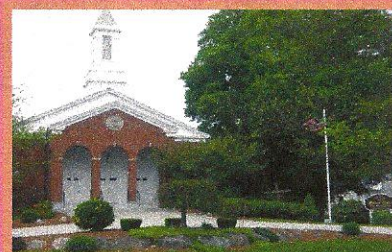




*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

4th Sunday OF ADVENT



Saint John the Evangelist
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TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

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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.**

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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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PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

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Paul Hoffman
Denise Robichaud

Jackie Buccigross

Ben Williams
Nancy Maloney
Margaret Mary Williams

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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

Saturday, December 29, 2018

4:00 - Sean Patrick Coakley — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:00 - Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 - Jennie Kuzinski — 25th Anniversary

St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 22, 2018

4:00 - Vinnie Hallissey — 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

Saturday, December 29, 2018

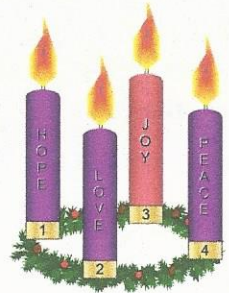
4:00 - Marc Abbott — 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Nino DiNunno — 10th Anniversary

Sally DiNunno — Memorial Mass



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we find ourselves in the “home stretch” of Advent.

Christmas is in just a couple of days, and we take these “final days” (presuming the “streetcorner prophets” are wrong about the “final days”!) to reflect on this four week journey that we have undertaken. Our readings beautifully link the themes on which we have been contemplating and praying during our Advent Season, namely “promise”, “joy”, “repentance” and “transformation”.

In our first reading, the prophet Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that God will bring to prominence the “unimportant” village of Bethlehem. In doing this, God (through the prophet Micah) shows to us that no one, and nothing that one does, is insignificant. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Jesus, in doing the will of the Father, shows us that through sacrifice and obedience we draw ourselves closer into the mystery of God. In our gospel, we have the encounter of two *seemingly* “insignificant” women highlighting the fact that nothing that we do in the name of God is ever insignificant. Mary and Elizabeth are powerful models of faith and faithfulness to us all, and their individual “fiats” (saying “yes” to God’s plan) are a reflection of the “yes” that we are called to give to God.

Advent has been, I hope and pray, a time when we prepare our minds, hearts and lives for the coming of Christ. Over the last four weeks this time of preparation has been, please God, not an insignificant journey in which we have been transformed by God’s grace and love. As we stand on the threshold of Christmas (both the Day and the Season), may we use these final days not just to “make a list and check it twice”, but also to continue to reflect on the goodness of God. As we approach the Christmas miracle of the Virgin Birth, may we come to see that Christ is already a part of our lives, even as we prepare to welcome Him once again. May this upcoming Christmas Day (and Season) be a time of prosperity, hope and joy. May we come to see the Christ Child as the One who comes into the world to set us free, so that when He comes in glory, He may find us watching, waiting and knowing that He is Emmanuel....”God With Us”!

A Blessed Advent to All,

Fr. Paul

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one’s embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

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!



*NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES
WILL BE:*

9:00 AM — SAINT ANN'S

7:00 PM — SAINT JOHN'S

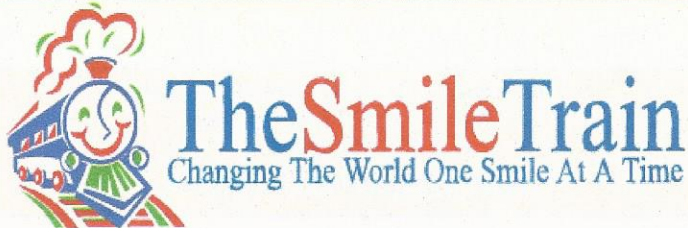
NEWS FROM THE PARISHES (ST. ANN'S)



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS BAKER
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or jchbaker@msn.com

New mailing address:
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The Annual Cupcake Sale for The Smile Train
Took place the 15th & 16th of December.
Thank you to all involved for another successful year.

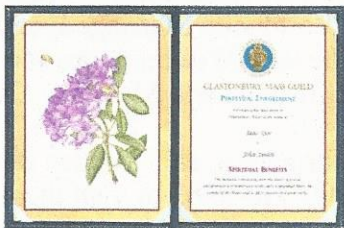
Before



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.



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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.

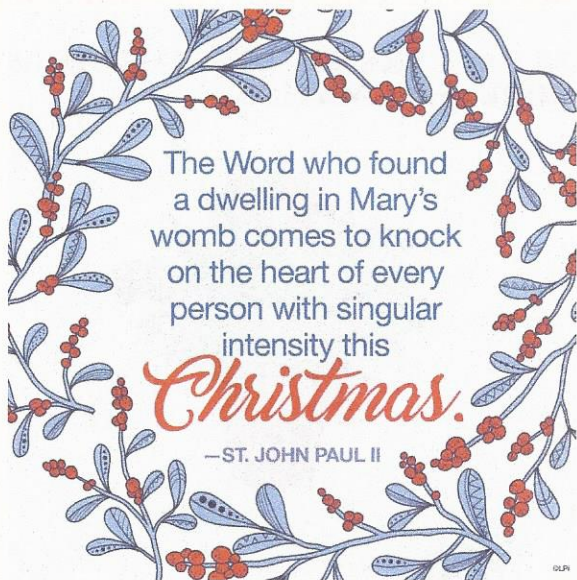
Another thank you to Colette Yeo and her family and helpers for providing the wonderful food and to our parishioners for providing such delicious goodies.

CHRISTMAS



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.



CCD classes end on Thursday, December 20th - Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd for grades 1-8 and Monday, January 7th for grades 9 & 10.

Our Christmas Masses are as follows: Christmas Eve at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and Midnight. Christmas Day at 10:30am. We hope that all families will come and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS



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

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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.

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://www.mema.org/>.

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

May God bless you with abundance in 2019. Be generous to everyone. And in your stewardship, you will surely find your joy and your God!

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.

**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**