



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 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.**



*Hope & Love*

**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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### 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

#### Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00 - Suzanne Shepard

#### Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 - Charlotte Matthews — 18th Anniversary

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 6th Anniversary

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, December 3, 2016

4:00 - Lori Savage Jenkins — Memorial Mass

#### Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Roy Carbone — 1st Anniversary Mass

#### Monday, December 5, 2016

9:00—Aristides Carvacas—Memorial

#### Friday, December 9, 2016

9:00 — Sally B. Moran — 8th Anniversary

#### Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00 - Jonathan Correia — 2nd Anniversary

#### Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. Ann

10:30 - Ana Julia Barros — 4th Anniversary

## DEACONS' CORNER

Along with Deacon Brendan I, Deacon Joe, am pleased to have the opportunity to share a Deacon's perspective on parish life. If you hear God calling you to this ministry, and you are at least 35 years old and if married you have been married for at least 10 years, please come and speak to your parish priest or deacon. The formation for a Deacon is a structured four-year period of self-reflection, prayer, and formal course study. It is a period of looking within yourself to see if God is calling you to this ministry of Holy Orders. The process starts with an interview of both husband and wife by a current deacon and his wife to gather more information about your aspiration to be a deacon. The first year, one is an Aspirant and if accepted, the remaining 3 years you would be a candidate. Over these four years you will have Evening Prayer together with one person sharing a reflection on the readings. There are annual retreats where both Candidate and wife join their classmates for a three-day retreat in addition to Formation Days of Prayer. There is also formal study with courses such as Old and New Testament, Liturgy, Patristic Theology, Canon Law, Christology, Moral Theology just to name a few. Course work is evaluated through tests and papers by some of the best instructors from the seminary and TINE. At the end of the year both candidate and Formation Director meet and discuss the candidate moving forward or not. We always say "God Willing" when referring to our call to the Permanent Diaconate.

My Dear Friends in Christ,

John the Baptist presents to us an interesting figure. While prophetic in nature (by what he says), he is unlike any other prophet who has come before (by how he speaks, as well as how he looks!). John's appearance is something to behold, and it gets the attention of the crowd; like a good preacher, he has a "hook". His message, however, is what really stands out, what separates him from the rest of the "crowd" (the itinerant preachers who people have seen come and go).



John comes to us as a herald of God's Word, as well as God's Promise of the Messiah. There were some in the crowd who thought that John was "THE ONE", the Messiah. He is quick to dispel that thought, however, because while the baptism that John offers is one of water, there is one who will be coming to baptize in water AND the Holy Spirit. This one, of course, is Jesus Christ. This is how John separates himself from the rest of the pack. There might have been others who spoke of the coming of the Messiah, but John does so with an authority and power that has never been seen previously. This is because John has been singled out by God to deliver this message.

John brings a call for repentance to ready oneself for the coming of the Messiah. John's voice is "one crying out in the desert" (Is 40:3); his "cry" is to "make straight the path" (Jn 1:23). We are to clear out that "spiritual deadwood", those things that are not of God, so that when Jesus comes again (at the end of time) He will find in us a welcome home. We should not wait, however, for that time, for we "know not the day or the hour" (Mt 25:13). We should begin here and now to prepare for that coming. This is what Advent is all about. Advent is, for us, an opportunity to get ourselves ready for the two-fold coming of Christ. We are to prepare for His coming not only at Christmastime, but at the end of ALL time. If we do this here and now, we need not worry about how we will be received by Jesus.

May we use this Advent Season, this time of preparation, wisely and well. May we ready our hearts, homes and lives for the coming of Christ. May we be found ready, so that when Christ comes we may hear those words of Scripture ring in our ears and hearts: "Well done, good and faithful servant...share in your Master's joy!" (Mt 25:23).

A Blessed Advent to You All,

Fr. Paul

**St John's Shared Treasure:** Goal \$5,900  
 Offertory—Nov. 27, 2016 4,796  
*Below Goal* 1,204

2nd Coll., Nov 27, 2016 2,142

*Grand Annual Total - Nov. 27* \$10,400

2nd Collection - December 4, 2016 — St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 2nd Collection— December 11, 2016 — Special Parish Collection

**St Ann's Weekly Offertory:**

November 27, 2016  
 \$3,702

**YEAR OF MERCY AT ST ANN'S**

The Year of Mercy has concluded. The response to the Prayers of the Faithful will return to:  
**"Lord, Hear Our Prayers."**

**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*

**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.

**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 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

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.



**THE GIVING TREE IS UP AT ST. JOHN'S**

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



**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 de PAUL 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 Chris Baker at jchbacker@msn.com to

**December 4: Second Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord. We do this by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and when we reach out to those in need.



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





# 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.

December 2nd, 2016

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www.stannswb.com

**Google Calendars** are available on our websites.



## 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 following Mass

### Monday | St. Ann

10:00 am: Presentation by Fr. Tom with Coffee and Pastries

7:00 pm: Presentation by Fr. Tom including 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

## 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!

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

**FRIDAY JAN 6<sup>TH</sup> 7PM** A SPECIAL NIGHT OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG & STORY  
PERFECT FOR ALL AGES • FREE WILL OFFERING  
CONCERT • PRAISE • FAITH

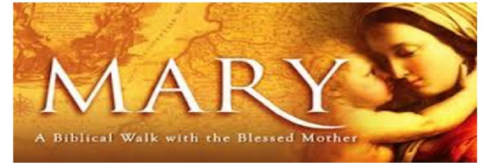
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Special thanks to Happy Frog of East Bridgewater for this awesome poster!

## Sons and Daughter's Prayer Group

December 16th from 10:00-11:30 at St. Ann Parish Hall. Join Fr. Paul and Fr. Mike on this journey to discover the importance of Mary's life to our faith. New members are always welcome.



## Christmas Pageant and Fun Friday

**Christmas Pageant:** All are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant. There will be three rehearsals before the show but 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. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com to be part of the fun.

## Pancakes with the Pastor

December 18th from 9:00-10:00 am at St. John. Join Fr. Paul (and a special Guest) for this Christmas breakfast. This month Fr. Paul will answer your questions that you may have been afraid to ask. Questions can be dropped in the jars at the doors of the church. There will be special activities for the little ones.



**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



## 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.

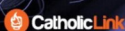


Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like to invite. This is a wonderful weekend of faith, friendship, and fun! Fr. Paul and I feel very strongly that cost should never be the reason someone does not attend. There are many arrangements that can 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.



"THE WORD WHO FOUND A  
DWELLING IN MARY'S WOMB  
COMES TO KNOCK ON THE HEART  
OF EVERY PERSON WITH SINGULAR  
INTENSITY THIS CHRISTMAS"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



## Important Deadlines for Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Deposit Due	Deadline
January 7th and 8th	PJ Retreat	\$30.00	December 7th
March 4th -5th	Deep Freeze	\$55.00	January 5th
June 24th-July 1st	Mission Trip	\$90.00	February 1st

Event	Number of Spots Remaining
PJ Retreat	40
Deep Freeze	8
Mission Trip	2



## St. John's

## PARISH STAFFS

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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.**

## PARISH NEWS

Please welcome our newest member of  
St. John's:



Please welcome our newest member of  
St. Ann's:

*ROBERT MICHAEL TRASK*

*CHRISTIAN MICHAEL PASCO*



**December 11, 2016—12:00 noon**  
**Students of St. Ann's Religious Education Classes**  
**Invite you to our Annual Christmas Pageant**  
**"The Real Story of Christmas is one that never gets old."**

This is a wonderful time for the Church Community to enjoy the company of one another during the CHRISTmas season!

There will also be a musical quartet performing Christmas music. Following the Pageant, there will be light refreshments. **Please bring a dessert.**

There will also be a Talent portion if there are any students who have a talent (singing, dancing, magic etc. 4 mins long (depending on sign ups) for performances on stage during refreshments. Sign up by DECEMBER 3, Name & talent.

Tina Anthony — PreciousredheadsX2@hotmail.com

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs., Dec. 8 — Immaculate Conception — Holy Day of Obligation— 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM at both churches**

### St. Ann's

The 7th Annual "SMILE TRAIN" cupcake sale fund raiser will be held after all Masses on December 3 & 4. All the money raised is used to provide free treatment for poor children with clefts. The Religious Ed classes will be baking and packaging the cupcakes. The cost is \$5.00 a half dozen.

### 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. John's Food Pantry sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society 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)