



*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent*



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For both Churches

TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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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PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 - Charles Matthews — 2nd Anniversary

10:30 - Ewa Morawski — 25th Anniversary

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 22, 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, December 14, 2019

4:00 - Jonathan Correia — 5th Anniversary

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Regis Bates — 100th Birthday Remem.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00 - Erminia A. Victoria — Birthday Remem.

Friday, December 20, 2019

9:00 - John McGue — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:30 - Joanne E. Hanson — Month's Mind

10:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo — Mem.



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 a 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 deadwood", 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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

SAIN'T ANN'S
Christmas Eve
 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. Masses
 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day — 8:30 & 10:30 Mass

Saint John's
Christmas Eve
 4 p.m. Mass (Upstairs) & (Downstairs)
 6:00 p.m. Mass

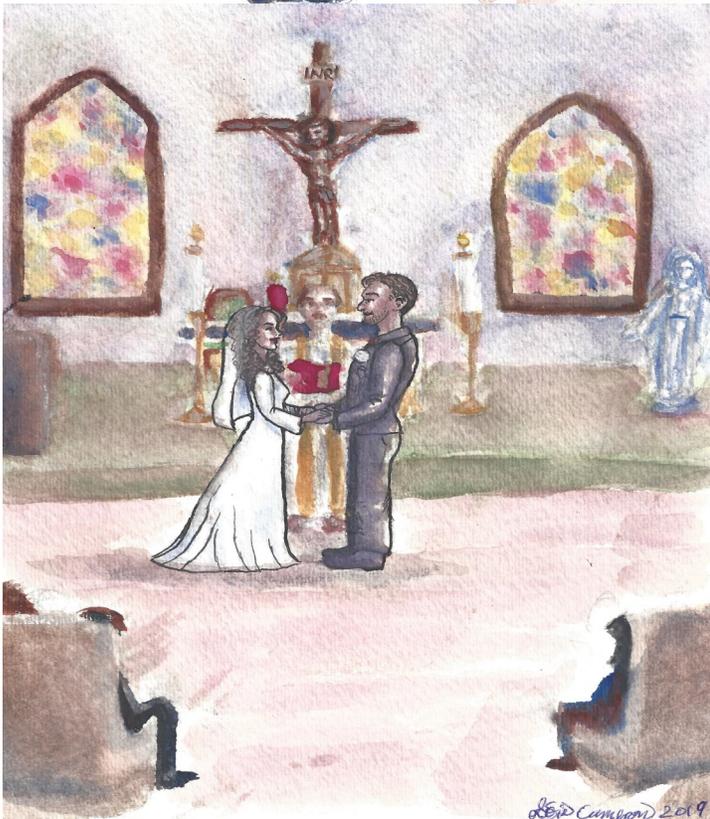
Christmas Day — 10:30 Mass

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.

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 Nicolari, 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 & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Leading the Way

There are many examples of false prophets in history. Some of these gifted charlatans have led people away from family and friends. They have led people to do evil things, like stealing, torture, or even murder. It is amazing how those gifted with charisma can lead others down such a destructive path. In today's modern world filled with so much technology and sophisticated communication platforms, one must be careful not to buy into a lie or scam so easily.

John the Baptist didn't have any modern technology in his toolbox as he was preparing the way for the Messiah, Jesus. He moved people with a profound message and by the way he lived his life. People questioned whether he was the One who was to come, but he assured them that he was not the One. Instead, all he did was to prepare people for Jesus' coming.

You and I can either lead people to Jesus by our words and actions, or we can lead them away from him. Our stewardship can be a powerful witness to how Jesus has changed our lives. Unfortunately, if we are not changed and instead act in ways that are contrary to a mature disciple, we can lead people down the wrong path. During the Advent season, there is much to be done in our homes and with our families to get ready for the celebration of Christmas. However, this is not about a day; it is about Jesus. May our actions and words bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ in our lives, not just during this season, but all year long.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." — MATT 11:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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
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December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

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.

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



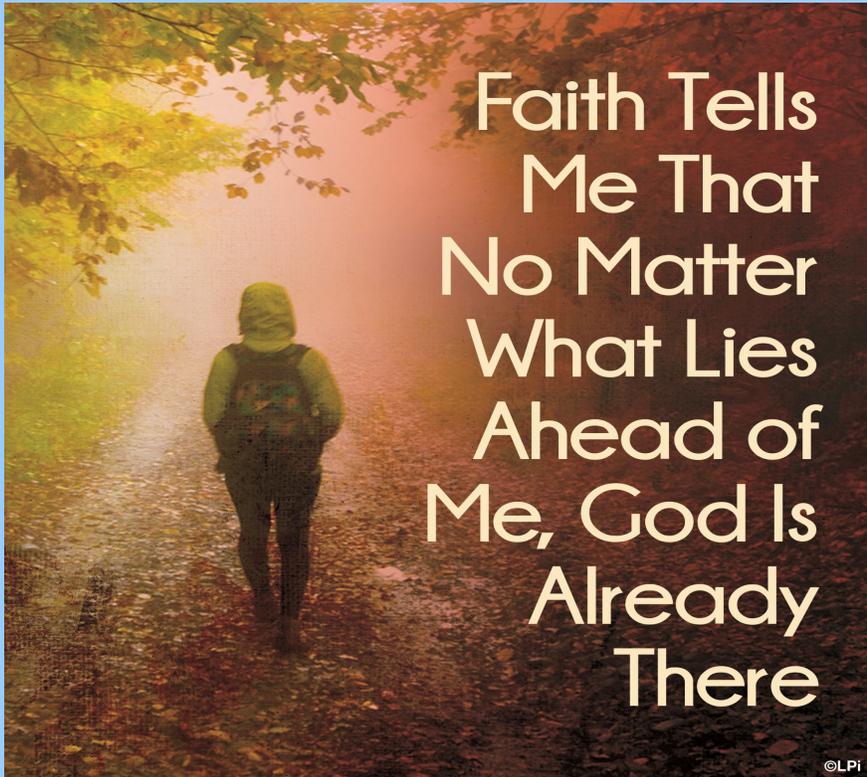
**No time to bake, Donate
All Donations Welcome!!!!**

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

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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.



TEEN MASSES

December 8th

January 12th

February 9th

March 8th

