our Parish Family that is helping create vibrant and active Faith Families but is a new Ministry and therefore charged by the Financial Team with being completely self-funded. Our Leadership Team has decided to hold two major fundraisers next year: an Auction and a Golf Tournament. Both events require a team of twenty volunteers to help with securing donations, selling tickets, and encouraging participation. Our hope is to have a collaborative team with volunteers from both Parishes. Most of the help needed can be done at home on your own time. Without your help, we will not meet our goals and be able to continue to offer a variety of programs at no cost or low cost.

Christmas Pageant and a Special Fun Friday

Christmas Pageant: All are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant. There will be three rehearsals before the show. This is a simple play retelling the birth of Jesus. All are welcome to jump in and join us. Older students are always needed to help younger students read or help with our songs. Our show will be presented at a very special Fun Friday on Friday, December 16th. **Fun Friday** will include the Christmas Pageant, Dinner, Decorating Cookies and a special guest. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to join this Fun Friday. Please RSVP at nhenn71@hotmail.com or at 508-838-8490 to sign-up for the Christmas Pageant or to join our special Fun Friday.





PJ Anderson will Return January 6th

PJ Anderson Weekend - Christian Musician and Speaker

"He can write songs that touch those places deep down in your heart where joy and pain reside in harmony. His heartfelt lyrics strike a chord and draw out those emotions that are waiting to be uncovered. His worship opens hearts to the love of the Lord, and helps every worshipper enter into the presence of God. PJ learned to play guitar from a nun, Sister Charita, in 5th grade. He landed a role in the high school musical, Grease and started a band in college that opened up doors to writing his own songs. After college, he was a Youth Minister and played in worship

bands until he made the move from Chicago to Nashville. PJ now travels the country inspiring youth, playing concerts, leading worship at conferences and retreats, and encouraging youth through his prayerful form of worship. Most notable, PJ has led music at Mega Workshops at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in 2015 and 2013 as well as leading worship at Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) for the past six summers. He also headlined the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC for 30,000 youth in 2016."

Friday, January 6th

Concert, Praise, Worship
7:00 pm St. John Church

Saturday, January 7th - Sunday, January 8th

from 3:00 pm - 2:00pm
Youth and College Retreat



Save the Date:
Golf Tournament
Friday,
September 8th
at Riverbend in West Bridgewater
\$150 per golfer



Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend

This weekend is open to 6th -12th Graders

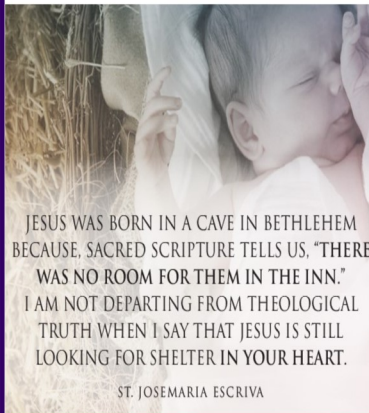
The weekend includes: Tubing, Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Ice Cream Social, Paint Ball, A Band, Speakers, Workshops

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!

March 3rd-5th

\$230
Includes lodging, food, transportation.
\$50 deposit is due to reserve your spot

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.



JESUS WAS BORN IN A CAVE IN BETHLEHEM BECAUSE, SACRED SCRIPTURE TELLS US, "THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN." I AM NOT DEPARTING FROM THEOLOGICAL TRUTH WHEN I SAY THAT JESUS IS STILL LOOKING FOR SHELTER IN YOUR HEART.

ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

Calendar of Events– All are welcome!

December

Parish Mission:
4th-6th

Christmas Pageant:
Friday, 16th during our **Fun Friday**

January

PJ Anderson Concert:
Friday, 6th @ 7:00 pm
PJ Anderson Retreat:
Saturday– Sunday 7th and 8th at La Salette Retreat Center

Ski Trip: Friday-Monday (13th-16th) Waterville Valley

March for Life: Thursday-Saturday, 26th-28th in Washington DC

February

Common Cathedral Service Project
Sunday, 12th at 12:00 pm, Boston Common

March

Deep Freeze; March 3rd– 5th

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Religious Education Class will be replaced on December 4, 2016 by a special collaborative Teen Mass/ Advent Parish Mission to be held at St. John's at 6 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. St. Ann's students please check in with your teachers by 5:45 so as not to be marked absent.

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

There will be no Religious Education
On December 25 or January 1st
Religious Education will resume on
January 8th

PARISH NEWS

BLESSINGS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES!!!

St John's is beginning a program of remembering loved ones (living or deceased) by Offering:

Masses of intentions (already in place)

Weekly vigil candle in their name

The gifts offered at Mass in their name.

Due to the limited number of masses available, we wanted to expand the opportunities of remembrance. The offertory for this service would be \$25 for Masses of Intention and \$30 for the gifts for the mass or the weekly vigil candle.

This would be posted in the bulletin.

First Friday Adoration following the 9 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:30 at St. Ann's.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs., Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Obligation— Times of Masses to be Announced

The 2017 Lector Workbooks are in the Sacristy. If you are a Lector please pick one up. If you have not filled in a Cori, please do so.

FOOD PANTRIES

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

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:
December 5 (3:00—6:00) and December 19 (3:00—4:30)