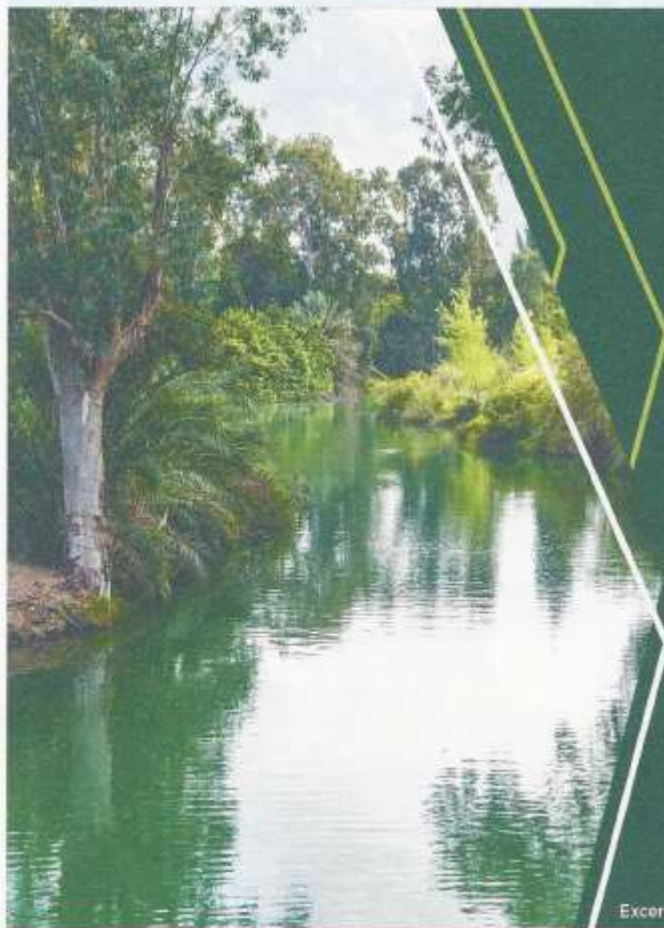




*Together in Christ Collaborative  
Saint Ann & Saint John*

*January 12, 2020  
The Baptism of The Lord*



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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### Pastor:

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**The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 4PM Monday -Thursday**

## 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., See Schedule

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 p.m., See Schedule

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. Prep classes are Wednesday before Baptism at St. John'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 WEDNESDAY 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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Paul Hoffman  
Denise Robichaud

Ben Williams  
Nancy Maloney  
Margaret Mary Williams



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### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 - James Clancy — 8th Anniversary

#### Sunday, January 12, 2020 - Parishioners of Saint John

8:00 - Sheila Crenay — 6th Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint John

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

#### Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 - Robert Robichaud & Geneva Cashman—  
Memorial

10:30 - Chester Shalginewicz — 11th Anniv.

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### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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#### Friday, January 10, 2020

9:00 - Fredrick W. Brown, Jr. — 24th Anniv.

#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:30 - Maureen Pigeon — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Rodger Furey — Memorial

#### Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:00 - John Crawford — 10th Anniversary

#### Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:30 - Danette Gouthro — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

#### Monday, January 20, 2020

9:00 - Anna Margaret Ritucci — Memorial

#### Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00 - Miriam May Short — 17th Anniversary

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Sisters and brothers,  
our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy  
on behalf of those in need.

We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

*Prayers of the People, concluding with:*

Lord God,  
you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan  
and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit  
to proclaim good news to all people.  
Sanctify us by the same Spirit,  
that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel  
by acts of love in your name. Amen.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



I dare say that most of us don't remember our Baptism (save for those baptized as adults through the RCIA), as we were a bit young at the time. When I was entering the seminary, one of the documents I needed was a copy of my baptismal certificate. When I looked at the date (8/9/64), it dawned on me that I was baptized on my brother's (Tom's) fifth birthday. Perhaps that's why, growing up, he and I had a bit of an antagonistic relationship (e.g. he "taught" me how to ride a bike by taking me up the steepest hill in South Boston with the sole instruction to "hold on tight to the handlebars" and then proceeded to hurl me down the hill, headlong! Hmm...). In any event, we've overcome those differences and have become good friends!

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus, to the protestation of John, is baptized in the Jordan so that he can "solemnize" what has been, up until this point, a ritual of purification rather than salvation. In our Sacraments which we celebrate in the Church, Jesus is at the center; Baptism is no different. In being baptized by John, Jesus "raises" the celebration of Baptism to the sacramental level, thus making it the "gateway" to other Sacraments. Throughout the centuries, the Church has wrestled with the question of baptism. The ("when" of Baptism has been debated for centuries, with the question centering on the readiness of the child to receive such a gift. In our Church, it is the parents who answer for the child in infant baptism; many wonder if this doesn't alter, if not negate, the power of the sacrament. I tend to think not, as we have other opportunities (such as First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) throughout our lives to validate our faith.

In any event, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord gives us, as a Church, an opportunity to reflect on the gift that Baptism is for us. One of the great joys I have, as you might imagine, is to celebrate a baptism. It is made even more special when it can be celebrated at Mass, with the full support of the people. It highlights the importance of the community in the life of faith of the individual Catholic. While we, and we alone, receive the Sacraments of the Church, they are a sign and symbol of a larger reality. That reality is that it is in and through the community that we live our faith and it is in and through the community that this faith is sustained, nourished and strengthened. May we realize the gift that Baptism (and all Sacraments) is for the Church, the People of God. May we know God's love through the Sacraments, and may we share that love with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul





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

**The Next Second Collection**  
**December 1, 2019 — Saint Vincent de Paul Collection**

Financial Blessings		St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS		<i>Thank you to those who gave to the</i>		<i>Grand Annual</i>	
OFFERTORY	9/15/19	\$ 3,352	\$3,412	\$ 4,070	\$ 5,333
	9/22/10	\$ 3,155	\$3,412	\$ 4,544	\$ 5,333
Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future.					

### Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

A Holy Hour for Life, Forgiveness, and Healing will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm at St. Ann Parish, 95 North Main Street, West Bridgewater. This evening is part of the Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion on demand. Led by Deacon Joseph Hopgood, Deacon Brendan Fitzgerald, and Deacon Leo Donoghue, all will pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, for those who have been wounded by abortion, for those facing death, and for increased holiness in the Church. All are welcome to join us for this hour of prayer and reflection.

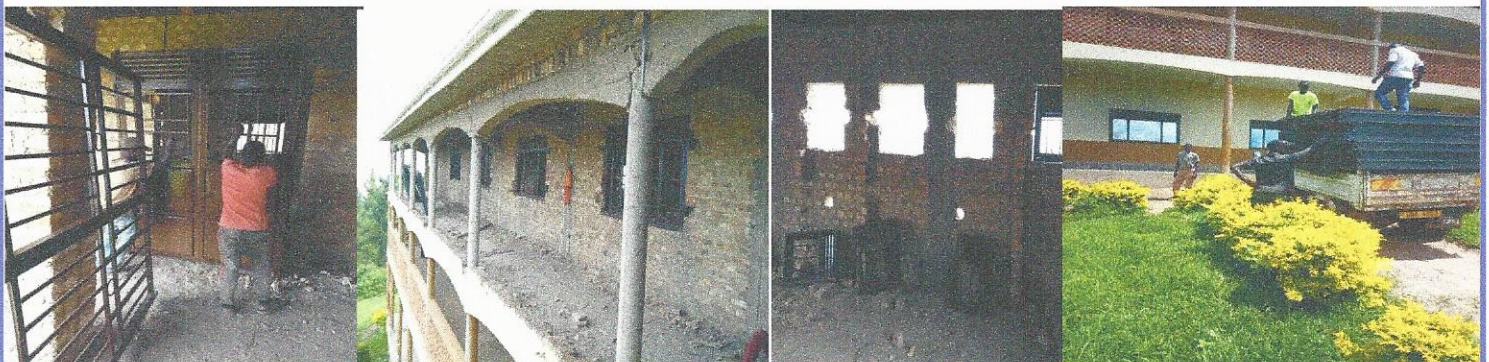
### The Life of Our Parishes

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst" (MT 18:20). In that same way, when we gather to minister to God's people, Jesus is there with us.

#### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

The Family Life Ministry is committed to creating a supportive atmosphere for the growth and development of family life by addressing the spiritual and social needs of families in our parish and community. Members of this ministry monthly provide activities to the patients at Sachem Nursing Facility, donate money to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, bring communion to the patients at Sachem, organize and run both the annual picnic and Easter Egg Hunt, and maintain the lending library in the basement of the church near the CCD Office. They meet once per month on the 2nd Tues of each month and are always looking for new members. If you think this ministry might be a good fit for you, please call the Rectory.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba wrote to give an update on the progress of the dormitory in Uganda, St. Benedict's School. All is going well and the window's have been installed. He sends his sincere thanks.





## NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after Mass on Monday & Tuesday  
Adoration — First Friday of the month following  
the 9:00 a.m. Mass concluding with Benediction at  
10:30 a.m.

Baptismal Bib

Question:

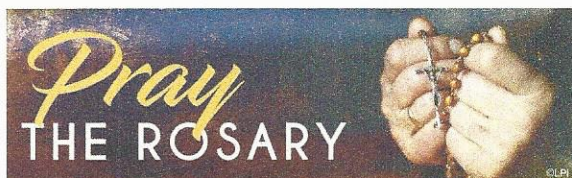
At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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### 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.

Glory to God  
in the highest,  
and on earth  
peace among  
those with whom  
he is pleased!

LUKE 2:14

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Thank you to Linda Santry and all who gave to the Giving Tree.

Thank you to the Christmas Decoration Committee; the Church was beautiful and.....

Thank you to the musician for making the masses so beautiful!!



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle  
Saturday, January 25, 2020  
1—3 PM  
Saint Ann's Parish Center

Raffles will be held the last weekend of each month.



## Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, JoAnn Micalizzi, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac, Diane Nicolar, Paul Martin, Kerri Fabrowski, Jim Koury, William Neyman, Janet Wooters, Rene Barnett, Baby William, David Warren, Bill Frabetti, George Lepine, Dennis Green, Joseph Rizzitano, Richard Harvey, Sandra Garbardi, Nick, Jennifer Washkevich, Karen Parento, Alice Keymont, Paul Currie, Dennis Green, John McCovy Murphy & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Thank you to all who supported the Catholic Women's Club Bake Sale

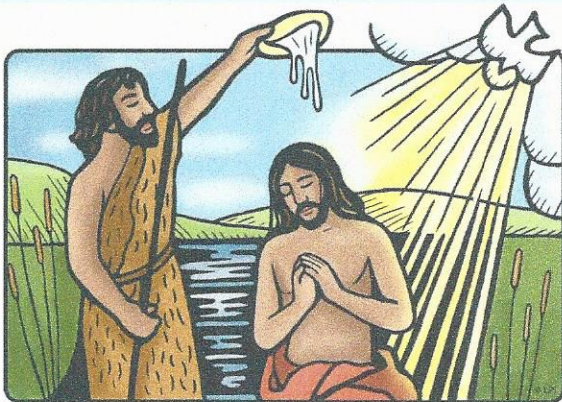
Thank you to the Christmas Decorating Committee!

The church looked beautiful!!

Thank you to Paul Hoffman and the musicians for making the Christmas Masses so beautiful.

Thank to Lorraine Hopgood and all the people who generously gave to the giving tree.

Thank you to Saint Vincent de Paul for all they did for people this Christmas Season and all year!



After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." — Mt 3:16-17

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

Advent Mission — 12/ 8, 9, 10 check for times & locations

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. EXCEPT JAN & FEB.

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

### January 12—The Baptism of the Lord:

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

*Don't forget the need will be there for January and February !*

White tuna, cereal, and soups are always needed.

## CLEANERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

WE ARE DOWN TO THREE TEAMS.

WE NEED TWO MORE TEAMS.

call 508-378-4207 PLEASE

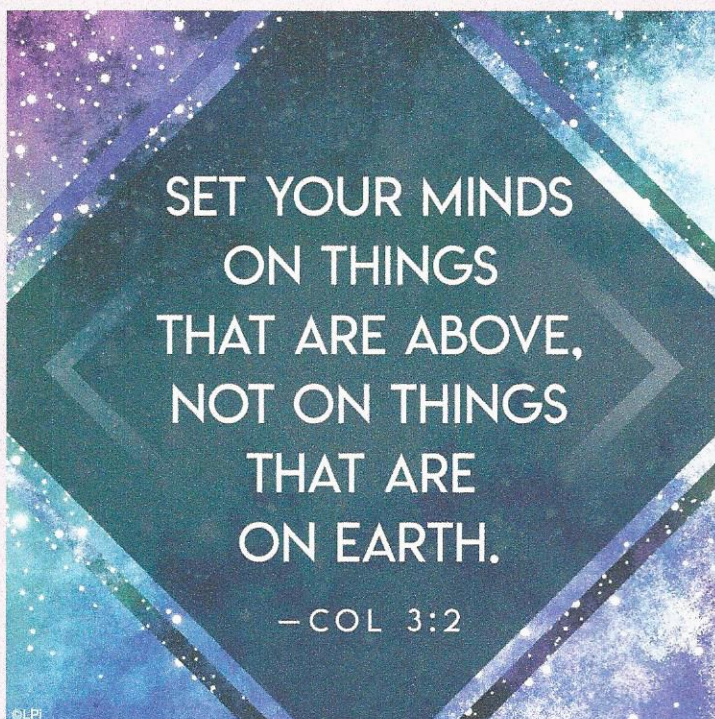


### BAPTISM OF THE LORD





**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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).



**TEEN MASSES**  
**6:00 PM**

**January 12th**  
**@ St John's**

**February 9th**  
**@ St, Ann's**

**March 8th**  
**@ St. John's**

**January 11th — 8:00 - 12:00**  
**10th Grade**  
**Confirmation Retreat**  
**St Ann's Parish Center**