



*Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
St. Ann & St. John  
CHRISTMAS  
December 24 & 25, 2017*



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# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

December 24 & 25, 2017—Christmas

### St. John is a Stewardship Parish

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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

Saturday, December 30, 2017

4:00 — Paul E. Norman — Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:00 — Parishioners of Saint John

10:30 — Henry Wedge — Month's Mind

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Saturday, December 30, 2017

4:00 — William Lopes — 16th Anniversary

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

10:30 - Parishioners of Saint Ann

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

9:00 — Carol E. Hansen — 30th Anniversary

## DEACON'S CORNER

“I am the servant of the Lord, may it be done according to Your Word” These words changed not only Mary's life, but the life of the world. Her response was heroic. Her words represent her humble faith and trust in what the Angel was telling her. They represent a willingness to believe what is not immediately apparent, a readiness to be used in risky and even painful ways. If Mary had not said yes, would we not be celebrating Christmas tomorrow?



My Dear Friends in Christ,



Robert Frost once wrote that “home is the place, that when you go there, they have to take you in”. A rather wry statement, it should “ring true” for most (if not all) of us. I know that at the end of my day, when I come home I have at least one who is happy to see me – my dog, Nellie. Nellie and I are, for all intents and purposes, family. When I had my picture taken a couple of years back for the parish website, more than one person asked if Nellie was going to be in the photo; I said, “Of course – she’s family!” This may be stretching what one thinks of as family, but when I think of the qualities which Nellie has – unconditional love, loyalty, a sense of belonging – it fits what I think of when I reflect on family life.

This day, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family (of Jesus, Mary and Joseph), a celebration of what, and who, God calls us to be. The Holy Family is for us the most perfect image we have here on earth of what it means to be a family. When one thinks of the sacrifices they made to maintain the “family unit”, it boggles the mind! They endured long journeys, unsettled accommodations and (for Mary and Joseph) the loss of an only child. I look at the families of our parish and see the struggles they endure in this day and age – an unsettled economy which threatens the livelihood of one (or both) of the adults, the assault of conflicting, often vulgar, media images on our children and the stress of balancing family life with the many commitments the world puts upon them (parents and children alike). I often wonder how the Holy Family would have handled it, and I keep coming back to one answer – trust in God. It is only through trust, born of faith that kept the Holy Family intact. The same is true for us; the main thing which will keep the “family unit” whole and undivided is faith – faith in God, faith in one another. This is certainly not an easy thing to achieve or maintain. It takes hard work, day in and day out. It takes a level of commitment that the world neither understands nor appreciates. We have “glimpses” of the family unit being honored and celebrated, but by and large the family is often held up to ridicule. Just look at how the media portrays most families – fathers are all too often portrayed as overbearing tyrants or lame simpletons, mothers are often seen as either lazy or manipulative, and children are seen as either greedy or entitled. This may happen at times but it is not (thank God) the norm, nor should it be celebrated as such.

The Feast of the Holy Family gives us a better perspective of how family life should be. It is not without challenges, as we see in the lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is not without work, as we reflect upon our second reading regarding how we are to conduct our lives. And it is not without God, as we see throughout the scriptures. If we are to model ourselves after the Holy Family, let us put on our hearts all the things of which St. Paul speaks – “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Col 3:12). Let us not waste a moment to ponder, as did the Holy Family, all the good things the Lord has done for us!

A Blessed Christmas Season to One and All,

Fr. Paul

# 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

Figures will be updated in our next bulletin when they are available.

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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.

### 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

### 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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Day  
A Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass at Saint Ann at 9:00 AM  
Mass At Saint John at 7:00 PM



Together in Christ  
Collaborative  
Parish and Youth  
Ministry  
Leaving Footprints  
Of  
Faith, Hope, Love



### A Christmas Reflection

Found in this beautiful season of hope and love is a perfect opportunity to take a walk through the footprints we have left behind in 2017 from Virginia to Rome. There is much to be thankful for and many blessings to recognize.

Our prayers continued to create stepping stones for our Parishioners to move along their own personal faith journeys. With over 30 programs that encompass all ages, we laughed, we cried, and we grew as a family in faith. Some highlights include Vacation Bible School, Pancakes with the Pastor, Prayer Group, Ultreya, Advent and Lenten Mission, and service projects for the Parish and service organizations like Catholic Heart Work Camp. We shared wonderful evenings together like our First Annual Gala Night at the Auction and the Elvis Oldies Show. The fall brought new programs like our Family Mass, Book Club, Pasta with the Pastor, and our first Christmas Open House.

Through all of the programs our families and parishioners have continued to grow in their love of Christ. It is our fervent hope and prayer that our Collaborative continues to grow in faith, hope and love. It is by the grace of God that we have been able to bring these programs to fruition. It will be by the grace of God that we continue to walk together in our journey of faith.

We are very grateful to our Adult and Youth Committees for all their work facing the changes brought about in our first year of Collaboration. Even with the challenges they kept moving forward, building one step at a time, on our mission to create a vibrant faith family.

What awaits our Ministry in 2018? With your help, participation, good works, and most importantly, prayer we will leave even more footprints that lead those involved ever closer to the love of Jesus.

**Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas Season!**

**Speaking of 2018:** Join us for our Annual Skate Night at Bridgewater Ice Arena on December 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm or our Winter Wonderland Weekend for Martin Luther King Weekend in North Conway. You can ski, tube, ride a winter roller-coaster or enjoy shopping in North Conway. This was planned by one of our wonderful teens and has something for everyone.

Call 508-838-8490 or email at [nhenn71@hotmail.com](mailto:nhenn71@hotmail.com) for details on these or any of our programs.



Please Save the Date for our Lenten Mission  
A Step Towards Becoming a Saint  
Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Featuring:  
Jimmy Mitchell and PJ Anderson

Check our web-sites, social media or future bulletins for more information

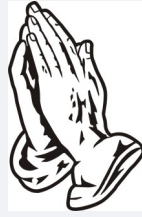


## PARISH NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

### 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.



#### 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](mailto: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.

#### **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

**POST OFFICE BOX WILL BE  
DISCONTINUED.**



Thank you to all who  
donated to the beautiful  
flowers this Christmas.  
XOXO

*The Religious Education Program has no  
classes on December 24th or  
December 31st.  
The next class will be January 7, 2018*



**REMEMBER THAT  
JESUS  
IS THE REASON  
FOR  
THE SEASON. . . .**



**AND**

**THE BEST GIFT  
TO GIVE YOUR  
CHILDREN IS THE  
GIFT OF FAITH.**



#### 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 Margeson, 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.*

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

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

**Your generous gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring light into the darkness surrounding the hearts of those struggling in our community. Putting food on the table or heating oil in their tank will help them realize the long lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is always available if you need help. Please call our **HOTLINE** at **508-378-3760** and leave a message. God Bless and have a very Merry Christmas.



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**AND  
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**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!**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HAS THE  
WEEK OF DEC. 24TH THROUGH  
JANUARY 1 OFF.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE CALENDAR  
POSTED ON THE WEB SITE.**

[www.stjohneb.org](http://www.stjohneb.org)



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](http://Online-Giving). More details to follow when we roll out the new program.

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