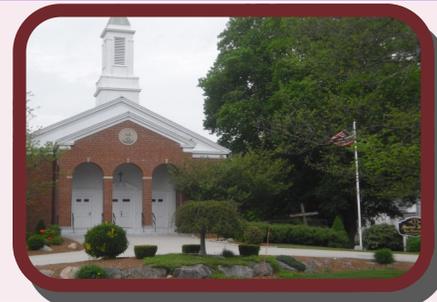




*Together in Christ
Collaborative
St. Ann & St. John
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017*



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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

December 17, 2017—Third Sunday of Advent

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

Sunday, December 24, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Parishioners of Saint John

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 — Jonathan Correia — Memorial

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:30 - Omer, Yvan, & Norman Dufour & Friends

10:30 - Marc Abbott — 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, December 18, 2017

9:00—Kenneth Biladeau — 30th Anniversary

Wednesday, December 19, 2017

9:00 — John McGue — Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:00 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Sunday, December 24, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I cannot look at our First Reading, taken from the Book of (the Prophet) Isaiah, without thinking back to my Ordination to the Priesthood some 22 years ago. This reading was proclaimed at my ordination ceremony, and it is dear to my heart. It speaks eloquently of how a priest is to “tend his flock”. The priest is, indeed, meant to “bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord, and a day of vindication by our God” (Is 61:1-2A). I’ve always striven to do this; admittedly, I haven’t always “hit the mark” but it wasn’t for lack of effort!

This first reading is a “clarion call” to all, as well, who are baptized into the faith. It is by virtue of the “baptismal call”, placed on our hearts at Baptism, in which we are to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters. It is to them that we are to “bring glad tidings...heal...proclaim” and “announce” (ibid). In undertaking these actions, we model ourselves after the many men and women of faith who have gone before us. John the Baptist is one of those who stand before us as a model of faith.

In today’s gospel, John is once again featured. While he eschews claims to be the Christ (n.b. Jn 1:20), he does not shy away from his missionary duties. He proclaims himself to be that “voice of one crying out in the desert” (Jn 1:23); in doing so, John fulfills that prophetic call for which he was born, for which he was chosen. We, ourselves, are called to speak a prophetic word, again by virtue of our baptismal call. If we are worried about what that word is, or how it is to come out, we need not worry! Jesus has promised us that when we are to speak on His behalf, we will be given the words to say. It is the Holy Spirit that will be speaking, using us as a “vessel” for that prophetic word. So if you feel that “tug” on your heart to offer a word of comfort, consolation or correction, let the Holy Spirit “take the wheel” and all will be well.

May we have the courage to be that “voice of one crying out in the desert” (ibid). May we know that it is the Holy Spirit of God which is directing us to speak. May we trust that the word being offered will bring peace to the hearer. May we use this Advent Season to further our relationship with Jesus, who will come “soon and very soon”.

A (Continued) Blessed Advent Season to All,

Fr. Paul

DEACON’S CORNER



DAILY ADVENT CHALLENGE
Sometime today, find an extra 15 minutes of quiet time to just rest in God’s presence. Don’t speak. Just place yourself in God’s care and let God touch your heart.

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

THE 2ND COLLECTION
 This week — No Second Collection
 Next week — No Collection, All Christmas Masses — Clergy Trust

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS	St. Ann's	Budget	St. John's	Total	Budget
SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS	12/03/17		12/03/17		
*In-Pew Giving	\$3,863	\$3,778	\$5,301		
*On-line			760	\$6,061	\$5,700
2nd Collection St. Vincent de Paul		\$1,052	\$1,655		
GRAND ANNUAL coll'd this week	\$ 3,905	\$32,000	\$ 375 coll'd this wk	\$14,590	\$32,000

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: at Saint John's,
 4:00 pm upstairs in the church
 4:00 pm downstairs in hall.
 6:00 in the church.

CHRISTMAS MORNING, 12/25
 Mass at 10:30am.

CHRISTMAS EVE: at Saint Ann's
 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm Masses.
 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS MORNING 12/25
 Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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



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

Please return envelopes by
 This weekend.

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. Items can be shipped to:

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

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 follow. 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

**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.



Parish and Youth Ministry



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



Calendar

- 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 and then at St. John
- 12/27: Ice Skating at Bridgewater Ice Arena: Bridgewater from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- 12/28: Adult Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm at St. John
- 1/5: First Friday Adoration at 6:30 pm at St. Ann
- 1/7: Family Mass at 10:30 am at St. John.

Contact US:

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Websites: stjohneb.org

stannswb.com

Fun Vacation Ideas!

Annual Skate Night

Wednesday, December 27th

6:00-8:00 pm

Bridgewater Ice Arena, Bridgewater

\$5.00 includes rental skates

\$20.00 family maximum



Timberlanes Bowling

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>



Many Volunteers are Needed for Christmas

Cleaning of the Church Building:

A large team of volunteers are needed for both Churches to dust, vacuum, change light-bulbs, 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.

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. 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 Magnificat

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.*

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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.



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 Bundeffer, Sharon Farrell, Kim LeMoine, Christine Lombardi, Bill Estes, Rita Flaherty, Donald Rush, Tyler Martin, John Spellman, Amanda Little, Patricia Estes, Vince Adornato, Kenneth Upham, Joan Fusco, Pat Zemeitus, JoAnn Micalizzi, Barbara Worswick, Kay Levoshko, Bob Hill, Jim Cassidy, Tori Bortolotto, Doris Thompson, Jim Cullen, Elaine O'Malley, Mary Jane Coakley & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.

Let there be light and thanks to you there is!!!



Your contributions paid for the electrical needs of the Choir Area (approx. \$2000) and the left over funds will be used toward the leaking pipes issue in the hall of the church . (approx. \$800)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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



Third Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving... please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are struggling not only during the holidays but throughout the year may share in the blessings of Christmas.

We are always available! If you are in need of food or other assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760**.

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.



In January of next year, Saint John's will be moving to a new program for On-Line Giving. This program will offer more options for the Office and will be at a reduced rate, thus saving us money.

If you have been having any trouble with the current program, please let the Office know.

If you have used our website to set up an account, you have to complete the registration form even though you may already have an account with [Online-Giving](#). More details to follow when we roll out the new program.



The tables at Saint John's have been slowly disappearing due to old age and breakage.

If anyone would like to donate money to build up our supply of tables, it would be greatly Appreciated. One table costs approx. \$50 and we are in need of about 10 new tables.

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