



*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 November 24, 2019
 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe*



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00 - Emily Harrington — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Siobhan Whitman — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00 - Ellen Quinn Kachuck — Memorial

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:00 - Parishioners of St. John

10:30 - Kathleen Climo — 9th Anniversary
Fred Climo — 2nd Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00 - Frank & Lucille Jullo — Memorial

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:30 - Stephen J. Nyhan — 5th Anniversary

Paul (Koz) Egersheim — 3rd Anniv.

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Friday, November 29, 2019

9:00 -- Francis & Antoinette Phelan — Mem.

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00 - Lori Savage Jenkins — 16th Anniversary

Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:30 - Deceased Members of the Cardinal

O'Connell Assembly K of C 4th Degree

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

9:00 - Aristides Cavacas — Memorial

My Dear Friends in Christ,



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, marking the last Sunday in the liturgical year (where did the time go?!). Next week, we move into Advent, that great time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. It is also a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord as the King of Glory, but we have the next four weeks to explore that. On this week, we celebrate the “kingship” of Christ. I put the word in quotes not to minimize its importance, but to highlight the fact that Christ’s Kingship is unlike that of an “earthly” king. Jesus’ kingship is one of service, humility and love, rather than one of power and prestige. Today’s gospel passage shows this fact clearly.

In the gospel passage before us, from Luke, we move “fast forward” into the Crucifixion. Jesus, in His final moments here on earth before His death (and resurrection and ascension), isn’t presenting a very “kingly” image (at least not by earthly standards). He is being mocked and taunted, being called upon to “prove” His kingly stature and power. What they (the crowd and one of the thieves being crucified with Jesus) don’t get is that this is *exactly* the type of kingship Jesus wishes to portray. Humble, obedient to the will of God, even forgiving (to the “good thief”), Jesus shows to those around Him what his mission was, and is, all about. It is a perfect segue, in fact, to the Advent Season, when we prepare for the two-fold coming of Christ – His coming as the Christ-Child, and His arrival as the King of Glory (at the end of time). Jesus is living out, in this gospel passage, what our lives are to be all about as well. As we conclude our liturgical year, it is a good time to reflect upon how we see Jesus. Do we see Jesus as the crowd sees Him – weak, powerless, a “pushover”, or do we see Him as He really is – humble, obedient and offering the ultimate gift in taking our sins upon Himself and thus saving the world?

This day offers us an opportunity to figure out who Jesus is for us. For many, Jesus is a prophet; for many, a holy man. Jesus is all of that – and more. Jesus came into the world to die – that fact is made clear by the events of today’s gospel. To what ends the death of Jesus accomplishes have yet to be realized, because we are still living our faith out on earth. There will come a time, however, when the meaning and power of Jesus’ actions will become perfectly clear. This will happen at the end of time, when Jesus comes again to call us home to the Kingdom. Will we be ready, willing and able to answer that call? Now is the time to prepare, because the time of this event is not known by us. It is only known by God. May we use this time – the Solemnity of Christ the King, as well as the Advent Season – to prepare our minds, hearts and lives for Jesus’ coming – His coming as the Christ-Child and His coming as the King of Glory.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul



Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated at Saint John’s on Thanksgiving Morning at 8:00 AM

December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, it will be celebrated on December 9th

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

The Next Second Collection October 20, 2019 — World Mission Sunday

| Financial Blessings | St. Ann's | Budget | St John's | Budget |
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| 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 |
| | 9/22/10 | \$ 3,155 | \$3,412 | \$ 5,333 |
| Updated offertories will be available sometime in the future. | | | | |

SOMETHING TO PRAY ABOUT — FROM THE VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Our ministry is dedicated to trying to create a “culture of vocations” in our Together in Christ Collaboration since we are all called to work on discerning our vocations throughout our lives.

No matter what our age or what we are currently doing with our lives, we should be asking what God is calling us to do next. We all belong to God and everything we have is from God. So we should always be asking Him what He desire us to do with this gift of life He has given us.

THANKS TO ALL who joined in saying extra prays for vocations the week of November 3 - 9. Additional “Family Prayer for Vocations” cards and extra pamphlets with the “Rosary for Vocations” are till available at the doors of both churches for those who did not pick them up yet. We hope everyone will continue to add these prayers to their regular prayer life!!

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts: Psalm 95

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.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir sings Sunday at designated 10:30 am Masses during the school year. Rehearsals are Monday nights from 6-7, as scheduled. Any child who has received First Holy Communion is welcome to participate. Children who play an instrument are also welcome. Children who are not able to make a weekly commitment may join us seasonally for Christmas and Easter. The Children's choir also sings at the First Communion Masses. For more information please contact [Paul Hoffman](#).

Teen Choir

The Teen Choir sings at the Sunday 6:00 pm Teen Mass, as scheduled. Rehearsal time is at 5 pm, prior to Mass. For more information please contact [Paul Hoffman](#). The Teen Choir also sings on Christmas Eve Mass and for Confirmation Masses.

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at select Masses. Rehearsal times is usually one hour prior to Mass. The choir also meets Monday evenings during Advent and Lent in preparation for Christmas Eve and The Paschal Triduum. For more information please contact [Paul Hoffman](#).

Anyone interested in joining one of these ministries should contact the Rectory for St. John’s 508-378-4207 or St. Ann’s 508-586-4880.

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.

Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Each year we give clothing gift cards 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 or have no family to remember them at Christmas. If you know if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.

ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



AND LUNCHEON WILL BE ON

December 8, 2019

At 12:00 PM in the Parish Center

Baked goods will be needed for after the Pageant, Donations of Pastries, Cookies or Brownies may be dropped off in the Parish Center the morning of the Pageant



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.

SAINT ANN — COMING UP

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Kick off — the weekend of
December 7 & 8.

Thank you for your generosity in the

St. Vincent de Paul

Food Drive.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please join us for a

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

November 24th

At 7 PM — At Saint Ann's



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, November 30, 2019
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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Would You Rule Your Kingdom?

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

— Tracy Earl Welliver



IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

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

Catholic Womens' Club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul
Saint John's Conference
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November 24: Feast of Christ the King

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3rd Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

White tuna, cereal, and soups are needed for the winter.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. CORI'S NEED TO BE DONE. CORI'S ARE DUE DECEMBER 1ST.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO HAVE YOUR CORI DONE:

**LORRAINE — LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PAUL HOFFMAN — CHOIRS
DEBBIE — COUNTERS, CLEANERS
VINCE ADORNATO — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

**THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY
WILL BE SELLING LOLLIPOPS**

**THIS WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 23 & 24
AFTER ALL THE MASSES**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT
MINISTRY.**

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.*

Advent Wreath

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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