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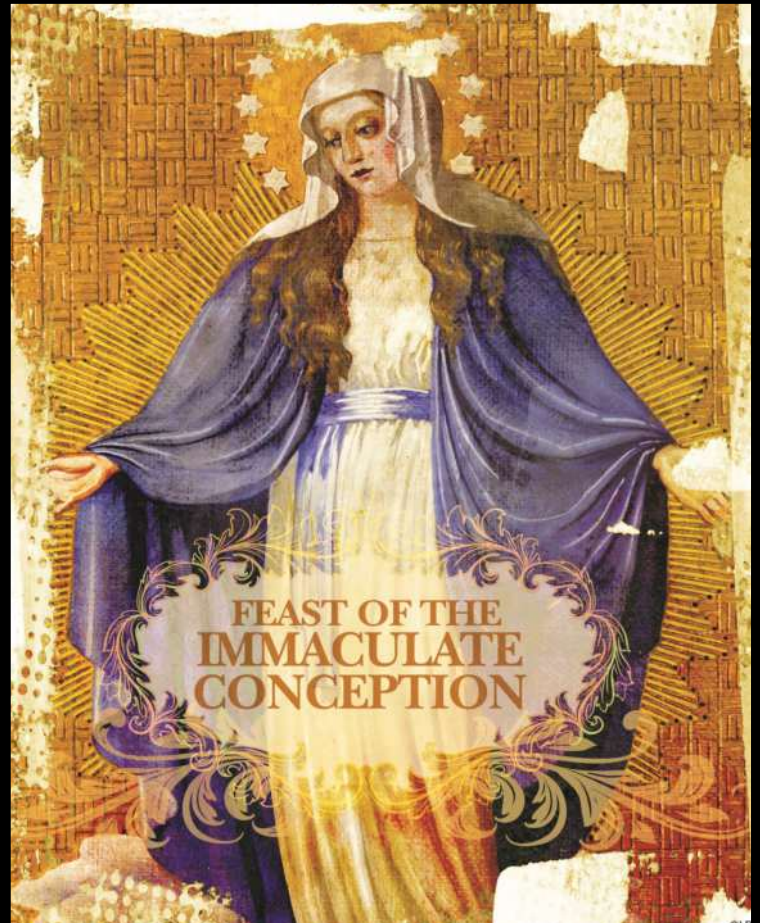
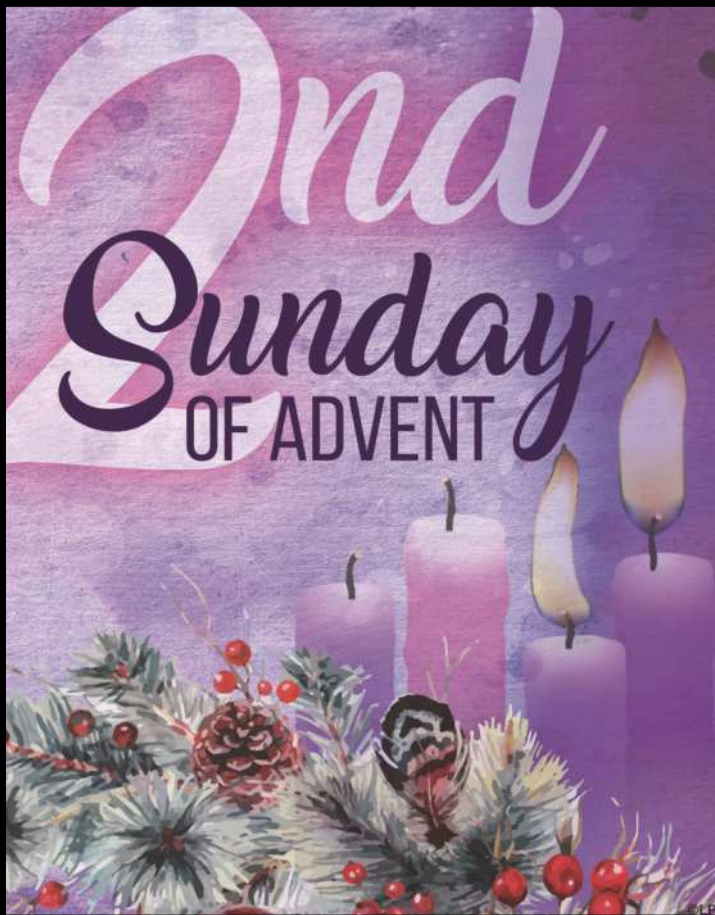
*Together in Christ Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 December 7, 2025*

Second Sunday of Advent

Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope



Sunday, 8:00 AM
 Sunday, 11:30 AM



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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Thursday

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.
Please 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.

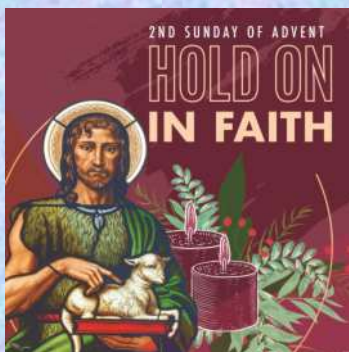
Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 6, 2025

4:00 - Manuel & Anna Barros & Fam. — Memorial

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:30 - Frank & Catherine O'Brien — Christmas Memorial

6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, December 11, 2025

9:00 - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 - Christiano Victoria — 18th Anniversary

Sunday, December 14, 2025

9:30 - David LaCourtüre, Sr. — 3rd Anniversary

6:15 - Teens of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 - Benjamin Andrea — 2nd Anniversary

11:30 - Dorothee Boisclair — Birthday Remem.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:00 - Suzanne Shepard — Anniversary

11:30 - Richard Murray — 5th Anniversary

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**Will be a Holy Day of Obligation
Celebrated
December 8th**

Saint Ann's will celebrate at 9:00 AM

And

Saint John's will be at 7:00 PM

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Friends in Christ,



John the Baptist presents to us an interesting figure. While prophetic in nature (by what he says), he is unlike any other prophet who has come before (by how he speaks, as well as how he looks!). John's appearance is something to behold, and it gets the attention of the crowd; like any good preacher, he has a "hook". His message, however, is what really stands out, what separates him from the rest of the "crowd" (the itinerant preachers who people have seen come and go).

John comes to us as a herald of God's Word, as well as God's Promise of the Messiah. There were some in the crowd who thought that John was "THE ONE", the Messiah. He is quick to dispel that thought, however, because while the baptism that John offers is one of water, there is one who will be coming to baptize in water AND the Holy Spirit. This one, of course, is Jesus Christ. This is how John separates himself from the rest of the pack. There might have been others who spoke of the coming of the Messiah, but John does so with an authority and power that has never been seen previously. This is because John has been singled out by God to deliver this message.

John brings a call for repentance to ready oneself for the coming of the Messiah. John's voice is "one crying out in the desert" (Is 40:3); his "cry" is to "make straight the path" (Jn 1:23). We are to clear out that "spiritual dead-wood", those things that are not of God, so that when Jesus comes again (at the end of time) He will find in us a welcome home. We should not wait, however, for that time, for we "know not the day or the hour" (Mt 25:13). We should begin here and now to prepare for that coming. This is what Advent is all about. Advent is, for us, an opportunity to get ourselves ready for the two-fold coming of Christ. We are to prepare for His coming not only at Christmastime, but at the end of ALL time. If we do this here and now, we need not worry about how we will be received by Jesus.

May we use this Advent Season, this time of preparation, wisely and well. May we ready our hearts, homes and lives for the coming of Christ. May we be found ready, so that when Christ comes we may hear those words of Scripture ring in our ears and hearts: "Well done, good and faithful servant...share in your Master's joy!" (Mt 25:23).

A Blessed Advent to You All,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

December Family Mass

December 7 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann

This Mass will be sponsored by our Monday 4th grade class. They will be doing the readings and bringing up the gifts. We invite all kids in attendance to join Fr. Paul for the homily and everyone to join us at the back of the church afterwards for snacks.

December Teen Mass

12/14 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann
Our next Teen Mass is December 14. At these Masses, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please

Sandwich Making for Capuchin Mobile Ministries

December 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Ann

Join us as we make sandwiches for Fr. Paul and the team from Capuchin Mobile Ministries to distribute to the homeless in Boston and Cambridge. All are welcome, especially those in need of service hours!

Christmas Pageant

Sunday 12/14 at 1 pm, St. Ann's Parish Center

Join us as our children share the story of Jesus' birth and we have a birthday party for him! There will be plenty of food and fun.

Please bring a non-perishable food item as a birthday present for Jesus and the Food Pantry!

St. John's is once again partnering with East Bridgewater HUGS to host a Giving Tree for our families in need. Please stop by the tree and **select a tag or tags, sign the sheet, shop for the gifts, and return them to any drop off location by Dec 13th.**

EBHUGS also accepts gift cards, cash, checks, venmo and paypal on the HUGS website www.ebhugs.org

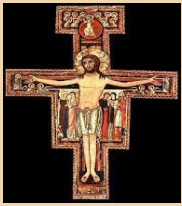


If you wish to volunteer or would like more information, please contact us at : wishes@ebhugs.org

Thank you for your support!
Happy Holidays!

Drop off locations:

Town Clerk's Office, at Town Hall, EB Public Library, Dewhurst Lumber, Paula Coffee Dance Center, Happy Frog Ink, Center at Sachem Rock, Cadence Academy, Commercial Club, Michelle's Studio of Dance, Town Tavern and Tap



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

As a Secular Franciscan, one strives to live the ideals of St. Francis in their everyday life, bringing into practice the idea that one should...and can...see Christ in everyone. This is especially true when one encounters someone who lives on the “fringe” of society, someone who might be thought of “less than” by society because of some social, cultural, or physical stigma. St. Francis’ life radically changed when he encountered the leper on the road. He had encountered many lepers on the road, no doubt, and most would probably think this encounter to be no different. Francis would see the leper, avoid the leper at all costs, and move on. This encounter would be different. At this moment, something stirred within Francis and he saw nothing less than the presence of Christ in this leper. He dismounted, approached the leper, and kissed him – something unheard of to anyone, certainly Francis! It was at this moment that Francis’ life changed, a conversion took place, and his life would never be the same. To see Christ in the leper, that is to see Christ in the marginalized, disenfranchised, outcast, is something which the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society strive to do each time they open the doors to the bi-monthly Food Pantry that is found in the basement of St. John’s Church.

One of the members of our Society, in particular, who saw this Christ-like visage in anyone who walked through the doors of the Food Pantry was Vince Adornato. Vince wasn’t just the “Past President” of St. Vincent de Paul, he was a stalwart member who worked tirelessly in bringing Christ’s love to life in a most Franciscan way. Vince was a true Franciscan without ever donning the brown habit of a Franciscan or the Tau Cross of a Secular Franciscan. Vince lived the ideals of the Franciscan life each time he stepped foot in the doors of the Church, whether it was as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or member of St. Vincent de Paul. A few years ago, the Lord called Vince to his Eternal Reward. His passing was a loss to all of us here in the Collaborative and to me in particular. I spent many an evening enjoying his cooking, his humor, and his friendship. I have no doubt Vince received a warm welcome from everyone who preceded him in death, especially his beloved wife Pam. I also believe the Lord gave him a place of honor at the Eternal Banquet Table, because of the many times he fed the hungry who crossed the threshold of the Pantry. As he entered through the Gates of the Heavenly Kingdom, he no doubt heard those words we all hope to hear upon our arrival to the Kingdom, “Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your Master’s joy” (Matthew 25:21). Vince will always be loved, never forgotten, and missed until we see him again. God Speed, my friend.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Paul, OFS

Fiscal Updates & News 11-16-25

St. Ann — Offertory	\$3,024
Second Collection	\$1,250
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	\$ 175
	<u>\$ 4,327</u>

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$1,734
Second Collection	\$1,203
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	\$1,390
Total	<u>\$ 4,327</u>

AS OUR FOOD PANTRIES BECOME MORE NECESSARY, WE ARE ASKING PARISHIONERS TO DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AT EACH MASS.

THANKSGIVING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. A TIME FOR US ALL TO GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT WE HAVE AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE LESS.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BASKETS ON THE ALTAR.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT THE PANTRIES CAN USE:

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PAPER TOWELS
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It’s time to think about the Christmas Flowers!

Our financial situation is such that we are only able to afford as many flowers as the donations are received. So, we ask that you send in your Christmas flower donation as soon as you can so we can buy the flowers and be fully decorated!

We will again be posting the names of your loved ones for whom you made the donations. Remember to put the name of you loved ones on the envelopes. If you use a plain Envelope be sure to include you name and your loved ones.

Thank you for your support.

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



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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:



Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Sharon Carson & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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Thank you to all those who donated to our recent clothing and book drive, and our gratitude to those who continue to make monetary donations to our collection boxes at the door of the church. Without your ongoing generosity to all our fundraising efforts we would not be able to continue to assist our neighbors in their time of need.

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: December 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater 02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

Need: cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing
Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333

Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

December 1 & 15

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables pasta & pasta sauce, non-sugar cereal, tooth-paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

Christmas Sharing Planning

After surveying our Christmas Sharing families, we will again be asking you for gift cards that will be distributed to the families and senior citizens. The following stores are preferred: Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon. We are asking for gift cards in any amount up to \$50. This will allow us the flexibility to give an amount appropriate to the family or senior citizen. We will also need \$25 Trucchi's or Market Basket cards for families and Senior Citizens, and items for the Senior Citizens' gift bags. All gift cards should be placed in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing" in the St. Vincent dePaul boxes at the doors of the church, or sent to Linda Santry. Checks should be made out to St. Ann's, with "Christmas Sharing" in the memo line. They must be received by December 5th, to allow the parents' time to purchase gifts before Christmas. There is a box at the rear of the church for Senior Citizens gift bag items.

This year we will also be collecting toys for the parents to choose from for their children. There will be a bin in the back of the church for you to place new toys for children aged 1 to 16. See the handout on November 8/9th for more details.

If there are any questions, please call or email Linda Santry: 508-586-6535 or linda@santry.org, or Lisa

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

4 PM at Saint John w/ Choir

4 PM at Saint Ann

6 PM at Saint John

Midnight at Saint Ann

Christmas Day

8:30 at Saint Ann

10:30 at Saint John



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