



*Together in Christ
Collaborative*



*St. Ann & St. John
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017*

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EUCCHARISTIC 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

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:00 — Betty Cereci — Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:00 — Ed Giampeitro — Memorial

10:30 — Sandra Carigman — Memorial

Saturday, November 18, 2017

4:00 — Emily Harrington — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:00 — Ruth Giampietro — Memorial

10:30 — Margarida DeJesus — Month’s Mind

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 11, 2017

4:00 - Elizabeth & George Smith— Memorial

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:30 - Elizabeth Jakubowska — Birthday

10:30 - Regina Carbone — 12th Anniversary

Friday, November 17, 2017

9:00 — Linda Grant — 1st Anniversary

Saturday, November 18, 2017

4:00 — Frank & Lucille Juleo — Memorial

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:30 - Lisa Kearney-Elias — Memorial

10:30 - Ernest Butler — 1st Anniversary

DEACON’S CORNER BY DEACON BRENDAN

Last week we celebrated two very important feasts, All Saints and All Souls. These two feasts are of great significance to our traditional Catholic faith. The first feast, All Saints, calls to mind the men and women, some in our own life time, who have shown a great deal of holiness as they lived their lives here on earth. We remember some of them as Saint Ann, Mary’s mother and Saint John the Evangelist to whom our churches are dedicated. Do we remember the name of the saint whose name we took at our Confirmation? Could we tell someone about their life? I like to think of those people I knew who were a remarkable example to me in their lifetime of person of prayer and deep faith.

The next day, we remembered all our loved ones who have died and we continue to remember them during this month in our prayers. We ask our Lord and Savior to call them to His heavenly home.

This is how we Catholics reflect during this month of November as we end the liturgical year.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have a friend of mine whose son just joined the Coast Guard. I’m always heartened when one of our young people feels the call to serve his or her country so deeply as to enlist in one of the Armed Services. Each branch has its own motto, and for the Coast Guard it is “Semper Paratus” - “Always Ready”. It is a testament to the preparedness with which those in the Coast Guard undertake their daily duties. It is a good motto, and one that is fitting for today’s gospel.

In today’s gospel passage from Matthew, there is an image of a wedding feast within the text but that is not the focus. The thing to which one should pay attention is the actions of the virgins. As they wait for the bridegroom, the evening moves on and the groom is delayed in coming. The virgins fall asleep and upon the arrival of the bridegroom, they are hastily beckoned into the feast. The wise virgins have prepared for the possibility of the groom’s delay by having “extra” supplies. The foolish virgins have accounted for no such possibility and are caught short. They beg the wise women for some of their oil, but because there may not be enough for all they are “left out in the cold”. After getting the needed supplies, the foolish virgins find themselves shut out, with the bridegroom disavowing any knowledge of the women.

This parable, alluding the Kingdom of Heaven, is one which reminds us that we must always be prepared for the coming of the “bridegroom” – the Lord. When He comes to invite us to the “wedding banquet” – entrance into the Eternal Kingdom – we must be ready to join Him. We should be careful to prepare for all possibilities, for we “know neither the day nor the hour” (Mt 25:13). In other words, when the Lord comes to invite us to join Him in the Kingdom it shouldn’t matter WHEN that happens. When Jesus comes calling, we need to be ready to go with Him for He will not ask again. When the Lord comes, it will be a “one-time offer”, and it will not come again.

May we prepare our minds, our hearts, and our very lives for the coming of the Lord. May we be ready when the Lord makes an invitation to us to join him in the Kingdom. May we live each day as our last, knowing that this could be the day that the Lord calls us Home. May the Lord, when He comes calling, find us ready, willing, and able to join with Him in the Kingdom.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week * SPECIAL PARISH COLLECTION — ST. JOHN - ELECTRICAL NEEDS, ST. ANN - WATER ISSUES IN THE RECTORY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSROOMS

Next week —Retired Religious Sisters

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS 10/1 - 10/7	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	10/22/17		10/22/17		
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,166	\$3,680	\$3,905		
*On-Line			552	\$4,457	\$5,700
World Mission	\$924		\$ 872		
	10/29/17		10/29/17		
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,195	\$3,680	\$4,035		
*On-line			650	4,685	\$5,700



Anyone needing VIRTUS TRAINING to continue their ministry with any program involving children at Saint Ann's or Saint John's should attend the training scheduled for:

**TUES. NOVEMBER 14TH @ 7 PM
IN SAINT JOHN'S HALL**

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of marriage and family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture

**St John's Catholic Women's Club
8th Annual Craft Fair
Saturday, November 25th -
9 am to 2 pm
In the Church Hall**



The signs are out — the ads are written, calls are being made, time to sign up for the Craft Fair.

If anyone would like to make gift baskets for the raffles, we welcome your talents. Also help is needed sorting our the treasures for the Attic.

Large donations can be brought to the barn, not the garage the week of November 20,

Smaller items can be left on the stage for sorting.

*Thank you & God Bless
Call Mary Ann Boyle, 508=378-4704.*

Christmas Eve Teen/Adult Collaborative Choir

Join our collaborative choir for Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at St. Ann's church this year!

Rehearsals are Monday evenings, 7:15-8:30, beginning 11/27 at St. John's. Contact Paul Hoffman, St. John's Music Director for more information.



**Thanksgiving
Day**

**MASS AT
SAINT JOHN'S
AT 8:00**



Parish and Youth Ministry

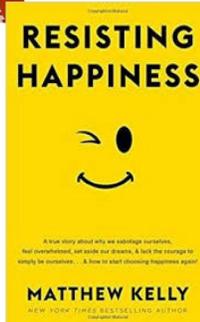
Mary Statue Program

Families or individuals may sign-up to take Mary home for a week and pray with her. Mary comes with prayer suggestions and Rosary beads.



We have had a fantastic response!

"Discover how to recognize and conquer resistance in your life so you can become the-best-version-of-yourself and experience true happiness." Cost of Book: \$3.00—All are welcome to join!



Christmas Pageant



Children of all ages are welcome and our teens are welcome to help our little ones on stage. This year our Pageant will be presented as the kick-off to our Advent Parish Mission on Sunday, December 3rd after the Family Mass at St. John.

Calendar



- 11/17: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 am at St. Ann
- 11/19: Family Mass @ 10:30 at St. Ann
- 11/26: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 at St. John
- 11/30: Adult Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm at St. John.
- 12/1: Church Dinner from 5:30-6:30 at St. Ann's Hall followed by Adoration and Confession
- 12/3: 10:30– Family Mass at St. John
- 11:30: Christmas Pageant at St. John
- 5:00: Advent Mission at St. John
- Mission Talk– History with Dinner
- 12/4: Second Day of Advent Mission
- 12/5: Final Day of Advent Mission

Contact US:

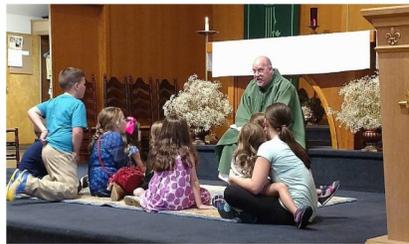
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The last six bulletins had to be submitted in September. Look what we have been up to! Many thanks to all that make these events so special!



Advent Mission- God Who Comes!

- 12/3– St. John
- 10:30 am: Family Mass with Christmas Pageant following Mass
- 5:00 pm: Mass followed by Mission Talk- History with Dinner
- 12/4– St. Ann
- 6:00 pm– Adoration, 6:30 pm–Mission Talk– Mystery with Confession available
- 12/5–St. Ann :
- 9:00-11:00 am– Mission Retreat
- 12/5– St. John
- 6:00 pm– Rosary
- 6:30– Mission Talk– Eternity Adoration



Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above) The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass.



PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

St Ann's Weekly Offertory: will now be displayed on the Collaborative page.

MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass beginning this weekend.

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the end of December.

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Ministry would be people from the parish who would be willing to meet with people who just lost loved one and are planning their funeral.

The Bereavement Ministry offers these people a source of solace and support. Many times the loved ones have fallen away from the Church and do not know how to plan the Funeral Mass. Our job is to gently guide them through this process and offer any comfort while doing so.

If you are interested in offering your service in this way, please contact Arlene Stefano at the Rectory. 508-586-4880

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Each year we provide clothing and toys to children age 16 and younger in needy families. The families must meet one of the following criteria: be parishioners of St. Ann's, live in West Bridgewater, attend West Bridgewater schools, or be recommended by a parishioner of St. Ann's. As always, we rely on you to help us find the families in need of assistance. If you know of a family who is struggling due to a job loss, injury or disability, please call Linda Santry at 508-586-6535, or email her, linda@santry.org. All information is kept in strict confidence.

We also are updating our list of senior citizens for a Christmas remembrance. We provide small gifts and a goodie basket to senior citizens who are needy, have no family, or who have provided memorable service to St. Ann's. If you know if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.



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 Annual Christmas Pageant will be
December 10th
At Noon
All are cordially welcome to attend.



The Annual Food Drive for the Religious Education Program is underway. Please bring your canned goods with you to Religious Education Class in the month of November.



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Saint Ann's Church will be joining First Church at a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service hosted by Cochesett United Methodist Church located at 517 West Center Street on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and are encouraged to attend. There will be a collation after the service.



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 Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, Bob Solakof, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

St. John's Music Ministry

Children's choir, Adult/Teen, Monthly Teen, Seasonal, Family Mass choir opportunities!

"The Pastoral Plan Writing Team (consisting of both staff and parishioners of both parishes) has been meeting regularly since this summer and is hard at work formulating a "Local Pastoral Plan". This "Plan", which is reflective of our needs, goals, and desires as the "Together in Christ Collaborative", has been using the results from the Disciple Maker Index survey that our communities participated in this past winter, and has proven to be an invaluable resource in this work. We hope to bring forward a "Vision Statement" soon, which will "set the tone" for our ongoing work here in the Collaborative. Your prayers, good wishes, and input are all greatly sought and appreciated."

SAINT JOHN'S IS IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THE ALTAR LINENS. DORIS THOMPSON HAS DONE THIS FOR YEARS AND IT IS TIME FOR HER TO PASS THE BATON. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP. 508-378-4207

St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus do"? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul strives to follow Jesus in our work by helping others who are struggling.

Your monetary and food donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help individuals and families right here in East Bridgewater celebrate the holidays without wondering about their next meal.

Do you know anyone who is in need of food and other assistance! Please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE at 508-378-3760.**

GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

My Dear Friends in Christ,

There is an old story about a pastor who needs to raise money for a new roof. He tells his congregation that, "I have bad news, good news, and bad news". "The bad news", he says, "is that we need a new roof." "The good news", he continues, "is that we have all the money we need". "The bad news", he concludes, "is that it's in your pockets". A little humor to convey an important truth about stewardship and sacrificial giving. It is in this spirit that I come to you to ask for your help in this year's Grand Annual Collection. This collection is vital to the fiscal health of St. John's Parish, as there is really no significant fundraising income. This year I, along with our Parish Finance Council and Jackie Buccigross (our Finance and Operations Manager), have set a goal of \$32,000. Last year we raised over \$31,000 (which was down from last year, but this is a new year!), so I am confident that, through the hard work of every family here at St. John's, and a contribution of \$250 per family, we can reach this goal. I am painfully aware of the condition of our present economy. In asking for this offering, I do so fully cognizant that not everyone can fulfill this request I make of you. I believe, however, that you will do what you can, to the degree you can, to help us make this goal. My confidence in coming to you with this request isn't just some "pie in the sky wish"; it is based on the historical generosity which you have exhibited in recent past history, evidenced in the increased giving to the Grand Annual over the last three years.

You can make your donation in either one payment or over several weeks. You may use one of the envelopes found at the usher's table (in the church). You also have the option of an "online" donation; simply consult the user's guide found on the parish website (www.stjohnsb.org) or call Debbie at the Parish Office and she will walk you through the process. The money collected from the Grand Annual Collection will be used to keep the budget in balance and if possible for some improvements to the physical plant. One "dream project", for but one example, is painting the exterior of our church which serves as a beacon of hope for so many in our community!

As you prayerfully consider making this "free-will offering", as I like to call it, let us all remember that St. John's is our "second home", a place of peace and refuge from a world of challenge and chaos. We have over 1200 people who worship with us, who come to St. John's to find "food for the journey" in both Word and Sacrament. We have a vibrant Religious Education program, a faith-filled Vacation Bible School, and a lively Parish and Family Ministry (with a variety of programs offered each month!), leading our people - of all ages - to a deepened faith. We have a dedicated staff and corps of volunteers who keep us moving forward towards the Kingdom. From our Religious Education Catechists, to St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers, to the Catholic Women's Club of East Bridgewater, to our Parish and Youth Ministry Leadership Teams, to our Sacramental Ministers, we have people of every generation assisting us in this endeavor. It is in this spirit that I ask for your contribution to our Grand Annual Collection. Please be assured of my prayers for you and yours as you continue to worship, walk and pray with us, now and into the future. Asking God's continued blessings I am, and remain

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Paul

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