



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
December 29, 2019*



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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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 28, 2019

4:00 - Addison Bree Barrett — 11th Anniver.

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Sean Patrick Coakley — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00 - Kevin Sullivan — 7th Anniversary

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Gene Biagi — 36th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 28, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Regina Carbone — 14th Anniversary

Monday, December 30, 2019

9:00 - Joseph Ritucci — Memorial

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

9:00 - Christiano Victoria — Memorial

Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 CELEBRATE
 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST
 AT
 9:00 AM AT SAINT JOHN'S
 AND
 7:00 PM AT SAINT ANN'S

A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

So far today, I've done all right.
 I haven't gossiped or lost my temper.
 I haven't been greedy, grumpy,
 nasty, or self-centered.
 I'm really happy about that so far.
 But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed
 and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you!

Amen.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up as the youngest of five in an Irish-Catholic family had its “ups and downs”, its joys and challenges (and continue to do so into adulthood!). There were times that we were each other’s worst enemy, yet there were also times when we were each other’s best friend! It was (and sometimes still is) a “love-hate” relationship. I have no doubt that the Holy Family, as iconic as they are with regard to family life, had their challenges. When one looks at today’s gospel, one must realize that Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus had a challenging beginning to their earthly life! While we don’t know what transpired between the flight to Egypt and their settling in Nazareth, we know that these events were life-changing.

The Feast of the Holy Family, as well as today’s readings, brings to mind the challenges and the “helps” to living as a Christian family. When one looks at the Holy Family, one might think that “we, as a family, could never reach the status of the Holy Family”. This might be a prevailing thought, but it shouldn’t stop us from at least *trying* to live like them. Often times, it is in the *trying* that one has the most success. Although the Holy Family did have the “Immaculate Conception” (in Mary) and the “Incarnation” (in Jesus) (as well as a saint (in Joseph!)), their life was far from perfect! Again, one only has to look to the events in the life of the Holy Family to see the “ups and downs” that they faced, ones that would rival any challenges which we, as family, must go through, even in this day and age.

Today’s readings give us “blueprints” as to how *we* are to live as a Holy Family. These “guidelines” are relevant to us who are connected by baptism, as well as by blood. We can look at the different “roles” that we have in the Church and equate them to life in a family. I often refer to us as a “family of faith”, and those familial bonds are ones which are forged through the “ups and downs” through which every family goes. The challenge is to overcome those hurdles through the God-given gifts of faith, hope and love. May we strive to live as the Holy Family. May we continue to look to one another for support and strength. May we know that the Holy Family is there to either intercede (in the case of Mary and Joseph) or act directly (in the case of Jesus) on our behalf. May this Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be for us a sign, symbol and reality of God’s love for us, our Church and the world.

A Blessed Feast to 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

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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New mailing address:
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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.

Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



REMINDER THAT THERE
WILL BE NO CCD CLASSES
ON:

December 22nd or 29th.



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.



EVERY DAY, DO
SOMETHING THAT WILL
LEAD YOU CLOSER TO
God

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
COLLABORATIVE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
AT SAINT ANN'S FOLLOWING THE 4 PM MASS
JANUARY 10TH 5:00- 9:00 PM



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, January 25, 2020
1—3 PM
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.

NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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, Karen Parento, Alice Keymont, Paul Currie, Dennis Green & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Afraid, Yet Never Alone

I did not end up being the great parent I had hoped I would be. I am not saying I was bad, but I was not the cool dad who did all things right and led my children by the example of my endlessly good actions. I messed up a bunch. Sometimes I was afraid. I was afraid of decisions I had to make and the possible repercussions. At times, I was afraid that I was not strong enough to lead my family. The fear occasionally led me toward inaction or eventual mistakes. The only thing that got me through the tough times and allowed me to see it was okay was Jesus. Without Jesus, I would never have been half of the father and husband I have been through the years.

When we try to tackle life alone, we can find ourselves in a very lonely position. Just like Jesus' parents, we need God to assist us and provide us with the strength for what lies ahead. Joseph needed God to be with him as he took Mary as his wife and became a father. Every parent needs God to become more than they can be on their own.

How do you treat those who you love? Who is there to help you when a relationship faces an obstacle? We are called to love others as our Father in heaven loves us. That is really an unreachable goal. Yet with God, all things are possible. As this Advent ends, may your Christmas be about more than presents and decorations. May the most profound gifts you give and receive be that of each other, and may your lives be decorated with the fruits of that love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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COLLABORATIVE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
AT SAINT ANN'S FOLLOWING THE 4 PM MASS
JANUARY 10TH 5:00- 9:00 PM

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 29: Holy Family

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting 45 families with Christmas Dinner baskets, 126 Members with food for the month, 2 neighbors with rent and 3 families with fuel oil, and 1 family for their electric bill.

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.

Don't forget the need will be there for January and February !

Thank you to all who supported the
Catholic Women's Club
Bake Sale!



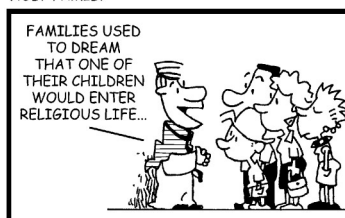
CLEANERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

WE ARE DOWN TO THREE TEAMS.

WE NEED TWO MORE TEAMS.

call 508-378-4207 PLEASE

HOLY FAMILY



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.



**TEEN MASSES
6:00 PM**

**January 12th
@ St. John's**

**February 9th
@ St. Ann's**

**March 8th
@ St. John's**

**January 11th — 8:00 - 12:00
10th Grade
Confirmation Retreat
St Ann's Parish Center**