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The Life of Our Parishes

December 15th, 2016



## Christmas Activities for the Whole Family



## Christmas Party and Pageant

Friday,  
December 16th  
St. John Parish Hall  
Pageant: 6:00

Pizza and Cookie Decorating: 7:00

Christmas Movie: 7:30

Pick-up: 9:00 pm

All are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant followed by our Christmas Party. We have a wonderful group of kids that will share the real meaning of Christmas. After the play we will have pizza, enjoy cookie decorating, and watch a Christmas Movie. All are welcome to join us and we will have help on hand for babysitting if parents need a few hours to shop!

Please contact Nancy at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) or at 508-838-8490 to sign-up.

## Service Opportunity

### Service Saturday



Saturday, December 17  
5:00-8:30  
Easton, Ma

Thanks to Ben Williams of St. Ann, we have an awesome opportunity to remember the real gift of Christmas. This Saturday, December 17th from 5:00-8:30 we have been invited to help My Brother's Keeper with their Christmas operation. There may also be an opportunity to go with Ben on deliveries. We will end the share sharing in their special Prayer Service. I highly recommend joining us.

My Brother's Keeper: "We carry furniture and food and deliver hope." My Brother's Keeper in Easton, Ma is a truly worth organization. Their shelves are stocked as their volunteers start wrapping and delivering 3,000 Christmas packages for family in need. The true meaning and spirit of Christmas."

## Pancakes with the Pastor (and Santa)



**Sunday, December 18th  
at St. John  
9:00-10:00 am**

Join Fr. Paul (and a Santa) for this Christmas breakfast. This month Fr. Paul will answer your questions that you may have been afraid to ask..

We will have special activities for the little ones in the Chapel, while the older children and adults are enjoying the questions and answers

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, pastries, juice and coffee..



This is a perfect opportunity to share the real gift of Christmas. Special thanks to Ben Williams, an employee of My Brother's Keeper and St. Ann Parishioner for making this opportunity a part of our Service Saturdays.

Please contact Nancy Smith to reserve your spot. [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) or 508-838-8490.



A Sneak Peak into the My Brother's Keeper Christmas Operation

## Volunteer for your Parish

### Volunteers are needed to prepare for Christmas

In our own homes, there are lots of preparations that takes place for Christmas to arrive like cleaning, decorating, and baking; and if you are anything like the Smith home, it takes several weekends beginning right after Thanksgiving. In Parish life, our Churches are celebrating the Season of Advent until Christmas Day when the season of Christmas begins. That means our Parishes can't start those preparations until after the last Sunday of Advent, so all that work that our families do over several weekends has to happen in a matter of days, which is why we need your help! Just like our families, we are expecting lots of company to arrive for the Masses, some we see every week, and some we only see a few times a year and in either case we want Christmas Mass to be special, welcoming and above all a joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus. Please see the schedule below, and join us in our Christmas preparations. This is a great way to get Community Service hours for clubs and National Honor Society or Scouts.



**Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm**  
St. Ann Church Cleaning (dusting, vacuuming)

**Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm**

St. John Church and Hall Cleaning (dusting, vacuuming, setting the hall up for Mass)

**Wednesday, December 21st at 11:30 (approx)**

The flowers will arrive at both St. John and St. Ann late to early afternoon. Our florist has designed our flower arrangements for our flowers in our churches, chapel, and hall (St. John). Help is needed unloading the flowers, taking the plastic covering off and placing the flowers.

## PJ Anderson, Catholic Musician and Inspiration Speaker



**PJ ANDERSON**

*AT* **SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH**  
210 CENTRAL STREET • EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

**FRIDAY** A SPECIAL NIGHT OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG & STORY  
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**JAN 6<sup>TH</sup> 7PM** **CONCERT • PRAISE • FAITH**

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**"I AM"**

# Weekend Retreat

## Please click here to register for the Retreat

January 7th- January 8th



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

I AM Loved  
I AM a Treasure  
I AM a Son or Daughter

3:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
La Salette Retreat Center

947 Park Street, Attleboro, Ma

\$75 (includes three meals, snacks, lodging and retreat materials) Remember cost should never be a reason for not attending.

This special weekend will have a teen track and a young adult (college) track. This facility is large enough to have separate floors for sleeping and several meeting areas.

With the help of our good friend PJ Anderson we are putting together this very special opportunity for the youth of our Parish and surrounding communities. We are so excited to be able to offer an unforgettable overnight retreat filled with faith, friendship, time for prayer and reflection, fun and games, great talks, small and large group sharing, ample opportunity to receive the

sacraments- mass, reconciliation, and adoration, great food, some fun leisure time, - all in all its going to be EPIC. And we want YOU to join us! We are going to have an amazing team ready to make all of this happen.



The retreat center has plenty of room for two separate retreats. The retreat is open for anyone and everyone open to encountering God's love, discovering all that you are in his eyes and would like to share the journey of faith with good friends - this retreat is for YOU!

You may attend part of the retreat, but we encourage you to come for the whole weekend (it's just more fun that way!). Looking forward to sharing this special weekend with you!

Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot! Friends are welcome!



[Click here to Register for the Ski Trip](#)

## Annual Ski Trip to Waterville Valley

Martin Luther King Weekend  
January 13th - 16th  
2:00 pm on Friday  
Mid Afternoon on Monday

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 in person.

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[Click on this link to register for our Mission Team](#)

## 4th Annual Mission Trip



Catholic Heart Work Camp  
Announcing a new location:  
Richmond, Virginia  
June 24th- July 1st

Back by popular demand: We will be traveling by Amtrak Train!  
Our Mission Trip is open to all students entering 9th Grade in the fall of 2017  
and up.

Cost: \$630

This cost includes accommodations, travel arrangement to Richmond and during the week of service, food and program costs. This amount is based on the cost of the train tickets as of September 25th. The cost may change. Each year we actively fundraise to cover some of this cost. Refunds will be issued one week before the trip. 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.

A deposit of \$90 is required to reserve your spot.

We accept cash, checks (made payable to St. John) or credit or debit cards. We ask families to make monthly payments and total payment is due by March 29th.

Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like to invite. All participants will be required to fill out all paperwork, including our Commitment form to the Mission Team. If you any questions or concerns or to reserve your spot, please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com). We also have two Young Adults who worked on staff of Catholic Heart Work Camp and three mission teams that would be happy to speak with you about their experience. This is a wonderful week of faith, service and fun!



Here is our flyer to share with friends. Spots are limited, so sign up early!

[Flyer for Mission Trip](#)

**Here are the top 5 Reasons to join us from two of the staff members we have met!**



**We need you to be part of our team!**

# Special Events

Date	Event	Deposit Due	Deposit Due
January 7th and 8th	PJ Retreat	\$30.00	Now
March 4th -5th	Deep Freeze	\$55.00	January 5th
June 24th-July 1st	Mission Trip	\$90.00	February 1st

Event	Number of Spots Remaining
PJ Retreat	25
Deep Freeze	6
Mission Trip	12

These are wonderful opportunities to travel. The Ministry has paid the deposits to reserve our spots. Please speak with your children, choose the event you would like to participate in and make a commitment early. It allows payments to be spread out over a longer period of time and helps us organize the trips much more efficiently. We accept cash, checks or credit cards. Cost should never be a reason for not attending. Please contact either Fr. Paul or myself to make arrangements .

# Volunteers Needed

Please Save the Date!

Parish and Youth Ministry 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 and Games

The Ministry is a vital part of our Parish Family that is helping create vibrant and active Faith Families but is a new Ministry and therefore charged by the Financial Team with being completely self-funded. Our Leadership Team has decided to hold two major fundraisers next year: an Auction and a Golf Tournament. Both events require a team of twenty volunteers to help with securing donations, selling tickets, and encouraging participation. Our hope is to have a collaborative team with volunteers from both Parishes. Most of the help needed can be done at home on your own time. Without your help, we will not meet our goals and be able to continue to offer a variety of programs at no cost or low cost.

## St. Ann and St. John Parish and Youth Ministry

## ***Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry***

**Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatabe, 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.**

The Parish and Youth Ministry is very grateful for the many moments of faith, grace and friendship we have already experienced in the four months since our Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry was announced. We are filled with such hope and faith for the continued growth of our programs for all ages. Our new office home at St. Ann's Rectory has tea, coffee and goodies waiting for your visit. Please stop by to share your thoughts, chat for a while and help us continue to build vibrant and active Faith Families at both Parishes. We wish you a blessed Advent Season.



Nancy Smith

## **The Love of Christ in a Priest's Heart**

Please enjoy this four minute insight into Fr. Paul's call to Priesthood.



## **Stay Connected**

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### St. John Calendar

[Click for St. John's Parish Calendar](#)

### St. Ann Calendar

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### [Join Our Mailing List](#)

Please visit both web-sites to learn more about what is going on in our Parish Community!

[Visit St. John's Website](#)  
[Visit St. Ann's Website](#)

### Program Booklet

Our 2016-2017  
Program Booklets are ready!  
Click on the link or get your hard copy at the back of each Parish

[Parish and Youth Ministry Program Booklet](#)

The Parish and Youth Ministry is a Collaborative Ministry of St. Ann and St. John. Programs will be

offered at both St. Ann's Parish and St. John's Parish and will be open to all. As our new Collaborative Ministry grows more activities and events will be added and the location of current events may change.

Please feel free to share your thoughts or ideas! The Ministry will only grow and flourish with your involvement.

## Our Faith Family



### Where are you on your faith journey? We are here to welcome you!

Has it been a while since you have participated in your faith or are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about our faith?

You are welcome in our Parish!

We also have programs if you are a baptized adult who has not yet completed preparation for Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Please contact us to learn more about our Faith and our Parish.

Our doors are open to all no matter where you are on your faith journey.

St. Ann's Rectory

508-586-4880

St. John's Rectory

508-378-4207

#### Weekend Mass Times

St Ann

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

St. John

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### Daily Mass

St. John

Monday-Friday @ 9:00 am

St. Ann

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

@ 9:00 am