



*Collaborative
of
St. Ann & St. John
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017*



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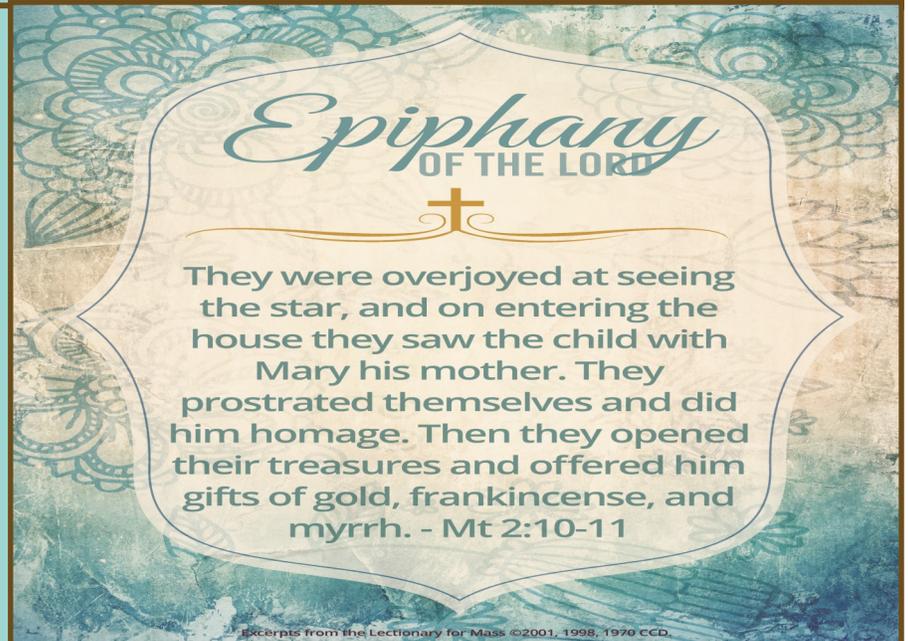
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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St John's
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Mass – 6 p.m. TBA
Daily Mass, Monday – 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.
Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
9:00 a.m.



Epiphany
OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 - 2nd and 3rd Wednesday 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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 8—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 7, 2016

4:00 - Deceased members of the DiFalco Family

Sunday, January 8, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Gene Biagi—34th Anniversary

Saturday, January 14, 2016

4:00 - James Clancy—5th Anniversary

Sunday, January 15, 2016

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Lucy & Rose Chaves—Memorial

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, January 7, 2016

4:00 — Virginia Welch—4th Anniversary

Sunday, January 8, 2016

8:30 - Barbie Chartier—Birthday Remembrance

10:30 - Josephina Biladeau—70th Anniversary

Saturday, January 14, 2016

4:00 - Dorin Corazzini—Memorial

Sunday, January 15, 2016

8:30 - Janice A. Kelleher—1st Anniversary

10:30 - Richard & Thomas Fitzgerald—Memorial

Monday, January 16, 2017

9:00 — Anna Margaret Retucci—Memorial

DEACONS' CORNER

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of the Liturgical Christmas Season. We hear again of the Magi's visit and the homage they paid to the Christ Child and His parents. "They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts." Matthew writes.

You and I kneel before Jesus and pay Him homage today. What gifts from our treasury will we offer? May it be our time and service to one of the following parish ministries: greeter/usher, altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, choir member, or team member who counts the Sunday collection monthly or member of the church cleaners—once a month. Perhaps your interest might be helping in Parish & Youth Ministry or in the religious ed. (CCD) classes? You might be interested in starting a social committee or a parish bereavement committee. All of these are opportunities to give of one's gifts for the benefit of our parish. In the weeks to come, more information will be shared.

Deacon Brendan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today our Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. Growing up, I always understood this to be the "end of the Christmas Season".

This makes sense for many reasons:

it speaks of God's manifestation to humanity in Christ, it highlights the appearance of the Magi, and it is a bit of a "birthday party" for Jesus. How wrong I was! The Christmas Season actually/officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (which, by a "quirk" in the calendar, is tomorrow!). This makes infinitely more sense! After all, our entrance into the Church isn't marked by our birth but by our baptism. The Baptism of Jesus, about which we will read at tomorrow's liturgy, begins Jesus' entrance into "public" ministry. It is His "coming out party" as it were.

Now back to today's feast. The Feast of the Epiphany, a word which has its roots in the Greek word "epiphaneia", which means "manifestation", marks and celebrates the appearance of the Magi upon the scene of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. In the classic Greek it was used to mark the appearance of gods. Of course, in our monotheistic tradition, this is adapted to mark the appearance of the One True God in the Person of Jesus Christ. The first reference in Christian literature to the Epiphany would be in the 4th century, which speaks of Jesus' "birth, that is, His Epiphany" by St. Epiphanius of Salamis in his work "Panarion" (written in 361). It was celebrated on January 6th for the longest time, and currently is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th (thus the short "down time" this year between Christmas and Epiphany).

I can always remember the Feast of the Epiphany for the traditions we held in our household. We would set up the crèche on Christmas Eve (minus the Baby Jesus, of course!), placing Baby Jesus in the manger when we returned home from Midnight Mass. On Christmas Day, the Magi would make their appearance, but not at the manger – they would be placed on the kitchen counter! Over the next week or so, they would slowly be moved from the counter, to the stovetop, to the back of the couch and finally into the manger scene. This, of course, gave each of the five children a chance to "relocate" the Magi. The Magi were three in number (as in the song "We Three Kings"?); this, we later came to find out, was probably not entirely accurate. We came to find, through investigation, that there were as many as a dozen "magi", which is, not coincidentally, related to our modern word, "magic". The Magi were a class of palace workers who were part magician, part alchemist, part astrologer (thus their knowledge of, and reliance on, stars for guidance). They were "jacks of all trade" (although "jacks" may be a bit of a misnomer, as there may have been some women in their company), relied on by the king (such as Herod) for guidance and direction for many things.

The Feast of the Epiphany gives us an opportunity for a "breather" (albeit a small one this year!) between Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord. May we, like the Magi, come to the manger and reflect on the good things God has provided for us – namely, Christ the Lord.

Have a Blessed (rest of the) Christmas Season,

Fr. Paul



St John's Shared Treasure: Goal \$5,900
 January 1, 2017 \$5,685
Below Goal **215**
 Solemnity of Mary \$1,255
 Grand Annual Total - Dec 25 \$22,128

January 8, 2017 —Special Parish Collection for data infrastructure expenses.

January 15, 2017—Special Parish Collection for the Archdiocese

Please keep the following in your prayers: Karen DeBenedictis, Arthur Hornstra, Lori Cullen, Mariann Moberg, Dottie Younis, Dave Swartz, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Carolyn Oliviere, Ginger & John Margeson, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Laurie Murray, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Colleen Merto, Bill Osborne, Florence Lacey, Eleanor Moynihan, Edie Lincoln, Jim Cassidy, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Katy Skillings, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Tom Griffin, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Bulletin Announcement: Pre-Survey

TITLE: St John the Evangelist and St Ann have been selected to participate in National Study! Please Read

Our Parishes have been selected to participate in a national study of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will be emailed to you by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com. The survey will only be available from the week of February 6 through March 6 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr Paul Ring and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If we don't have an email address for you, please send an email to Debbie Conrad at stjohnnebridge@comcast.net or Arlene Stefano stanns@comcast.net with your name and email so we can add you to the list.

If you don't use email –

There will be a generic link that you can use to complete the survey

There will be opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Debbie Conrad or Arlene Stefano at 508-378-4207 or 508-586-4880.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

St Ann's Weekly Offertory:

January 1, 2017 \$3,091
 Solemnity of Mary \$1149

The second collection this weekend is for the upgrading of the sound system



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.

St Vincent de Paul Society At St. John's

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Do you know a family or an individual in East Bridgewater who is in need of food or assistance? Please ask them to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

In the spirit of the Magi, any gift you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish brings comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters in need. Please continue your support in 2017.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL AT ST ANN'S

Now that we are coming into cold weather, Saint Vincent DePaul Conference will be responding to an increase number of calls asking for help. We would ask that you make a small donation to the conference so that we will be able to respond to those asking for assistance. There are small envelopes at the doors of the Church for this purpose.

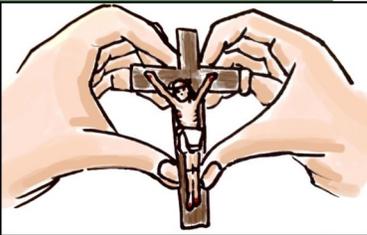
MASSPASS BOOKS: SAINT VINCENT dePAUL FUNDRAISER:

The coupon books have finally arrived! They will be on sale at the back of the Church at all the Masses. The cost is still \$25.00. You can also e-mail Christ Baker at jchbacker@msn.com to purchase a book. Books are also available at the Rectory.

A special thank you to our parishioners who gave their time cleaning the Churches for Christmas. Also a special thank you to our parishioners who shared their time and talents decorating the Church so beautifully by arranging the Christmas tree, decorating the nativity scene and recreating



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L.O.O.P. – Life of our Parishes

Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry's Mission: Each one of us is a unique, unrepeatable 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.

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Google Calendars are

available on our websites.

January 6th, 2017

A Call to Action for our Parishes

Fr. Paul, the Committee and I are enjoying this weekly opportunity to highlight the programs going on in the Parish and Youth Ministry. Some of the feedback we are receiving is that there may still be the misunderstanding that this is only a Youth Ministry Program. As featured below this article, you will see that we have programs for all ages. A New Year brings new hope, a renewed faith, and excitement for what may come and we hope is that more Parishioners will take part in our programs from both St. Ann and St. John.



Something else you may not be aware of is how these programs, events, retreats and service projects are funded. The Parish and Youth Ministry is completely self-funded and neither St. Ann or St. John's budgets fund the programs. Our Ministry is dependent on our (2) second collections and our fundraisers. This year we have decided to focus on two major fundraisers in the hopes of funding our financial needs. The money raised funds program materials, keeps costs low so that all can afford the programs, and subsidizes the cost of the Mission Trip. In our first two years as a ministry we have been completely self-funded. The Ministry has beautiful support by way of volunteers at events, participation in our programs, and a tremendous amount of feedback that our Ministry is bringing our Faith Family together in grace, in love and in hope. If we are not able to maintain our self-funded status, it is unlikely the ministry would be able to continue.

Neither our Gold Tournament or Auction will be a success without a committee for both. Help is needed securing donations for the raffles for the auction, sponsors for the Golf Tournament, selling tickets to either function, and a team to help out at the actual events. Our hope is to have 200 attend the auction and a minimum of 125 golfers. It will take personal connections of Parishioners to make this work because many (if not all) of the large companies or sports teams will not donate directly to a Church. Please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8490 or email at nhenn71@hotmail.com to volunteer or to offer suggestions on how to make these two fundraisers a success. We need a team in place for both by the end of January, so please contact us soon!



Our Team

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring
Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team
Meets the 4th Thursday of
each Month

Youth Leadership Team
Meets regularly

Fundraising Team (including
our auction and golf tournament
teams)

Reboot Live Team

Please come for a visit any
weekday in our new office
for tea, coffee, and snacks
and share your ideas and
thoughts.

You are always welcomed to
join our team!



Monthly Events

Utreya Mass and Group Sharing

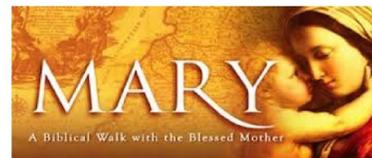
Thursday, January 12th: 7:00 pm– St. John Chapel
Pancakes with the Pastor

Sunday, January 22nd: 9:00-10:00 am– St. John
Parish Hall

Sons and Daughter's Prayer Group

Friday, January 27th from 10:00-11:30– St. John
Parish Hall

Study of Mary– All are welcome!





Waterville Valley Ski Trip



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 7 spots.

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 at nhenn71@hotmail.com for payment questions or to register.

Martin Luther King Weekend

January 13th – 16th
 2:00 pm on Friday
 Mid Afternoon on Monday



**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,
 Games**

**March 3rd-5th
 \$230, Hebron, NH
 Includes lodging, food,
 transportation.
 \$55 deposit is due to reserve your spot**

Berea – Deep Freeze Winter Weekend

This weekend is open to 6th-12th Graders
www.berea.org
 for videos and pictures



The weekend includes: Tubing, Volleyball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Ice Cream Social, Paint Ball, A Band, Speakers, Workshops, and lots of activities. Our programs are open to the youths and young adults of our parish and any guests they would like to invite. This is a wonderful weekend of faith, friendship, and fun! 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. The Ministry accepts cash, checks, (made payable to St. John) or credit or debit cards. In order to make the cost manageable, families are asked to make monthly payments and total payment is due by February 1st.

**Save the Date:
 Golf
 Tournament
 Friday,
 September 15th
 at Riverbend in
 West
 Bridgewater
 \$150 per golfer
 Teams of (4)
 Raffles and Lunch
 120 golfers
 needed**

4th Annual Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp– Richmond, Virginia

Youth in 8th Grade –12th Grade and Young Adults in College are invited to join us for this life changing week of service, friendship, and faith. We are traveling to a new location in Richmond. Joining our team early means we can do more fundraising to help with the cost. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.



**June 24th–July 1st
 \$630
 Includes
 registration with CHWC, transportation by
 Amtrak and meals.
 \$90 deposit is due to reserve a spot**



Steubenville East

Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This weekend is open to students in 8th-12th grade. There will be thousands of youth from around New England and beyond.

**July 14-16, 2017
 University of Lowell, Ma
 \$270 program, lodging, food
 \$50.00 deposit due upon Registration**



PARISH NEWS

FOOD PANTRIES

St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry
phone line is 508-378-3760.
Gift cards & money are always a big help.
The next Food Pantry dates are:
January 2, 2017—3:00—6:00; January 16, 2017

53 Christmas Dinners were given out this year.

Please continue to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. John's Parish in 2017. Through your generosity we do make a difference and bring comfort and peace to many of our neighbors.

Is there anyone you know in East Bridgewater who is in need of food or assistance? Please ask them to call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at:

508-378-3760.

Everything is kept confidential.



May the peace and love of this holiday season be ever present in your homes and hearts this New Year. God Bless you and yours.

Love

Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike, Fr. Don, Fr. Peter, Deacon Brendan, Deacon Joe, Lorraine, Charlotte, Debbie, Arlene, Nancy, Jackie, Judd, Paul, Matthew, and Nellie & Toby



Let Us Remember the Golden Rule:

Do unto Others, As You Would Have Others Do Unto You.

TAX REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS USING THE ENVELOPE OR ON-LINE PROGRAMS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINT OUT, PLEASE CALL THE RECORY

West Bridgewater Food Pantry

The cupboards are empty. There are many families in need of assistance. Canned green beans, corn, jam and jelly, canned fruit, cereal, and tomato and chicken noodle soup are especially needed. You might want to consider a "gift certificate" from a local grocery store. The Food Pantry is located at the Spring St. School and is open the first & third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Once again St John Parish is participating in the Archdiocesan Pro Life Baby Shower!

Collections can be brought to St. John Parish beginning Saturday, December 31st.

We will collect items through Sunday January 22nd.

Currently, the Archdiocesan Pro Life Office is in need of the following items:

- Sleep & Plays - newborn
- Winter outfits - newborn
- Winter outfits 3-6 months
- Baby Wipes
- 4oz & 8oz baby bottles
- Baby Thermometers
- Desitin
- Pack & Play



Thank you in advance for your donations and your support of mothers in need who choose LIFE for their babies.

Offering Envelopes



The parishioners of St Ann's will be getting a new set of envelopes for the months of January and February. In this set of envelopes you will find a new envelope dedicated to monthly offertory giving. This would be used instead of a weekly offertory envelope if you so choose. However for those of you who would like to continue to give weekly, those envelopes are also in the set. You also will find a Special Parish Collection Envelope for each month. The proceeds from these envelopes will be used to defray the cost of unexpected expenses and or necessary facility maintenance.

GRAND ANNUAL Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church for anyone who was not on a mailing list and would like to donate to the collection.



Every Thursday night
At 6:30
In St. Ann's Parish Center
Doors open 5:00

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**There will be no Religious Education
From December 20th to January 2nd.
Religious Education will resume on
January 3rd.**

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**There will be no Religious Education
On December 25 or January 1st
Religious Education will resume on
January 8th**