



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
December 8, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent*



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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

Daily Mass, Wednesday– 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.

Teen Mass – 6 p.m., See Schedule

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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John's. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Other times as scheduled in the bulletin or call the Rectory Office to set up an appointment.

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 WEDNESDAY 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, December 7, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 - Ruth M. MacDonald — Month’s Mind

James F. MacDonald — 17th Anniv.

Kathleen Cicala — 1st Anniversary.

10:30 - Valerie Teague — 3rd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 - Charles Matthews — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Ewa Morawski — 25th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 - Peace around the World

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Ana & Manuel Barros — Memorial

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

9:00 - Sally B. Moran — 12th Anniversary

Friday, December 13, 2019

9:00 - Christiano Victoria — 12th Anniversary

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 - Jonathan Correia — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Regis Bates — 100th Birthday Remem.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 - Erminia A. Victoria — Birthday Remem.

Friday, December 20, 2019

9:00 - John McGue — Birthday Remembrance

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. — Mt 3:4-6

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December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, it will be celebrated on December 9th.

It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation; however, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 at Saint Ann’s



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

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection December 1, 2019 — Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS					
		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	9/15/19	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,412	\$ 4,070	\$ 5,333
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 4,544	\$ 5,333
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.					

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts: Psalm 95



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless
Your Church with an
abundance of holy and
zealous priests, deacons,
brothers and sisters.
Give those You have
called to the married
state and those you have
chosen to live as single
persons in the world
the special graces that
their lives require. Form
us all in the likeness of
Your Son so that in Him,
with Him and through
Him we may love You
more deeply and serve
You more faithfully,
always and everywhere.
With Mary, we ask this
through Christ Our
Lord.
Amen.

A special thanks to Sophia Cameron for the Art Work.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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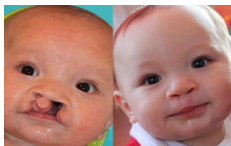
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IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday
Adoration — First Friday of the month following
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at
10:30 a.m.



The Annual Cupcake Sale for The Smile Train
Will be held the weekend of December 14 & 15.



The proceeds from this fundraiser provide children
corrective surgeries.

Christmas Sharing Tree is up in
the Church.

Please take a tag and share the
Spirit of Christmas with some-
one in need.



Don't Forget
ST ANN'S
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
AND LUNCHEON WILL BE ON
December 8, 2019
At 12:00 PM in the Parish Center



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.

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Light a candle,
preferably on your
Advent wreath if you
have one, and reflect
on what it means to
have the light of Christ
inside of you.

Collaborative Advent Mission
"Vocation to Service"

Sunday, Dec. 8th — 6:00 PM
Teen Mass at Saint Ann's
Followed by
Joshua Smith from My Brother's Keeper

Monday, December 9th — 7:00 PM
At Saint Ann's
Rev. Eric Caden
"Vocations of Priests and Religious Sisters"

Tuesday, December 10th — 7 PM
At Saint John's
Dr. Aldona Lingertat
"Vocation to the Universal Call to Holiness"



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, December 28, 2019
1—3 PM
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Advent Mission — 12/ 8, 9, 10 check for times & locations

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333**

December 8: 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 by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

White tuna, cereal, and soups are needed for the winter.

**The Catholic Women's Club
Bake Sale
Weekend of Dec 21 & 22
At Saint John's
After all the Masses**



**No time to bake, Donate
All Donations Welcome!!!!**

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow—proceeds to help with

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen Debenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolai, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Everyday Stewardship

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, and wedding engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the good news?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to him, the more we will want to share about him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to others might be the gift that changes their history.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



About the Archdiocese of Boston: The Diocese of Boston was founded on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently serving the needs of 1.8 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually enriching faith community consisting of 286 parishes, across 144 communities, educating approximately 36,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes each year, ministering to the needs of 200,000 individuals through its pastoral and social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholic.org.

Christmas Gifts

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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TEEN MASSES

December 8th

January 12th

February 9th

March 8th

