



*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 2017*



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The Holy Family

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

December 31, 2017—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 30, 2017

4:00 — Paul E. Norman — Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Henry Wedge — Month's Mind

Saturday, January 6, 2017

4:00 — Addison Barrett — 9th Anniversary

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Gene Biagi — 35th Anniversary

Monday — January 8, 2018

9:00 — Sean Coakley — 2nd Anniversary

Friday — January 12, 2018

9:00 — Rose Marie Chaves & Family — Mem

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Saturday, December 30, 2017

4:00 — William Lopes — 16th Anniversary

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

9:00—Carl E. Hanson — 30th Anniversary

Saturday, January 6, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, January 7, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

DEACON'S CORNER

A Christmas Prayer

*Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, and Beloved Savior;
come into our hearts this Christmas
and fill us with Your gifts of love and joy.
Thank you for "gifting" us with Your presence among
us.*

*With Mary and Joseph,
we rejoice and thank God for you.*

*With the angels and saints in heaven we sing,
"Glory to God in the highest".*

*With the Magi and the shepherds
we bow before You with hearts full of wonder.
Dear Emmanuel, help us to follow You faithfully
and to share the good news of Your coming
with everyone we meet,
this Christmas season and always.*

Amen.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Robert Frost once wrote that "home is the place, that when you go there, they have to take you in". A rather wry statement, it should "ring true" for most (if not all) of us. I know that at the end of my day, when I come home I have at least one who is happy to see me – my dog, Nellie. Nellie and I are, for all intents and purposes, family. When I had my picture taken a couple of years back for the parish website, more than one person asked if Nellie was going to be in the photo; I said, "Of course – she's family!" This may be stretching what one thinks of as family, but when I think of the qualities which Nellie has – unconditional love, loyalty, a sense of belonging – it fits what I think of when I reflect on family life.

This day, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family (of Jesus, Mary and Joseph), a celebration of what, and who, God calls us to be. The Holy Family is for us the most perfect image we have here on earth of what it means to be a family. When one thinks of the sacrifices they made to maintain the "family unit", it boggles the mind! They endured long journeys, unsettled accommodations and (for Mary and Joseph) the loss of an only child. I look at the families of our parish and see the struggles they endure in this day and age – an unsettled economy which threatens the livelihood of one (or both) of the adults, the assault of conflicting, often vulgar, media images on our children and the stress of balancing family life with the many commitments the world puts upon them (parents and children alike). I often wonder how the Holy Family would have handled it, and I keep coming back to one answer – trust in God. It is only through trust, born of faith that kept the Holy Family intact. The same is true for us; the main thing which will keep the "family unit" whole and undivided is faith – faith in God, faith in one another. This is certainly not an easy thing to achieve or maintain. It takes hard work, day in and day out. It takes a level of commitment that the world neither understands nor appreciates. We have "glimpses" of the family unit being honored and celebrated, but by and large the family is often held up to ridicule. Just look at how the media portrays most families – fathers are all too often portrayed as overbearing tyrants or lame simpletons, mothers are often seen as either lazy or manipulative, and children are seen as either greedy or entitled. This may happen at times but it is not (thank God) the norm, nor should it be celebrated as such.

The Feast of the Holy Family gives us a better perspective of how family life should be. It is not without challenges, as we see in the lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is not without work, as we reflect upon our second reading regarding how we are to conduct our lives. And it is not without God, as we see throughout the scriptures. If we are to model ourselves after the Holy Family, let us put on our hearts all the things of which St. Paul speaks – "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col 3:12). Let us not waste a moment to ponder, as did the Holy Family, all the good things the Lord has done for us!

A Blessed Christmas Season to One and All,

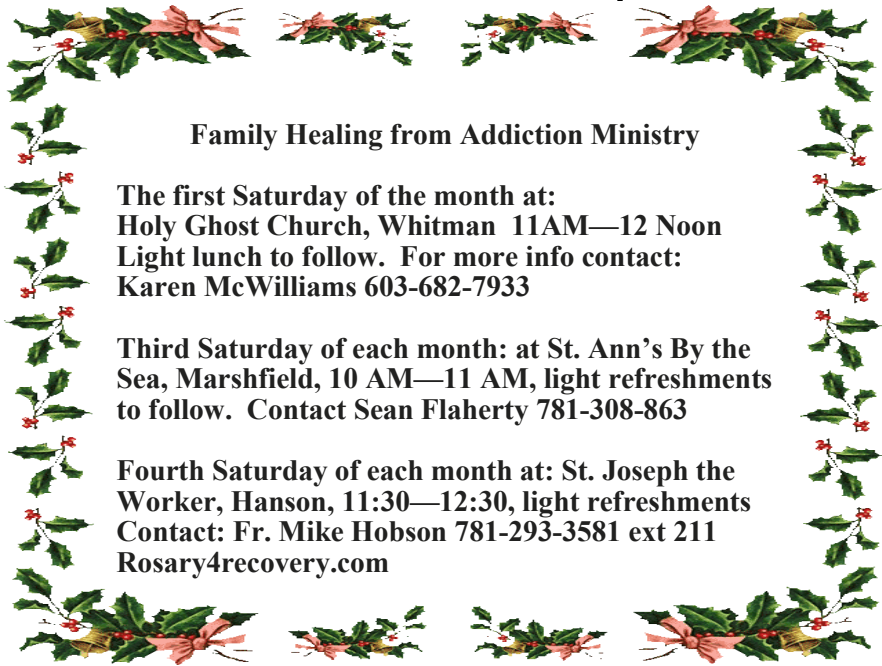
Fr. Paul

COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week — No Second Collection
 Next week — No Collection,

| FINANCIAL BLESSINGS | St. Ann's | Budget | St. John's | Total | Budget |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS | 12/10/17 | 12/17/17 | 12/10/17 | 12/17/17 | |
| *In-Pew Giving | \$2,650 | \$4,086 | \$4,603.50 | \$5,980.50 | \$5,700 |
| Spec. Parish Coll | \$965 | | \$1,035 | | |
| Immaculate Conception 12/8 | \$340 | | \$410 | | |
| GRAND ANNUAL coll'd 12/17 to-date | 3,905 | \$32,000 | | \$600 | \$15,189 \$32,000 |

Figures will be updated in our next bulletin when they are available.



Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

The first Saturday of the month at:
 Holy Ghost Church, Whitman 11AM—12 Noon
 Light lunch to follow. For more info contact:
 Karen McWilliams 603-682-7933

Third Saturday of each month: at St. Ann's By the Sea, Marshfield, 10 AM—11 AM, light refreshments to follow. Contact Sean Flaherty 781-308-863

Fourth Saturday of each month at: St. Joseph the Worker, Hanson, 11:30—12:30, light refreshments
 Contact: Fr. Mike Hobson 781-293-3581 ext 211
 Rosary4recovery.com

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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, 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 - Every Tuesday 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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 New Year's Day
 A Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass at Saint Ann at 9:00 AM
 Mass At Saint John at 7:00 PM



Together in Christ
Collaborative
Parish and Youth Ministry

Leaving Footprints
Of Faith, Hope, Love
Happy New Year!



Winter Wonderland Weekend in North Conway

All are welcome to join our Weekend up North!
January 12th-January 15th

It's not just a ski weekend-it's a family weekend and friends are welcome!!
We are headed to a new mountain, Cranmore, and we have three options for those that like to ski, have a weekend away to shop or have outdoor winter fun tubing or on a winter roller coaster! Trip includes four days of lodging , food, and trip expenses. You choose what parts you would like to participate in by choosing the Lift Tickets, Adventure Park or Shopping Options. We will have adults with us that will cook breakfast, lunch and dinner and have snacks on hand. Huge thanks to Delaney Lyons for creating this awesome trip for our Parishes. She did the research, designed the trip and kept costs down so that more people can join us!
Hope that includes YOU!

For a complete breakdown of costs or to join this wonderful trip please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



Calendar

- 1/11: Ultreya at St. John
7:00 pm
- 1/12-1/15: Winter Wonderland Weekend in North Conway.
- 1/19: Prayer Group at St. Ann
10:00-11:30 am
- 1/20: Pasta with the Pastor at St. Ann's Rectory at 5:00 pm.
- 1/21: Family Mass at St. Ann
10:30 am
- 1/25: Adult Committee Meeting
- 1/28: Pancakes with the Pastor at St. John's from 9:00-10:00 am
- 1/28: Common Cathedral on Boston Common feeding the homeless lunch
11:00 am
- Save the Date:
2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction
April 6th-Emerald Hall, Abington



Please Save the Date for our Lenten Mission
A Step Towards Becoming a Saint
Saturday, February 17th-Tuesday, February 20th

Featuring:
Jimmy Mitchell and PJ Anderson

Check our web-sites, social media or future bulletins for more information



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory.



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.

As of the first of the year, Saint Ann's and Saint John's

address will be:

103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater MA 02379

**POST OFFICE BOX WILL BE
DISCONTINUED.**



Thank you to all who
donated to the beautiful
flowers this Christmas.
XOXO

*The Religious Education Program has no
classes on December 24th or
December 31st.
The next class will be January 7, 2018*



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AND



**THE BEST GIFT
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Every Thursday night
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors Open at 5:00

PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas meals to the tables of over 40 families in East Bridgewater. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

If you know any individual or family in East Bridgewater who is in need food or other assistance please have them contact The Society of St. Vincent de Paul on our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

PLEASE NOTE: The first Food Pantry of the New Year will be held on TUESDAY, January 2, 2018.



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**AND
THE BEST GIFT
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**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO
THE GIVING TREE THIS YEAR.**

**WE WERE ABLE TO SERVE 15 FAMILIES WITH
MULTIPLE GIFTS FOR ALL THEIR CHILDREN.
THESE FAMILIES WERE ABLE TO ENJOY THE
TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS THANKS TO YOU.**

ANOTHER THANK YOU IS IN ORDER FOR THE
REPAIRS WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS
YEAR BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY.

The lights for the Choir Area
The leaks in the Hall of the Church
The tiles that had to be replaced in the Hall
The bulkhead that was causing a leak into the Boiler Rm.

The donated repairs to the walkway by United Seal Coating, the Kneelers donated by a parishioner and constructed by PYM and the repairs to the roof and bulkhead taken care of by the Catholic Women's Club.



Archdiocese
Pro Life Baby Shower

The Crib is up
And will
Be up until
January 21st.

All donations assist mothers in need within the Archdiocese.

Needed Item:

Blanket sleepers size 0-6 months & 6-12 months.
Onsies Girl & Boys size Newborn & 0-3 month
Warm Outfits — Boy & Girls size Newborn, 0-3, 3-6, & 6-12 months
Bottles—4 oz. & 8 oz.
Diapers Newborn & size 4
Receiving Blankets (flannel)
Diaper Bag

**No furniture or equipment
Please!**



In January of next year, Saint John's will be moving to a new program for On-Line Giving. This program will offer more options for the Office and will be at a reduced rate, thus saving us money.

If you have been having any trouble with the current program, please let the Office know.

If you have used our website to set up an account, you have to complete the registration form even though you may already have an account with [Online-Giving](#). More details to follow when we roll out the new program.

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