



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 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

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

December 3, 2017—First Sunday of Advent

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00 — Robert Gale, Sr — 6th Anniversary

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John's

10:30 — Kathleen Climo — 7th Anniversary

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 — Suzanne Shepard — 28th Anniversary

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:00 — Charles Matthews — 28th Anniversary

10:30 — Kay Coughlin — 2nd Anniversary

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00 — Lori Savage Jenkins — 14th Anniversary

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:30 - Deceased Members of the Cardinal

O'Connell Assembly, K of C 4th Degree

10:30 - Paul Egersheim — Memorial

Friday, December 8, 2017

9:00—Linda Grant — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 - Jean Herbert — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:30 - Valerie Teague — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Roy Carbone — 2nd Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

A story is told of the late Cardinal Cushing when he told one of his staff to hold all appointments and calls. When he was asked what they should do if Jesus were to appear at the door, his response (reportedly) was: "Look busy!" Today the Church begins its Advent journey under the banner of "watchfulness". This is challenging when all around us, people are distracted by the sights and sounds of Christmas. Perhaps you've felt that "pull" yourself and even given into it. If this is the case, no worries! Our Church gives us a four week Season in which to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child in the proper way.

As we enter into Advent, we "begin at the end", so to speak. Jesus, in today's gospel, is speaking of the end times, using the image of the master returning home, perhaps at a time that might catch us unaware. This image 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 wait (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".

Advent may seem like the "same old, same old". After all, it comes at relatively the same time of year, has many of the same "themes" ("watch", "wait", "be vigilant") and ends up with the same "goal" (namely, to be ready to welcome Jesus as the Christ Child and the King of Glory). We would do well to not fall into the same routines. I would invite us to try something different, to move out of our "comfort zone". If you haven't followed an Advent calendar, try it this year by following the daily readings and prayers. If you haven't made/kept an Advent wreath for your home, now's the time. I would further encourage you to WAIT. It's easy enough to get "caught up" in the hullabaloo of the preparations for Christmas. These are important and need to be tended to, but not at the expense of our peace of mind or our sanity. So many of us "go overboard" with Christmas and its preparations that we fail to see the opportunity that Advent gives us to "pace ourselves" in these four weeks.

May we take this time of the Advent Season to prepare ourselves, spiritually, for the coming of Christ. Whether it is Christ's coming as the Christ Child or as the King of Glory, may Christ find us ready to welcome Him into our hearts, our homes, and our world. May we give Christ His due, giving Jesus the well-deserved welcome that we would a King. Jesus is our King, enrobed not in a royal garment, but in ordinary swaddling clothes. May we go to the manger in a few weeks, having spent this time preparing for that moment in salvation history when "God so loved the world that He gave us His Only Begotten Son" (Jn 3:16).

A Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul

## DEACON'S CORNER





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

## THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week — St. Vincent De Paul Society —

Next week — Special Parish Collection — for electrical work in Choir area and water damage at St. Ann's Rectory

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	11/19/17		11/19/17		
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,357	\$3,680	\$5,053		
*On-line			\$ 812.50	\$5,865.50	\$5,700
Religious Sisters		\$1,519	\$1,196		
GRAND ANNUAL			\$4,450 coll'd this wk	\$12,552	\$32,000



Immaculate  
Conception  
of the  
Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
December 8

MASSES AT BOTH  
CHURCHES AT  
9:00 & 7:00 PM

HOLY DAY  
OF OBLIGATION



FLOWER ENVELOPES  
ARE IN THE PEWS  
AND AT THE DOORS OF THE  
CHURCH

Please return envelopes by  
December 17th

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Because the 4th Sunday of Advent is on  
December 24th :

Sunday Masses will be as usual. Saturday  
12/23 at 4:00, on Sunday 12/24 at 8:00  
and 10:30 am at Saint John's and at 8:30  
and 10:30 at Saint Ann's to fulfill the  
Sunday obligation.

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

Then at Saint John's, Christmas Eve  
Mass will be at 4:00 pm upstairs in the  
church and downstairs in hall. There will  
also be another Mass at 6:00pm in the  
church. Christmas morning, 12/25 we will  
have Mass at 10:30am.

The Midnight Mass will be at Saint Ann's  
this year.

Saint Ann's will have 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
Masses on Christmas Eve. As well as  
Christmas Day at 8:30 & 10:30 AM

The tables at Saint John's have been slowly dis-  
appearing due to old age and breakage.

If anyone would like to donate money to build up  
our supply of tables, it would be greatly  
Appreciated. One table costs approx. \$50 and  
we are in need of about 10 new tables.

As of the first of the year, Saint Ann's and Saint  
Johns address will be:  
103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
P O BOX WILL BE DISCONTINUED.

### 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.



New  
Choir Members  
Welcome!



### 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 fol-  
low. 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



## Parish and Youth Ministry



### Christmas Open House Saturday, December 9th

5:00-7:00 pm

### St. Ann's Rectory

All are invited to come together as a Collaborative to celebrate Christmas. This will be a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy of the season at St. Ann's Rectory after the 4:00 pm.

The evening will include:

- Dinner
- Santa will join us at 5:30 to read to the children and meet with them in the Church. It will be a beautiful opportunity to join the real meaning of Christmas with Santa!!
- Face painting by Gillian Shields –Team Sparkle Party and Events

With the help of Ann Casavant, the Rectory is beautifully decorated but our tree needs your help! Please consider making or donating an ornament for the Rectory Tree. We want the tree to represent YOU!

Do you have a favorite Christmas Dessert or dish you would like to share?  
Please contact Nancy Smith to volunteer at nhenn71@hotmail.com



## Calendar

- 12/3: 10:30– Family Mass at St. John
- 5:00: Advent Mission Mass at St. John
- Mission Talk– History with Dinner
- 12/4: Advent Mission– Mystery at 6:30 pm St. Ann
- 12/5: Advent Mission– Eternity 9:00-11:00– Mission Retreat at St. Ann
- 6:30– Final Mission Talk at St. John
- 12/9: Christmas Open House from 5:00-7:00 at St. Ann Rectory
- 12/10: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 at St. John
- 12/14– Ultreya at 7:00 pm at St. John
- 12/17-Family Mass at 10:30 Mass at St. Ann

## 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.

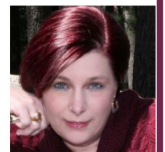
Jaymie has appeared as a guest on numerous Catholic television and radio programs including EWTN's @Home with Jim & Joy, Catholic TV's This Is the Day, and radio broadcasts and podcasts such as The Catholics Next Door, A Seeking Heart, An Engaging Faith, Among Women, In Season and Out of Season, and 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](http://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. The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass. This month our Second Grade Families





# PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

## MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

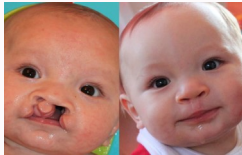
Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the 15th 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



*Linda Santry will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend regarding the Christmas Sharing Program.!!!*

### SAINT ANN'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A  
4 PM, 6 PM AND  
MIDNIGHT MASS WITH TEEN/ADULT  
COLLABORATIVE CHOIR  
CHRISTMAS DAY THERE WILL BE AN  
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE PLEDGE FORMS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE FORM, PLEASE DO SO AND PUT IN THE COLLECTION BOX.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.



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 Worwick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Marie O'Malley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.*

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

#### First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

**Your generous gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help many families here in East Bridgewater celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.**

With the holidays upon us we would like to thank the many parishioners who continue to make regular donations to the Food Pantry. We also recognize the East Bridgewater Class of 1962 for two \$500 food donations along with MATA Karate and the Central Elementary School Food Drive sponsored by East Bridgewater Insurance Agency and East Bridgewater Board of Health.

A very special thank you to Trucchi's Supermarkets who held their annual "Stuff A Bus" food drive at the West Bridgewater store on November 19th to benefit St. Vincent de Paul here in East Bridgewater.

If you know anyone in need of food or other assistance please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE at 508-378-3760**. We are here to help our neighbor's.



Children, grades 3-8, are welcome to join the Children's choir to sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. John's. First rehearsal is 11/27, 6 pm at St. John's. Contact Paul Hoffman for details 617-610-2255.



Is anyone available to clean St. John's on Thursdays every fifth week with Carmen Pearson.



We also need someone to vacuum the church once a week.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING THREE IS UP



PARISHIONERS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12 PLEASE LET LORRAINE HOPGOOD KNOW IF HELP IS NEEDED.

PLEASE WRITE AMOUNT ON GIFT CARDS.

### HEAVENLY HELPERS

**We at Saint John's are blessed with Parishioners who answer the call of the parish. We want to thank those people and let them know how much they are appreciated.**

**Kathy & George Barris for updating the Bereavement Team Materials.**

**Rich and Mark Ferrioli for hanging the crucifix at St. Ann's.**

**Judy and Jim Walsh for taking on the care of the Altar Linens.**

**As well as all the various people in all of our ministries who work so hard to make Saint John's prosper.**

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