



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11, 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 & Joy

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 10, 2016

4:00 - Suzanne Shepard— 27th Anniversary

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 - Charles Matthews — 18th Anniversary

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 6th Anniversary

Saturday, December 17, 2016

4:00 - Carol Ann Power — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Ewa Morowski — 22nd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00 - Jonathan Correia — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Ana Julia Barros—4th Anniversary

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

9:00 — Christiano Victoria — 9th Anniversary

Saturday, December 17, 2016

4:00 - Marjorie White — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo—Memorial

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Monday, December 19, 2016

9:00—John Patrick McGue—Birthday Rem.

DEACONS' CORNER

Deacon Joe and I hope that as you read our remarks in the bulletin, you will let us know what you think.

Today, I am going to finish our comments about becoming a deacon by mentioning the blending of being a deacon and being a husband. Over 90% of the permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of Boston are married or widowed. When we were praying about what you could call the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit, we naturally turned to our wives and families for their input.

Both of us were encouraged by our wives and families to pursue our dream of becoming a deacon. Our wives joined us on our journey. Deacon Joe's wife, Lorraine, and my wife, Peg, participated in the initial interview process. There is a wives' program that addresses the wives' questions and concerns about what our ordination might mean to them and our families. Separation and absences from family occasions occur as their husbands serve the parish community to which they are assigned.

It is an enduring grace for Deacon Joe and me to live the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders.

My Dear Friends in Christ,

It appears, in today's gospel, that we have the beginnings of a "mutual admiration society" with John the Baptist and Jesus. John the Baptist has been imprisoned, and he had heard word of Jesus' works – preaching, teaching, and healing (even raising one from the dead!). The "wheels start turning" for John, and he inquires of his disciples if this might be...the One (the Messiah). John's disciples, in turn, are told by Jesus that John should look at all that is happening within Jesus' ministry. John, no doubt, ponders all of this and becomes more convinced that the work that he began (in proclaiming the Messiah's coming) has come to fruition. Jesus, for His part, extols the work of John, even going so far as to call him the greatest person born of woman (a rather bold statement, in light of Jesus' birth by Mary!).



Jesus and John are intrinsically linked, one to the other. We cannot speak of John without mentioning the purpose and goal of his preaching – to announce the coming of the Messiah and to get people to follow Him. In the same vein, we cannot speak of Jesus without "giving a nod" as to how His public started, namely His baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. In this way, and so many more (let's not forget their kinship, as evidenced by the relationship between Mary and Elizabeth), today's gospel "sets the stage" for the final weeks of Advent and our preparations being made to welcome the Christ Child into our midst.

Our role is not unlike John the Baptist. We are called, by virtue of our baptism, to proclaim Christ. We are called not only to proclaim His coming, but the fact that the Kingdom of God (at the heart of which we find Jesus) is not only to come but is ALREADY AMONG US. Like John the Baptist, we are called to be heralds of God's Word (in Holy Scripture) and Sacrament (of Holy Eucharist). We may not be imprisoned for this proclamation, but we are nonetheless called to "die to self" so that Christ might live in us. This "white martyrdom" is something that places us squarely in the company of Christ. We are called, as Christ was, to not only *announce* the Kingdom of God but to *be* Kingdom-centered people. How do we do this? It's quite simple, really – we are to keep our focus on Jesus. When we focus on Jesus, we don't shut out the world; when we focus on Jesus, quite the contrary is true – we enter into the world with Jesus within us.

May we have the courage, like John the Baptist before us, to be heralds of God's Word. May we receive the Sacraments (especially Eucharist and Reconciliation) so as to be open, pure, and ready vessels of God's grace. May we share God's grace with all whom we meet, so that they may come to know what we have come to know – that Jesus Christ has broken the chains of sin and death and won for us newness of life.

A Continued Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul

St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 Offertory—Dec 4, 2016 6,557
 Above Goal 757
 2nd Coll., Dec 4, 2016 1,963
 St Vincent de Paul
 Grand Annual Total - Dec 4 \$11,926

2nd Collection— December 11, 2016 — Special Parish Collection
 December 18, 2016 —NO SECOND COLLECTION

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.

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 mailto:linda@santry.org

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.



GIVING TREE CARDS ARE DUE TODAY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE & HELEN THOMPSON WHO WERE THE WINNERS OF THE CRUISE TO BERMUDA!

THANK YOU DEACON JOE AND LORRAINE FOR BEING SO GENEROUS AND GIFTING THIS WEEK FOR THE PARISH.
 The Parish earned \$6500 covering last year's deficit.

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."

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 MASS SCHEDULES

ST. JOHN

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

ST ANN

Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM
 6:00 PM

Christmas Day
 10:30 AM—Cantor

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 9th, 2016

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

PJ ANDERSON

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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 and 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

Friday,
December 16th
10:00-11:30
St. Ann Parish
Hall

Sons and Daughter's Prayer Group

Join Fr. Paul and Fr. Mike on this journey to discover the importance of Mary's life to our faith.



Christmas Celebration Fun Friday

Friday,
December 16th
6:00 pm

All are welcome to join us for our special Parish Christmas Celebration. This wonderful night will start with the retelling of the real story of Christmas - The Nativity. Next we will enjoy pizza, wait for a special guest to arrive, and decorate Christmas Cookies together. The night will conclude with a Christmas Movie. Fun for all ages. Our evening may include a Jazz Band Performance from a few members of our High School Students. This evening will be held at St. John's Parish Hall.

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 boxes at the doors of the Church or email Fr. Paul. There will be special activities for the little ones.



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



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.



WHAT ARE YOU CARRYING?



CatholicLink

My Brothers Keeper Service Opportunity

Saturday, December 17, we have a wonderful opportunity to help with My Brother's Keeper in Easton with their Christmas Giving Program. We are awaiting our time slot but we will have room for up to 8 volunteers to join us in selecting and wrapping presents. This is a perfect opportunity to share the real gift of Christmas. Special thanks to Ben Williams, an employee of My Brother's Keeper and St. Ann Parishioner for making this opportunity a part of our Service Saturdays.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER
A Christian ministry of loving service and education

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

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)



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THIS
YEAR AS ALWAYS.

ST. JOHN'S WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE INVOLVED THAT MADE THIS EVENT SUCH A SUCCESS. THANK YOU TO THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO MAKE ST. JOHN'S THRIVE.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER PEOPLE TO THANK BUT TOO MANY TO NAME. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

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.



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.



This Sunday, 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.

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**