



*TOGETHER IN CHRIST  
COLLABORATIVE  
St. Ann & St. John*



*December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent*

# *3<sup>rd</sup>* Sunday OF ADVENT



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## TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### **Pastor:**

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### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

#### **St John's**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

**Teen Mass –6 p.m., 4th Sunday of the Mo.**

**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—6:30, 2nd Sunday of the Mo.**

**Daily Mass, Mon, Tues, Fri.  
9:00 a.m.**

### SAINT ANN'S STAFF

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### 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 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 Tuesday 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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Deacon Joe Hopgood  
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Ben Williams  
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Margaret Mary Williams

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## **St. John is a Stewardship Parish**

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### **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

### **Sunday, December 16, 2018**

8:00 - Charles Matthews— 20th Anniversary

10:30 - Ewa Morawski — 24th Anniversary

### **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

9:00 - Christopher Thompson — Memorial

### **Saturday, December 22, 2018**

4:00 - E.B. Police Dept.

### **Sunday, December 23, 2018**

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Stephen Paul Kearney — Memorial

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## **St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish**

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### **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

4:00 - Jonathan Correia — Memorial Mass

### **Sunday, December 16, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Ida Malinsky — 10th Anniversary

### **Monday, December 17, 2018**

9:00 -- Joseph Ritucci — Memorial Mass

### **Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

9:00 — Erminia Victoria — Birthday Remem.

### **Saturday, December 22, 2018**

4:00 - Vinnie Hallisey — 4th Anniversary

### **Sunday, December 23, 2018**

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Francisco & Maria Figueiredo — Mem.

### **Friday, December 28, 2018**

9:00—William Lopes —17th Anniversary

## **3rd Sunday of Advent**

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Advent. It has a particular name, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" comes from the Latin, and it means "Rejoice". We "rejoice" on this Sunday because we are that much closer to the Christmas celebration. Today's celebration gives us a bit of a "breather", a chance to "take stock" as to where we are in our Advent journey and preparations.



Once again, John the Baptist is highlighted in the gospel. In the passage from Luke's gospel, John has just "dressed down" the crowds that came out to see him. John was certainly different than any prophet that had come before, but he was no "sideshow attraction". His words were sharp, and so was his prophetic vision. He knew that people were "sizing him up" to see if, perhaps, he could be the Messiah. In giving the people a "blueprint" on how they were to conduct themselves, he did not make it easy on them. John knew that the teaching of the Messiah would be tough to take, so he (like a good messenger) was preparing the crowd for Jesus. John also knew that if they could follow him, they could follow Jesus.

John's words are so powerful, in fact, that the "buzz" was going around that John might be the Messiah. It is understandable that people might think John the Messiah, because his words have a power and attraction that few, if any, prophets have brought. The idea that John is the Messiah is not a farfetched one, just an incorrect one. John puts this notion to rest, however, and with strong words. In calling himself "not worthy to loosen the thongs of his (Jesus') sandals" (Lk 3:16), he places himself at the service of Jesus and His message. The message that Jesus will speak will bring about repentance and healing, for the message that Jesus will bring will bear the mark of the Messiah.

Let us truly "rejoice" in the fact that God loves His people so much that He sent us a messenger such as John the Baptist. Let us "rejoice" in the "wake-up call" that John gives us this day, one that makes us aware that we must prepare with all our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Let us "rejoice" that our Messiah will soon be with us, as the Christ Child and the King of Glory. Let us be ready for the coming of the Lord by looking into our hearts and clearing out the "spiritual deadwood", those things that are not of God, and putting into our hearts the good things that God wants for us — the gifts of faith, hope, and love.

A Blessed Continued Advent,

Fr. Paul

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

## The Next Second Collection

Financial Blessings	St. Ann's	Budget	St John's	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	Figures not Available			
OFFERTORY		\$3,680		\$ 5,700
GRAND ANNUAL		\$32,000		\$32,000

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### SAINT ANN'S

CHRISTMAS EVE  
4PM, 6PM

CHRISTMAS DAY  
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

### SAINT JOHN'S

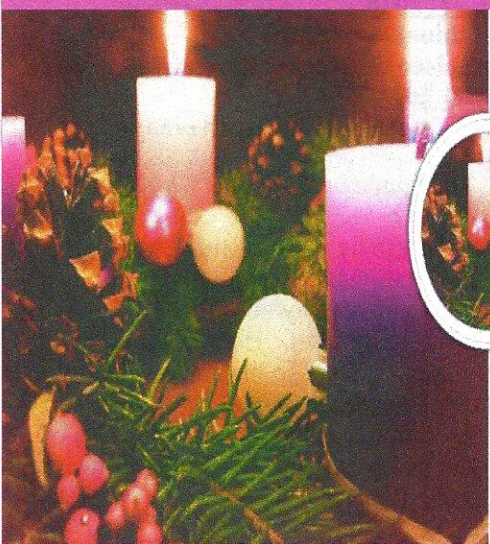
CHRISTMAS EVE  
4PM UPSTAIRS  
4PM DOWNSTAIRS  
6PM  
MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY  
10:30 AM

The Catholic Pastoral Care Program at Signature-Healthcare Brockton Hospital invites you to become a member of the Catholic Pastoral Visitors Program.

As a Eucharistic Minister, you will minister to patients through prayer and the offering of Eucharist. The anxiety caused by sickness is often a challenge for patients and their families. Your presence is the warmth of Christ and demonstrates the care of your local parish community. Please consider joining us as a Eucharistic Minister.

Contact Sr. Barbara Harrington at 508- 941-7000, ext. 12550. We look forward to welcoming you!



*We Wish You  
a Blessed 2018*

**ADVENT  
SEASON**

*LaSalette Retreat &  
Conference Center Team*

*Have a blessed Advent*

*LaSalette Retreat Center*

## 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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**The Smile Train**  
Changing The World One Smile At A Time

The Annual Cupcake Sale for The Smile Train  
Will take place the 15th & 16th of December.

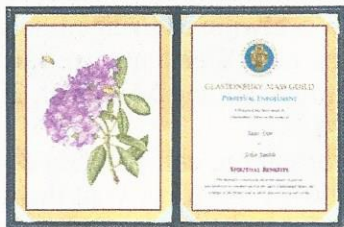
Before



After

**FLOWER ENVELOPES TO REMEMBER YOUR  
LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS ARE AT THE  
DOORS OF THE CHURCH.**

Glastonbury Abbey is a small community of Catholic monks. We live a monastic life that is the legacy of St. Benedict, whose vision of a common way of life in search of God has stood the test of time over fifteen centuries.



### Custom Printed Enrollments Online

Our custom Annual, Five year, and Perpetual enrollments are available online. We will ship to you or the recipient.

Visit us at [www.shop.glastonburyabbey.org](http://www.shop.glastonburyabbey.org)  
or call 781-749-2155 ext. 342



### 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.

**VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP  
DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR TIMES  
AND MORE INFORMATION.**



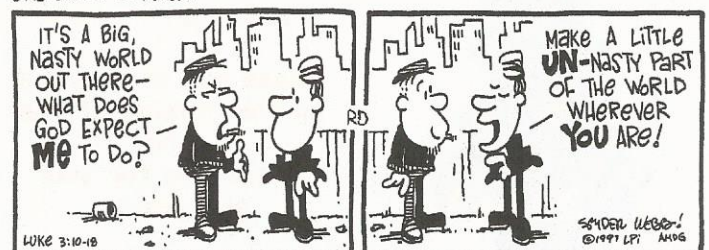
**CHRISTMAS**  
Pageant

The Christmas Pageant this year was wonderful!

A special thank you to Tina Anthony and her crew for their exceptional direction and production.

Another thank you to Colette Yeo and her family and helpers for providing the wonderful food and to our parishioners for providing such delicious goodies.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Karen DeBenedictis, Harry Hewins, Bill Estes, Tyler Martin, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Dave Avery, Phil Garbardi, Marcus LaBree, Charlie Micalizzi, Patricia Baldassarre, Vickie Vasvatekis, Robert Hanson, John Moriarty, Annette Moriarty, Felicia Hernandez, Scott Dolan, Linda, Frank Conroy, Robert Sullivan, Christopher Laursen, Karen Daly, Ann Smith, Joan MacIsaac & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



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

Please return envelopes by  
December 16th

SORRY FOR THE RUSH.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 MASS  
VISIT WITH SANTA



Giving Tree Gift Cards

Are due  
Please get in ASAP

Please put the amount  
on the outside of the  
card.

Thank you for your  
generosity.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)  
Wednesday, December 12 — CWC Christmas Party —  
Noon

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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

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. — 1<sup>st</sup> Monday from 3:00-6:00 pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 3:00-4:30 pm.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### DAILY ADVENT CHALLENGE

Make a plan NOW to do something to develop your spiritual life AFTER the New Year begins. Allow Advent to become the start of something greater all year long.

**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](http://www.BostonCatholic.org).

**Prayer to  
St. Michael the Archangel**  
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend  
us in battle, be our protection against  
the wickedness and snares of the  
devil. May God rebuke him we  
humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince  
of the Heavenly host, by the power of  
God, cast into hell Satan and all the  
evil spirits who prowl about the  
world seeking the ruin of souls.

The prayers to Saint Michael will continue throughout the year.

Please remember  
Saint Ann's and Saint John's  
When doing your  
Estate Planning!



### TEEN MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

**Saint Ann**

**October 14  
December 9  
January 13  
February 10  
March 10**

**Saint John**

**October 28  
January 27  
March 24  
April 14**