



*Collaborative  
of  
St. Ann & St. John  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 25, 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

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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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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

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

9:00 - Sean Coakley - 1st Anniversary

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00 - Parishioners of St. John

Sunday, January 1, 2016

8:00 - Gifts of bread & wine -Sheila Creney

10:30 - Addison Barry -8th Anniversary

Monday, January 2, 2016

9:00 - Jacob Wolf -Month's Mind

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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

Monday, December 26, 2016

9:00—Joseph Ritucci —Memorial

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

9:00—William Lopes -15th Anniversary

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:00 - Christiano Victoria - Birthday Remem.

Sunday, January 1, 2016

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

## DEACONS' CORNER

### TWO THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS;

**We all matter to God. We matter that much!!  
That's the whole point of it all . . . that God cared  
enough to become one of us, except sin.**

**Jesus was born once, that's enough. That's love.  
Love is once for all. . . for all of us. Jesus will come.  
He who was once born will come when He will.  
Love is one for all. That's enough.**



My Dear Friends in Christ,

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

The time has come. Christmas Day (and the Christmas Season) is upon us. Our Advent journey is at an end, and the time to welcome the Savior has arrived. Hopefully, we can take at least a moment on this day, if not in this Season, to reflect on what we are doing here. Christmas – the *holy* day, not the *holiday* – is a day/season in which we reflect on the goodness of God. The long reign of sin has ended, and our vindication is at hand. The Savior promised to us has arrived, and we are glad, indeed, for it.

So what is it that we are celebrating? It is more than just giving thanks to God for giving us the gift of His Son. It is an understanding that this day, as great as it is, points to an even greater reality – the hope and promise of “new life” found in the *Resurrection*. Yes, resurrection. You may wonder why I am speaking of this at Christmas, given that this day/season focuses on the birth of Christ, not His resurrection. If it does, than only half of the work is being done. The other half (the half not focused on the birth) is centered around the fact that Jesus came into the world to offer His life for us on the Cross. There is a beautiful song, called “Wood of the Cradle” (written by Fr. Fran O’Brien), which reminds us that the “**wood of the cradle**” is intrinsically linked with the “**wood of the cross**”. This is because the birth of Christ is intrinsically linked with the death - and resurrection - of Christ.

The reality that the birth and death of Christ are linked comes as a shock for many – but it shouldn’t. It shouldn’t because our own life and death are “linked”. When Catholic-Christians are brought into the world, they are baptized shortly thereafter. When we are baptized, we are baptized not only into the life of Christ, but also into the death of Christ – and into His resurrection. This fact shouldn’t strike dread or sadness into us; on the contrary, it should bring great joy, peace and hope into our hearts. If we are linked into the life, death and resurrection of Christ, then we fear nothing and we want for nothing. We fear and want for nothing because our hope is then in the Lord and His promise of new life.

May we come to see in this Christmas Season the promise of new life and new hope come to fruition. May we recognize that in the life, death and resurrection of Christ we have our hope and salvation. May we, as we approach the manger of Christ, be “fed” by the One who has come into the world to bring life, and life abundantly. May we have the courage to share this new life with all whom we meet.

A Blessed Christmas to All,

Fr. Paul



**St John's Shared Treasure:** Goal \$5,900

Monies will be reported next week due to the early printing deadline for Christmas.

Grand Annual Total - Dec 11 \$13,276

Christmas Collection — CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST  
January 1, 2017 — Solemnity of Mary

**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, Tim Ring & 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.

**The 614 diocesan priests in our Archdiocese are there for us**, sharing Christ's good news, performing good works, and building strong communities of good faith. Remember priests such as Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike and Fr. Don who have made a meaningful difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to today's collection. Also remember to find the Trust on Facebook by searching "@ClergyTrust." Thank you for your prayers and generous support of our priests.

**God Blesses those who give.**



Thank you to all our parishioners who participated in making the Christmas Giving Tree at St. John's and the Christmas Sharing Program at Saint Ann's such a success.

It has truly been a wonderful season of giving at both churches.

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

December 11, 2016

Monies will be reported next week  
Due to early printing deadlines.



### St Vincent de Paul Society At St. John's

It's Christmas Day! The members of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish are truly grateful for all the assistance we have received this holiday season. It's by your generosity that we in turn could help others.

Do you know anyone from St. John's Parish or in East Bridgewater who is in need of food or assistance? Please ask them to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**. Everything is confidential.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and their infant son lying in the manger. They left glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard.

**May everyone this Christmas season find Emmanuel and know that "God is with us."**



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

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

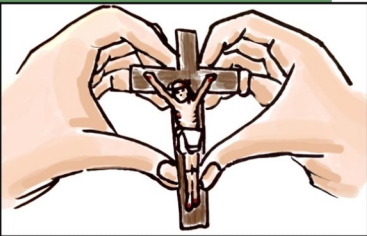
**God, our Father, thank you for giving us Your Son Jesus on Christmas Day to live with us and be a child just like me.**

**Let me always be aware that Your Son is the reason why we celebrate Christmas. During this season allow me to share the joy of His birth with my family and friends.**

**When I think about the presents I want, help me to remember that Jesus is the best present I will ever receive.**

**Happy Birthday Jesus!**

**Amen**



# 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.

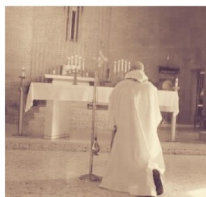
December 23rd, 2016



One of the wonderful gifts of our Christmas Liturgies is the blending of our Faith Family with many visitors and guests as we pray together and celebrate the birth of Jesus together. All are welcome in our Parishes of St. John and St. Ann. Our Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry meets everyone and anyone exactly where you are on your own faith journey, not with judgement, but with the love of Christ. Our Ministry has a variety of programs for everyone. The New Evangelization calls for "total parish ministry." What this means for our Parish and

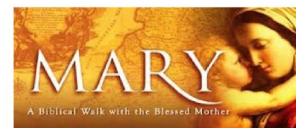
Youth Ministry is that we encompass every aspect of parish life in this endeavor. We look to Youth, Young Adults, Parents, Seniors...the whole family... to live out this call to fulfill one's Baptismal mandate. We here in the Collaborative seek all people of good will to bring forth their time, talent, and treasure to help us bring this ministry to life. Whether you are guest, visitor or a weekly attendee at Mass, we encourage you to explore our Ministry and give one of our programs a try. Our office is located at St. Ann and we cordially invite you to visit either in person or with one of the many ways we have to communicate with us. Let us know how we can help you feel comfortable and welcomed in our Parishes. We wish you a very Merry Christmas. God Bless you!

*The Parish and Youth Ministry Team*



## Monthly Programs

- Ultreya
  - Prayer Group: Mary a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother
  - Pancakes with the Pastor
  - Service Projects
- Check out our facebook pages or websites for more details.



**Meet PJ Anderson-National Catholic Singer/Speaker**  
**Concert– January 6th at 7:00, and Mass– January 8th at 6:00 pm**

## 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!



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**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**

**More Opportunities to share in PJ Anderson's beautiful faith!  
"I AM" Weekend Retreat for 8th Grade-College  
I AM a Treasure, I AM a Son or Daughter, I AM Loved.**

**Join us for the special weekend to discover all that we are and all we can be in the love of Christ.**

Take a chance, enjoy an overnight with friends while we grow in faith. The weekend 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. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com to reserve a spot.



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

**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**



**Save the Date:  
Golf  
Tournament  
Friday,  
September 15th  
at Riverbend in  
West  
Bridgewater  
\$150 per golfer  
Teams of (4)  
Raffles and Lunch  
120 golfers  
needed**

**Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend**

This weekend is open to 6th-12th Graders [www.berea.org](http://www.berea.org) for more information  
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.

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



**Mission Trip  
June 24th–  
July 1st  
\$630  
Includes  
registration  
with CHWC,  
transportation  
by Amtrak and  
meals.  
\$90 deposit is  
due to reserve a  
spot**

**4th Annual Mission Trip with Catholic Heart  
Work Camp– Richmond, Virginia**

Youth in 8th Grade –12th Grade and Young Adults in College are invited to join us for this life changing week of service, friendship, and faith. We are traveling to a new location in Richmond. Joining our team early means we can do more fundraising to help with the cost. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.



## 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.



*May the peace and love of this holiday season be ever present in your homes and hearts this Christmas. God Bless you and yours.*

*Love*

*Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike, Fr. Don, Deacon Brendan, Deacon Joe, Lorraine, Charlotte, Debbie, Arlene, Nancy, Jackie, Judd, Paul, Matthew, and Nellie & Toby*



*Let Us Remember the Golden Rule:*

*Do unto Others, As You Would Have Others Do Unto You.*

### FOOD PANTRIES

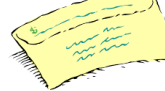
West Bridgewater Food Pantry — the cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Canned green beans, corn, jam and jelly, canned fruit, cereal, and tomato and chicken noodle soup are especially needed. The holiday season is fast approaching. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" 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



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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**