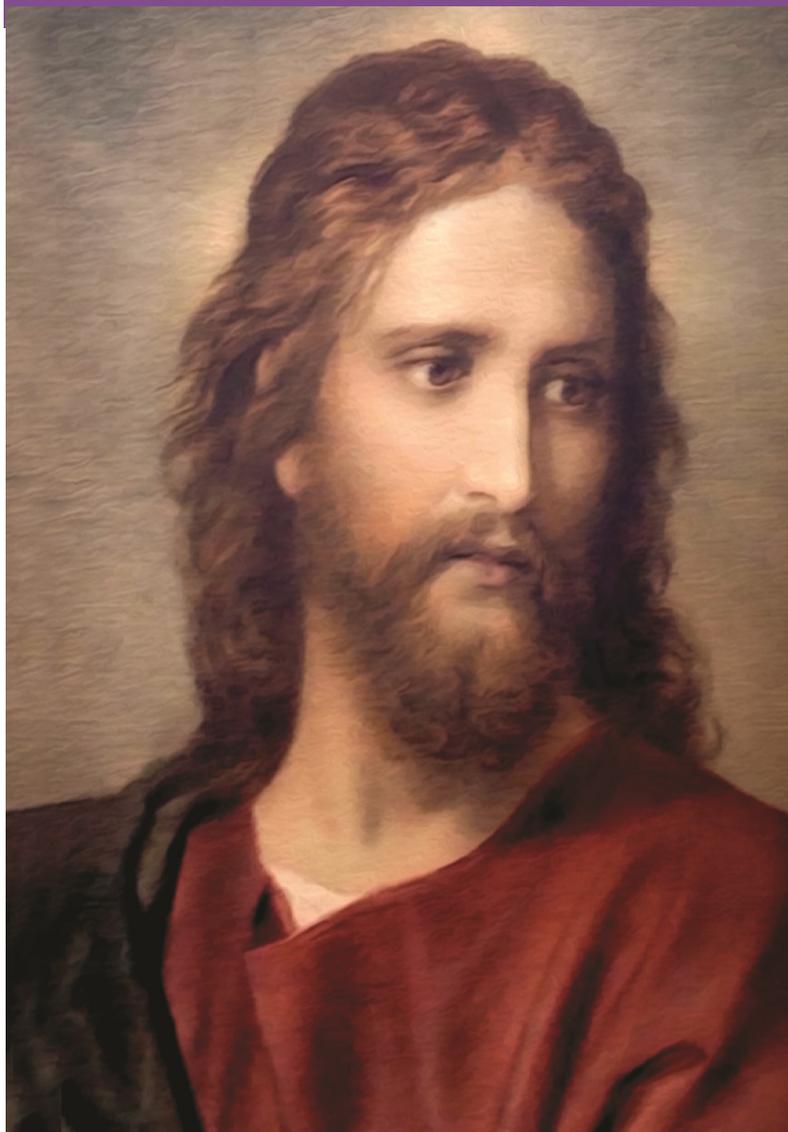




*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent*



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
- Mt 24:44

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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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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:00 - Christopher Thompson — Memorial

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:00 - Ruth M. MacDonald — Month's Mind

James F. MacDonald — 17th Anniv.

Kathleen Cicala — 1st Anniversary.

10:30 - Valerie Teague — 3rd Anniversary

6:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:00 - Lori Savage Jenkins — 16th Anniversary

Sunday, December 1, 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

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 - Peace around the World

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Ana & Manuel Barros — Memorial

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

9:00 - Sally B. Moran — 12th Anniversary

Friday, December 13, 2019

9:00 - Christiano Victoria — 12th Anniversary



December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday this year. Therefore, it will be celebrated on December 9th
Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation; however, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 at Saint Ann's



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent has arrived! It's hard to believe, but we begin another liturgical year. We begin our use of "Cycle 'A'" for Sundays and "Year I" for Week-days, for the liturgically-minded in our congregation. We also move into usage of Matthew's Gospel. Thematically, Matthew's Gospel (written, most likely, not by Matthew, but by an anonymous Jewish-Christian) revolves around the Kingdom of Heaven and Jewish elements such as Jesus' lineage to David and Jesus portrayal as "King of the Jews". These elements, while not unique to Matthew, are stressed most profoundly in Matthew's Gospel.

This "sets the stage" for us to begin our new liturgical year. As we dive headfirst into Advent, we "begin at the end", so to speak. Jesus, in today's gospel, is speaking of the end times, of what will occur as we are called home to the aforementioned Kingdom of Heaven. This is appropriate to our Advent journey, for Advent is a time of "two-fold waiting" – waiting for the Christ Child, born from the line of David, and the waiting for Jesus as the King of Glory who calls us home to fullness of life in the Kingdom (of Heaven). This waiting can be, for many, a test of faith (and patience, if you are of a certain youthful age, waiting for Christmas to arrive!). We want to go to heaven, but we also want to live life to the fullest here on earth. The thing to remember about our lives on earth is that they are but a foretaste and promise of what awaits us in the Kingdom. We can go about working (as is evidenced in today's gospel), but we should be ready, here and now, for Jesus' call to join Him for all eternity. This is the sum of the "two-fold waiting".

Our Advent journey is also a time of preparation of those "waitings". Often times, we think of Lent as the season of "preparation", with its emphasis on reconciliation, of "making straight the path". This language will appear to us next week, with the emergence of John the Baptist. Advent, like Lent, is a time for us to clear out the "spiritual dead-wood", those things which are not of God. One way we can do this is by taking advantage of one of the "hidden gems" of our Church - the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we open our hearts to God in this way, we make known to God those things of which we want to rid ourselves.

May we use the opportunities Advent presents to grow in our relationship with God and His Church. May we know God's healing love in the sacraments (of Eucharist and Reconciliation). May we always be aware of God's desire to share the gifts of faith, hope and love with us, and may we, in turn, share these gifts with all whom we meet.

Have a Blessed Advent Season,

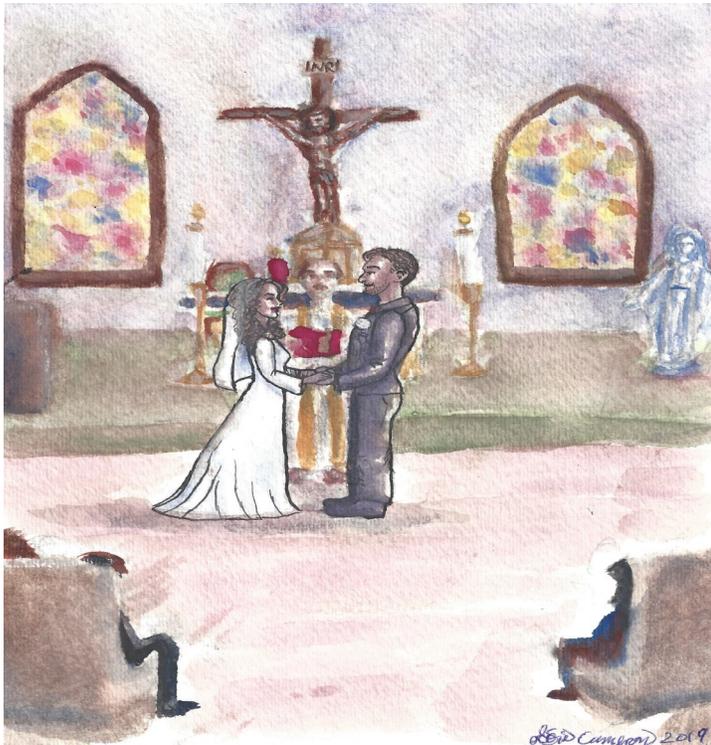
Fr. Paul

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.					

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



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless
Your Church with an
abundance of holy and
zealous priests, deacons,
brothers and sisters.
Give those You have
called to the married
state and those you have
chosen to live as single
persons in the world
the special graces that
their lives require. Form
us all in the likeness of
Your Son so that in Him,
with Him and through
Him we may love You
more deeply and serve
You more faithfully,
always and everywhere.
With Mary, we ask this
through Christ Our
Lord.
Amen.

A special thanks to Sophia Cameron for the Art Work.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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New mailing address:
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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.

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Kick off — the weekend of
December 7 & 8.

*Collaborative Advent Mission
"Vocation to Service"*

*Sunday, Dec. 8th — 6:00 PM
Teen Mass at Saint Ann's
Followed by
Guest Speaker from My Brother's Keeper*

*Monday, December 9th — 7:00 PM
At Saint Ann's
Rev. Eric Caden
"Vocations of Priests and Religious Sisters"*

*Tuesday, December 10th — 7 PM
At Saint John's
Dr. Aldona Lingertat
"Vocation to the Universal Call to Holiness"*



Knights of Columbus Meat Raffle
Saturday, December 28, 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 Nicolai, 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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wide-Open Eyes

When my first child was born, we had a nursery created for him that featured images from "The Beginner's Bible" painted on all the walls. (You may have seen this Bible before, where the Biblical figures in the book all had large wide-open eyes.) Images of Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, and Jesus were displayed on all four walls. On the largest wall was a big picture of Noah's Ark with lots of animals. As our son got older, we would point to images on the wall as we read bedtime stories to him. Our son is now in his 20's and living several hours from us, so those days are far behind in our rearview mirror of life.

We prepared quite a lot for his birth. When our next two children were born, the preparation time had decreased significantly. Most parents know what I am talking about. The newness of your first-born brings with it so much emotion that you are compelled to spend countless hours preparing. When the next children are born, you are certainly excited, but you act differently and with a little more reserve.

For most readers, this is not your first Advent. It probably won't be your last. If you approach these December days simply as a way to prepare for Christmas, you may find yourself just doing the same old thing as last year. However, if you spend this time reflecting on the time when Jesus returns or when you shall see him face-to-face, you might be able to stir up some of that emotion of anticipation within you. Jesus *is* coming again. When people of all ages understand that reality, it can be a cause for large, wide-open eyes indeed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Don't forget
Christmas on the Common!!**



Saturday, December 7, 2019

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.

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

December 1: First Sunday of Advent

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

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.

**The Catholic Women's Club
Bake Sale
Weekend of Dec 21 & 22
At Saint John's
After all the Masses**



**No time to bake, Donate
All Donations Welcome!!!!**

**Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow—proceeds to help with
"Heating for the Church"**

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

Friday, December 6, 2019 at 8:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 580 Monponsett St. Halifax, Ma
Immediately followed by an evening of prayer and healing with Frank Kelly. For Further info, please call Cheryl, 781-293-7971

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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