



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
4th Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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, December 17, 2016

4:00 - Carol Ann Power — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:00 - Mikayla R. Webb — 22nd Anniversary

10:30 - Ewa Morowski — 22nd Anniversary

Monday, December 19, 2016

9:00 - Stacia & Robert Francis — Birthday Rem.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

9:00 - Christopher Thompson — Memorial

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, December 25, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Parishioners of St. John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 17, 2016

4:00 - Marjorie White — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo — Mem.

10:30 - Ernest Butler — Memorial

Monday, December 19, 2016

9:00 — Erminia Victoria — Birthday Remem.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

9:00 — John Patrick McGue — Birthday Rem.

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 25, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACONS' CORNER

I am writing this week about our care and concern for those who may find themselves in need this Christmas Season. This time of the year may be particularly difficult for some individuals due to life events. As many of you know, God has called me to Prison Ministry. Weekly, I minister to those who find themselves incarcerated. Prison life is difficult in and of itself but for many the missing of family visits and not being able to celebrate Christmas with their family leaves them lonely. You can show charity to those in prison by simply sending a Christmas card with a Christmas message of joy, just your first name and no envelope to the Prison Chaplain (of the facility you select) or myself. We will get the DOC to review it and get it to one of the prisoners. You may also decide to join me as a volunteer and be the face of Christ to them. Also, don't forget those who may be home bound or in need of a friendly face to visit. Look around your neighborhood and give a Christmas greeting to someone you have not spoken to before.

May God Bless you

Deacon Joe

My Dear Friends in Christ,

We stand now on the threshold of Christmas, wrapping up our Advent journey in this Fourth Week. We prepare for Christmas with today's readings which speak of God working in human history. Today's gospel especially readies us by giving us Matthew's account of how Jesus' birth came about. In this account, Joseph is the central figure and his encounter with the angel highlights the gift with which he is entrusted, namely the raising of Jesus in the world. Joseph is unwilling at first, and who could blame him? This is not your usual birth account. There is something special at work here, namely the power of the Holy Spirit.



Throughout the Advent Season, we have been given challenges to repent, to reform our lives and to make our hearts and homes a receptive and welcome site for the coming of Christ. Joseph is prepared to do this by the encounter with the angel of the Lord (perhaps Gabriel, but that's not noted in the gospel passage). His unwillingness gives way to trust, a trust that comes through the power of the Holy Spirit. What a gift God gives us in this trust, for this is not a gift for Joseph alone. Through our baptism, we are called to trust in the Holy Spirit by including it in our decisions and important "life moments". When we call upon the Holy Spirit, we are calling upon God to take an active part in our lives. This is an important moment, both for us and for the world. It is important for us, as we are giving ourselves over to the will of God (much like Mary and Joseph did); it is important for the world, for it presents to them a new way of thinking, of living.

As we ready ourselves for Christmas in this final week of Advent, let us remember that who we will encounter has the power to change our lives. Let us remember that this Christmas is not just a day, but a Season. It is a time when we encounter Emmanuel — a name which means "God is with us". Let us remember that God is with us not only at Advent, not only at Christmas, but each and every day of our lives. Let us live each day as a gift, knowing that the power of the Holy Spirit is at our disposal, helping us, guiding us and moving us ever closer in relationship with the God who calls us to life, sustains our life and fulfills our life. May we use these remaining days to prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for the coming of the Incarnation — Jesus, the Son of God.

Have a Blessed Advent,

Fr. Paul

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 Offertory—Dec 11, 2016 4,562
Below Goal 1,338
 Special Collection 1,403
 St Vincent de Paul 120
 Grand Annual Total - Dec 11 \$13,276

December 18, 2016 —NO SECOND COLLECTION
 Christmas Collection — CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

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.

This Christmas, the collection will once again benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our priest. **Our priests are always there for us;** they share Christ's good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don't forget to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

December 11, 2016

\$3,457

St Ann's needs help cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas. Cleaning is planned for Dec. 19th and decorating for the 21st both at 7 pm. Please call the Rectory if you can help!

St Vincent de Paul Society At St. John's

We are so blessed here at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The donations made to the pantry by parishioners, schools, other churches and organizations have truly been amazing!

Thank you for helping us to keep the shelves stocked for the holidays and all year round. Please know that what you give to the pantry is used for the pantry.

Do you know anyone from East Bridgewater in need of food or assistance? If so, please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760. Together we can help them celebrate Christmas too.

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.



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

Christmas Flower Envelopes are available for any parishioners who would like flowers donated in loved ones names. Envelopes are available in the pews and at the doors of the Church. Please have all envelopes in by Dec. 18th.



CHRISTMAS SHARING PLANNING:
 For St. Ann's

We invite you to share your Christmas with a needy family or senior citizen by taking a tag from the tree, buying and wrapping the gift, and returning it to St. Ann's by **December 18th at noon.** Please see the green flyer at the doors for more details, or call/email Linda Santry at 508-586-6535 / linda@santry.org or

ST. JOHN

Christmas Eve
 4:00 upstairs—Children's Choir
 4:00 downstairs - Erica & Julie
 6:00—Teen Choir
 12:00 Midnight –Choir & Strings

Christmas Day
 10:30 AM—Cantor

ST ANN

Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM
 6:00 PM

Christmas Day
 8:30 & 10:30 AM



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.

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Google Calendars are available on our websites.



December 16th, 2016

Meet PJ Anderson-National Catholic Singer/Speaker Concert, Retreat, Mass

PJ ANDERSON

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
210 CENTRAL STREET • EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

FRIDAY A SPECIAL NIGHT OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG & STORY
JAN 6TH 7PM PERFECT FOR ALL AGES • FREE WILL OFFERING
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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 tourna-
ment 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!

“I AM” Weekend Retreat I AM a Treasure, I AM a Son or Daughter, I AM Loved Join us for the special weekend to discover

Take a chance, enjoy an overnight with friends while we grow in faith. The week-
end will include lots of fun like: skits, games and chill time. We have a high school
track and a college track. You may come for part of the program if you have other commitments. You are welcome to
choose your roommate by bringing a friend! Our Parish and Youth Ministry is putting together a team that will include
Fr. Paul an PJ Anderson. PJ travels all over the world sharing his faith, and we are very blessed with his friendship. You
will be surprised that among the fun and friendship will be some moments of faith and growth along your journey.



Saturday, January 7th—Sunday, January 8th
3:00 pm—2:00 pm
La Salette Retreat Center
\$75.00
Three meals, lodging and retreat activities

Volunteer Decorators are Needed to Help Get Ready for the Christmas Season

In our own homes, there are lots of preparations that takes place for Christmas to arrive like cleaning, decorating, and baking; and if you are anything like the Smith home, it takes several weekends beginning right after Thanksgiving. In Parish life, our Churches are celebrating the Season of Advent until Christmas Day when the season of Christmas begins. That means our Parishes can't start those preparations until after the last Sunday of Advent, so all that work that our families do over several weekends has to happen in a matter of days, which is why we need your help! Just like our families, we are expecting lots of company to arrive for the Masses, some we see every week, and some we only see a few times a year and in either case we want Christmas Mass to be special, welcoming and above all a joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus. Please see the schedule below, and join us in our Christmas preparations. This is a great way to get Community Service hours for clubs and National Honor Society or Scouts.

Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm

St. Ann Church Cleaning (dusting, vacuuming)

Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

St. John Church and Hall Cleaning (dusting, vacuuming, setting the hall up for Mass)

Wednesday, December 21st (Time to be determined)

The flowers will arrive at both St. John and St. Ann late to early afternoon. Our florist has designed our flower arrangements for our flowers in our churches, chapel, and hall (St. John). Help is needed unloading the flowers, taking the plastic covering off and placing the flowers.



Waterville Valley Ski Trip

All are welcome to join our Annual Ski Trip to Waterville Valley, NH. Waterville offers several choices: Ski One Day, Ski Two Days, skating, fire works, indoor pool, tubing and shopping. We stay in three bedroom condos at Town Square. This trip is open to 8th Grade and up. Younger siblings are invited if a parent is willing to chaperon. We have 20 spots. If there is interest in splitting the cost, we will charter a bus.

Room Cost: \$135.00 for three nights (based on ten per room)
 Ski Lift Ticket: \$48.00 one day pass, \$90 two day pass
 Ski Rental Cost: \$33.00 one day rental, \$63.00 two day rental
 Email, or call Nancy Smith for payment questions or to register.



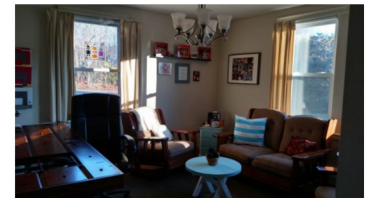
Martin Luther King Weekend

January 13th – 16th
 2:00 pm on Friday
 Mid Afternoon on Monday

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

Feedback, Suggestions, Ideas are welcome!

The Parish and Youth Ministry Team is filled with the hope that our Ministry will grow and continue to help create moments we all experience the love of Christ. With our busy schedules, it is easy to “pass” on a Parish program, event or activity, but in fact being active in our Faith community is the best gift we can give ourselves and our families. We can not grow without you— the Parishioners and Families of our Parishes. Our new office home at St. Ann’s Rectory has tea, coffee and goodies waiting for your visit. Please stop by to share your thoughts, chat for a while and help us continue to build vibrant and active Faith families. Merry Christmas!



Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend

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

This weekend is open to 6th-12th Graders

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.



PARISH NEWS

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:

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



Thank you to all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant at St. Ann's and, of course, to Tina Anthony and her staff who made the

event possible. We also want to thank Colette Yeo and her kitchen staff for the delicious refreshments they provided. The musical entertainment by the Sheedy Brothers definitely jazzed up the day.

ST JOHN'S CHEVERUS AWARD Was awarded To Kay Evan



The criteria given to pastors is that the nominee should be a lay person who has served the parish well over an extended period of time and has done so in a quiet, unassuming and, perhaps, unrecognized fashion.



DON'T MISS THE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE IN THE CHAPEL THIS WEEKEND AFTER EACH MASS.

FOOD PANTRIES

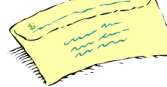
West Bridgewater Food Pantry — the cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Canned green beans, corn, jam and jelly, canned fruit, cereal, and tomato and chicken noodle soup are especially needed. The holiday season is fast approaching. You might want to consider a "gift certificate"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

CONGRATULATIONS ST ANN'S

The Smile Train Fundraiser made \$1000. This will pay for four surgeries for children with severe cleft palate issues.



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.

Saint Vincent de Paul offering boxes have been installed permanently on the walls at the doors of Saint Ann's Church.



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

No bingo on December 22.

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

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