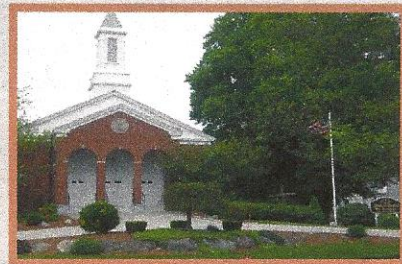
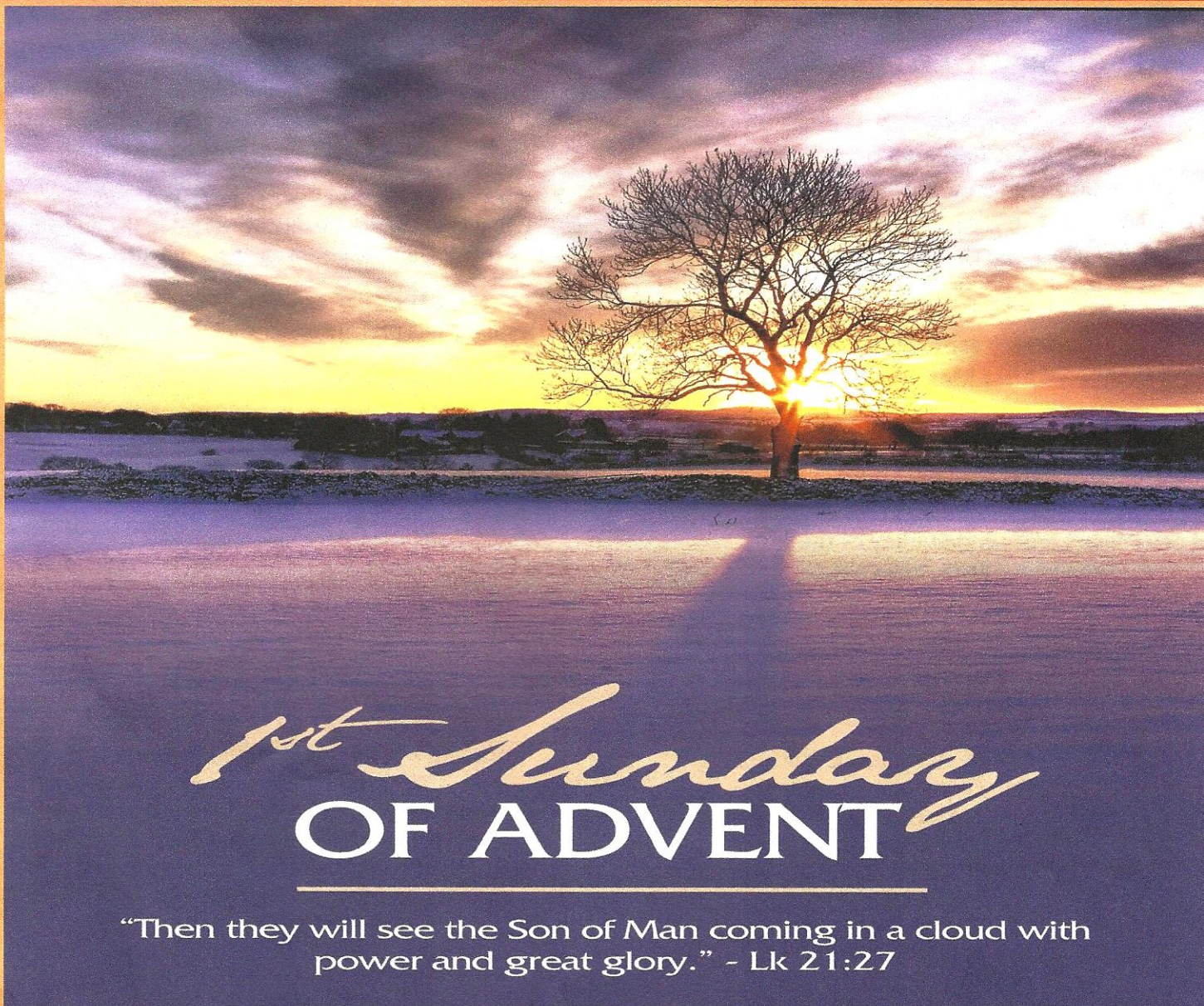




*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent*



1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great glory." - Lk 21:27*

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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., 4th Sunday of the Mo.

**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—6:30, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.
9:00 a.m.**

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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 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 Tuesday 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 1, 2018

4:00 - Kathleen Climo— 8th Anniversary
 Fred Climo— 1st Anniversary

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 - Henry Wedge— 1st Anniversary
 10:30 - Mary & Elmer Proffitt— Memorial

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 - Suzanne Shepard—29th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John
 10:30 - Valerie Teague—2nd Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:00 - Patricia Robichaud—Birthday Remem.

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 1, 2018

4:00 - Lori Savage Jenkins— 15th Anniversary

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann
 10:30 - Ernest Butler— Memorial

Monday, December 3, 2018

9:00—Aristides Cavacas — Memorial Mass

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 - Laurie Avitabile—Birthday Remem.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners
 10:30 - Ana & Manuel Barros—Memorial Mass

Monday, December 10, 2018

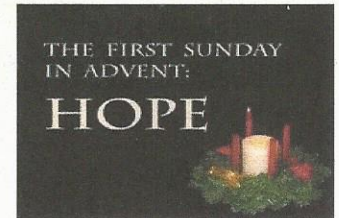
9:00 - Sally B. Moran—11th Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, December 10, 2018

Jerry & Mamie Marochino—Memorial Mass

Friday, December 14, 2018

9:00—Christiano Victoria—11th Anniversary



My Dear Friends in Christ,

While I haven't done it in a while, I used to run marathons regularly. In doing this, you come to realize that many things (life, work, family and, yes, Advent) are a "marathon, not a sprint". We begin our Advent journey this weekend in the usual ways. The Church waits in joyful anticipation for a time – namely, Christmas – which the world is already (seemingly) celebrating. You never see an "Advent Sale" or an "Advent Tree" (although many churches have a "Jesse Tree", and ours takes the form of a "Giving Tree", helping out with the needs of our local community this time of year). No, for the world it's "Christmas, Christmas, Christmas". This is certainly in line with a society of immediate gratification and one that doesn't know the meaning of the word "wait"!

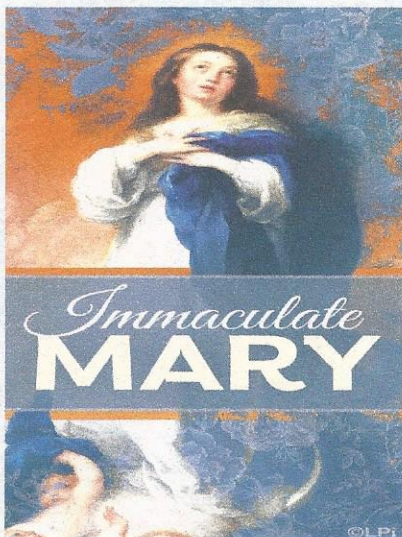
This Advent Season begins with the prophet Jeremiah speaking of a time of fulfillment, when the "just shoot" (Jer 33:15) who will bring justice to the world. This "just shoot" (ibid) is, of course, Jesus and He will bring God's justice to the world when He comes again in glory. St. Paul helps us to be ready by being "blameless in holiness" (1 Thes 3:13) so as to be able to join God in His Kingdom. Jesus then "seals the deal" by calling us to be watchful, to be "vigilant" (Lk 21:36) so that we can stand before God's judgment and be ready for the life to come.

Advent may seem like the "same old, same old". After all, it comes at relatively the same time of year, has many of the same "themes" ("watch", "wait", "be vigilant") and ends up with the same "goal" (namely, to be ready to welcome Jesus as the Christ Child and the King of Glory). We would do well to not fall into the same routines. I would invite us to try something different, to move out of our "comfort zone". If you haven't followed an Advent calendar, try it this year by following the daily readings and prayers. If you haven't made/kept an Advent wreath for your home, now's the time. I would further encourage you to WAIT. It's easy enough to get "caught up" in the hullabaloo of the preparations for Christmas. These are important and need to be tended to, but not at the expense of our peace of mind or our sanity. So many of us "go overboard" with Christmas and its preparations that they fail to see the opportunity that Advent gives us to "pace ourselves" in these four weeks.

May we take this time of the Advent Season to prepare ourselves, spiritually, for the coming of Christ. Whether it is Christ's coming as the Christ Child or as the King of Glory, may Christ find us ready to welcome Him into our hearts, our homes, and our world. May we give Christ His due, giving Jesus the well-deserved welcome that we would a King. Jesus is our King, enrobed not in a royal garment, but in ordinary swaddling clothes. May we go to the manger in a few weeks, having spent this time preparing for that moment in salvation history when "God so loved the world that He gave us His Only Begotten Son" (Jn 3:16). Advent is a marathon, not a sprint – enjoy it...savor it...live it!

A Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul



COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT SAINT ANN'S AND SAINT. JOHN'S

The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget		St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available	10/21/18			10/21/18	
OFFERTORY			\$3,680			\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL			\$32,000			\$32,000

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ANN'S

**CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM, 6PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM**

SAINT JOHN'S

**CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM UPSTAIRS
4PM DOWNSTAIRS
6PM
MIDNIGHT**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 AM**

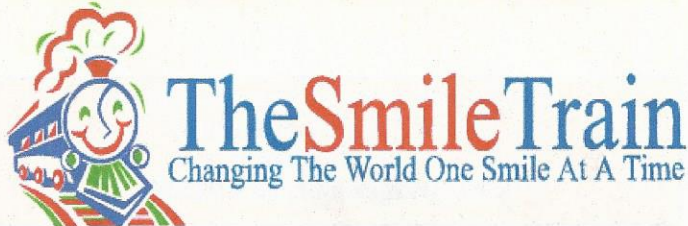
NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
@ 774-240-8095
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New mailing address:
P O Box 474



The Annual Cupcake Sale for Smile Train
Will take place the 15th & 16th of December.

Before



After



The Annual Christmas Pageant will be

December 9, 2018
At Noon

All are cordially welcome to attend.

Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.



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.



More about the water issues at Saint Ann.

We seem to have solved the issues creating the flooded cellar at the Rectory. We are in the process of moving forward with the repairs necessary to correct that problem.

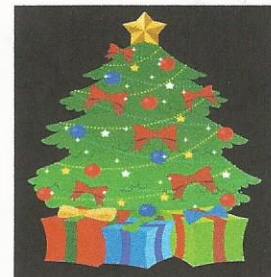
In the meantime, we noticed that we also have a problem with the down spouts of the church. We have

connected with the Belolli Co. who is working on the flooding issue to correct this problem, as well.

You know what that means \$\$\$\$\$\$.

Your generosity is imperative!!!!!! Thank you in advance.

Linda Santry will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend regarding the Christmas Sharing Program!!!



CHRIST THE KING



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Mary Oslin, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

holiday Craft Fair

*THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO MADE THE ANNUAL
CRAFT FAIR A SUCCESS ONCE
MORE!!!!!!*



Giving Tree Gift Cards

Are due

November 9th

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Tuesday—7:00—8:00 PM

Sunday, November 25 — Rosary — 10 AM

Sunday, December 9 — Shawl Meeting — 2 PM

Wednesday, December 12 — CWC Christmas Party — Noon

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater, MA 02333**

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Call the Saint Vincent DePaul **HOTLINE** at 508-378-3760 if you need food or other assistance.

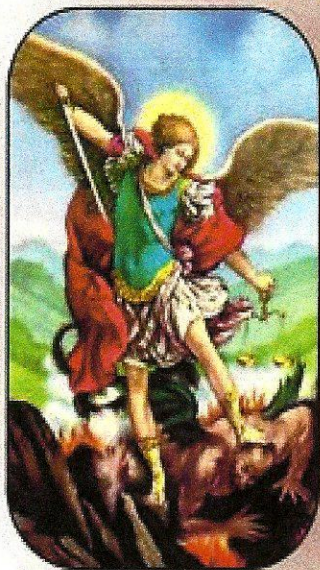
The Food Pantry is open twice a month. — 1st Monday from



PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security.
May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth. Amen.

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.

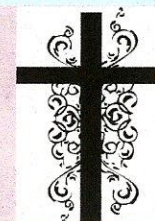


Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against
the wickedness and snares
of the Devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray, and do
thou, O Prince of the heavenly
hosts, by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan, and
all the evil spirits, who
proud about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
-Amen*

In the month of November, the prayer to Saint Michael will be included in all the Masses.

Please remember
Saint Ann's and Saint John's
When doing your
Estate Planning!



TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

Saint Ann

**October 14
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10**

Saint John

**October 28
January 27
March 24
April 14**