



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2017*



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**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES**

**St John's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Daily Mass, Weds, Thurs, Fri.: 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, 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. 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 - Every Tuesday 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

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

December 10, 2017—Second Sunday of Advent

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 — Suzanne Shepard — 28th Anniversary

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:00 — Charles Matthews — 28th Anniversary

10:30 — Kay Coughlin — 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 — Bob Solakoff — Month's Mind

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:00 — Stacia & Robert Franciosi - Birthday Rem

10:30 — Ewa Morawski — 23rd Anniversary

### St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

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Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 - Jean Herbert — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, December 10, 2017

8:30 - Valerie Teague — 1st Anniversary

10:30 - Roy Carbone — 2nd Anniversary

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

9:00—Anne Hanson — 30th Anniversary

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 — Jonathan Correia — Memorial

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann's

## DEACON'S CORNER BY DEACON BRENDAN

We are well underway in our Advent journey this year. We had a wonderful opportunity during our Advent Parish Mission to listen to Jaymie Steward Wolfe. Our two parish families came together at Mass to worship and receive Our Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For those who could not attend because of work or other reasons, please devote some time to pray and/or reflect on the Sunday readings. We all have a great deal to do between now and the 25<sup>th</sup>. We cannot let Christmas sneak up on us without devoting some time and attention to make this Advent different from Advents past.



My Dear Friends in Christ,

The figure of John the Baptist is quite an imposing one. Yes, he was a prophet but he was unlike any that had been seen before. With a tunic made of camel's hair fastened by a leather belt, and dining on a diet of locusts and wild honey, John was unique. On top of all of this John resided in the desert, his life taking on a hermetic or monastic tone. It's no wonder that people stood up and took notice of this unusual man.

We would do well to notice John the Baptist as well. John is a seminal figure in the Advent journey, as he serves as a herald for Jesus' coming into the world. In the gospel passage we have before us this weekend, John is spoken of (by the prophet Isaiah) in his role as herald. He then comes into the spotlight, but one which he will not have for long. In speaking of the coming of the adult Jesus, the One who is already in the world and ready to begin His public ministry, John immediately sets the record straight, placing himself as messenger...not the message. He proclaims himself unworthy of that title, recognizing that he is "not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his (i.e. Jesus') sandals" (Mk 1:7). This gospel passage is a clear indicator of the roles that each is to play. John is the messenger, Jesus is the message.

This is where we come in. In our Advent journey, we are preparing our minds, hearts and lives for the coming of the Christ. In this preparation, there is a two-fold waiting: the waiting for the Christ Child, yes, but also the waiting for Christ as the King of Glory. It is this second "waiting" that is highlighted for us in the encounter we have with John the Baptist. It is by virtue of our baptism that we are called, like John, to be "heralds" of Christ. We are called to let people know that Jesus is coming, but we are also called to let people know that Jesus is already here. We let people know of Jesus' presence among us by how we conduct ourselves, how we live our lives. In proclaiming Jesus' presence, and by living our lives in union with Christ, we show in word and deed the place Jesus has in our lives.

May we continue on this Advent journey to prepare our minds, our hearts, our very lives for the coming of the Lord. May we also recognize Jesus' presence already among us and may we be unafraid to proclaim (and claim) Jesus in word and deed to all whom we meet.

A Blessed (Continued) Advent to All,

Fr. Paul

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS AT ST. ANN'S & ST. JOHN'S

## THE 2ND COLLECTION

This week — St. Vincent De Paul Society —

Next week — Special Parish Collection — for electrical work in Choir area and water damage at St. Ann's Rectory

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	11/26/17		11/26/17		
*In-Pew Giving		\$3,778	\$4,090		
*On-line			662.50	\$4,752.50	\$5,700
2nd Collection		\$1,144	\$1,513		
GRAND ANNUAL			\$1,613 coll'd this wk	\$14,165	\$32,000



Immaculate  
Conception  
of the  
Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
December 8

MASSES AT BOTH  
CHURCHES AT  
9:00 & 7:00 PM

HOLY DAY  
OF OBLIGATION



FLOWER ENVELOPES  
ARE IN THE PEWS  
AND AT THE DOORS OF THE  
CHURCH

Please return envelopes by  
December 17th

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Because the 4th Sunday of Advent is on  
December 24th :

Sunday Masses will be as usual. Saturday  
12/23 at 4:00, on Sunday 12/24 at 8:00  
and 10:30 am at Saint John's and at 8:30  
and 10:30 at Saint Ann's to fulfill the  
Sunday obligation.

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

Then at Saint John's, Christmas Eve  
Mass will be at 4:00 pm upstairs in the  
church and downstairs in hall. There will  
also be another Mass at 6:00pm in the  
church. Christmas morning, 12/25 we will  
have Mass at 10:30am.

The Midnight Mass will be at Saint Ann's  
this year.

Saint Ann's will have 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
Masses on Christmas Eve. As well as  
Christmas Day at 8:30 & 10:30 AM

**As of the first of the year, Saint Ann's and  
Saint John's address will be:  
103 N. Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
P O BOX WILL BE DISCONTINUED.**

### Christmas Eve Teen/Adult Collaborative Choir

Join our collaborative choir for Christmas Eve Midnight  
Mass at St. Ann's church this year!

Rehearsals are Monday evenings, 7:15-8:30,  
beginning 11/27 at St. John's. Contact Paul Hoffman,  
St. John's Music Director for more information.



New  
Choir Members  
Welcome!



### Family Healing from Addiction Ministry

The first Saturday of the month at:  
Holy Ghost Church, Whitman 11AM—12 Noon  
Light lunch to follow. For more info contact:  
Karen McWilliams 603-682-7933

Third Saturday of each month: at St. Ann's By the Sea,  
Marshfield, 10 AM—11 AM, light refreshments to fol-  
low. Contact Sean Flaherty 781-308-863

Fourth Saturday of each month at: St. Joseph the  
Worker, Hanson, 11:30—12:30, light refreshments  
Contact: Fr. Mike Hobson 781-293-3581 ext 211  
Rosary4recovery.com





# Parish and Youth Ministry

## Many Volunteers are Needed for Christmas

### Cleaning of the Church Buildings:

A large team of volunteers are needed for both Churches to dust, vacuum, change lightbulbs, clean light fixtures, wash floors, polish the pews, and general clean-up to create a welcoming and joyous worship space for the Christmas Season. This task cannot be accomplished without a team.

Pizza and Snacks will be served both nights to thank-you!

### Wednesday: December 20th– St. Ann’s Church

A Team of at least 10 people are needed. All ages are welcome!

### Friday: December 22nd– St. John’s Church

A team of at least 25 people are needed. The entire building is used for Christmas Liturgies . (Church, Chapel, Parish Hall) All ages are welcome!

### Decorating for the Christmas Season

Converting our Worship spaces into the Christmas Season is going to be tricky this year due to the need to make the switch on December 24th. We will begin at St. Ann’s after the 10:30 am Mass. Once St. Ann’s is completed we will move over to St. John’s. Decorating in both locations needs to be completed by 3:00 pm. A team of 10 volunteers in both locations is ideal. Please contact Nancy Smith to volunteer.

# Calendar



- 12/9: Christmas Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm at St. Ann Rectory
- 12/10: Pancakes with the Pastor from 9:00-10:00 am at St. John
- 12/14: Ultreya at 7:00 pm at St. John
- 12/15: Prayer Group from 10:00-11:30 am at St. John
- 12/17-Family Mass at 10:30 am at St. Ann
- 12/20: Church Cleaning for Christmas at 6:00 pm at St. Ann
- 12/22: Church Cleaning for Christmas at 6:00 pm at St. John
- 12/24: Church Decorating for the Christmas Season immediately following 10:30 am Mass at St. Ann

## Contact US:

Phone: 508-838-8490

Websites: stjohneb.org

email: nhenn71@hotmail.com

stannswb.com



## Winter Wonderland Weekend in North Conway

All are welcome to join our Together in Christ Collaborative January 12th-January 15th

It's not just a ski weekend-it's a family weekend and friends are welcome!!

We are headed to a new mountain, Cranmore, and we have three options for those that like to ski, have a weekend away to shop or have outdoor winter fun tubing or on a winter roller coaster! Trip includes four days of lodging , food, and trip expenses. You choose what parts you would like to participate in by choosing the Lift Tickets, Adventure Park or Shopping Options. In order to reserve your spot, the lodging needs to be paid in full by December 25th. Lodging and trip expenses are required, but all other expenses are for you to choose! We will have adults with us that will cook breakfast, lunch and dinner and have snacks on hand. Huge thanks to Delaney Lyons for creating this awesome trip for our Parishes. She did the research, designed the trip and kept costs down so that more people can join us! Hope that includes YOU!

For a complete breakdown of costs or to join this wonderful trip please contact Nancy Smith at 508-838-8390 or nhenn71@hotmail.com



## Fun Vacation Idea!\*

Our Annual Skate Night  
Wednesday, December 27th  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Bridgewater Ice Arena, Bridgewater  
\$5.00 includes rental skates  
\$20.00 family maximum



We have an ongoing partnership with Timberlanes Bowling Alley in Abington. Bowling for Two Hours for up to 6 people with shoes included \$24.95. You just need to show the flyer. <http://www.candlepin.com>



Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass. This month our Second Grade Families are volunteering.



# PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

## MASSPASS BOOK FUNDRAISER

### *St. Vincent de Paul*

Will be selling MassPass books at the end of each Mass for the next few weekends or you can call the Rectory

If you purchase a 2018 book for \$25, you will be given (for free) a 2017 book which is good until the 15th of December.



### 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.



The Annual Cupcake Sale for Smile Train Will take place the 16th & 17th of December.

Before



After

### Christmas Sharing Planning

Plans are being made for this year's Christmas Sharing Program and we need your help. Each year we provide clothing 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](mailto: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, have no family, or who have provided memorable service to St. Ann's. If you know if someone we should include, please call Linda Santry.



The Annual Christmas Pageant will be December 10th At Noon

All are cordially welcome to attend. Baked goods would be greatly appreciated.



*Linda Santry will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend regarding the Christmas Sharing Program.!!!*

### SAINT ANN'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A  
4 PM, 6 PM AND  
MIDNIGHT MASS WITH TEEN/ADULT  
COLLABORATIVE CHOIR  
CHRISTMAS DAY THERE WILL BE AN  
8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE PLEDGE FORMS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE FORM, PLEASE DO SO AND PUT IN THE COLLECTION BOX.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.



Every Thursday night  
At 6:30 — St. Ann's Parish Center  
Doors Open at 5:00

## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. JOHN'S

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Karen DeBenedictis, Carter Cullen, Theresa Capachione, Phyllis MacDonald, Ginger & John Margesion, Bob McGanty, Harry Hewins, Erica O'Sullivan, Bill O'Connell, Florence Lacey, Edie Lincoln, Danny Nichols, Kathy Turke, Christopher MacDonald, Jessica Chetwynd, Martha Bundeff, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Fr. Ed Doughty, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Tammy Engstrom, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Marie O'Malley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

### St. Vincent de Paul - St. John's Conference

#### Second Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those who may be struggling in our community.

**Is there someone you know who is in need of food or other assistance? Please have them call the St. Vincent de Paul HOTLINE at 508-378-3760 so that together we can help our neighbor's celebrate Christmas.**

Thank you for your past support of Horizons for Homeless Children by sharing our need for volunteers in Brockton. With over 16,000 children under the age of 6 experiencing homelessness in MA this year, your support is critical.

The holidays are right around the corner. We hope you might consider making the holidays brighter for local homeless children in Brockton. We are in need of new toys and other items from our wish list. You can ship items directly to our offices from our Amazon Wish list at [www.horizonschildren.org/amazon](http://www.horizonschildren.org/amazon). Items can be shipped to:

Horizons for Homeless Children  
25 Wareham St. Suite 2-23  
Middleboro, MA 02346



Children, grades 3-8, are welcome to join the Children's choir to sing at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. John's. First rehearsal is 11/27, 6 pm at St. John's. Contact Paul Hoffman for details 617-610-2255.



Is anyone available to clean St. John's on Thursdays every fifth week with Carmen Pearson.



We also need someone to vacuum the church once a week.

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING THREE IS UP



PARISHIONERS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12 PLEASE LET LORRAINE HOPGOOD KNOW IF HELP IS NEEDED.

PLEASE WRITE AMOUNT ON GIFT CARDS.

#### HEAVENLY HELPERS

We at Saint John's are blessed with Parishioners who answer the call of the parish. We want to thank those people and let them know how much they are appreciated.

Kathy & George Barris for updating the Bereavement Team Materials.  
Rich and Mark Ferrioli for hanging the crucifix at St. Ann's.  
Judy and Jim Walsh for taking on the care of the Altar Linens.  
As well as all the various people in all of our ministries who work so hard to make Saint John's prosper.

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