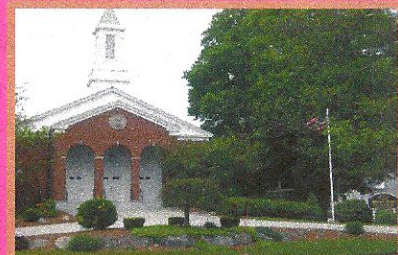
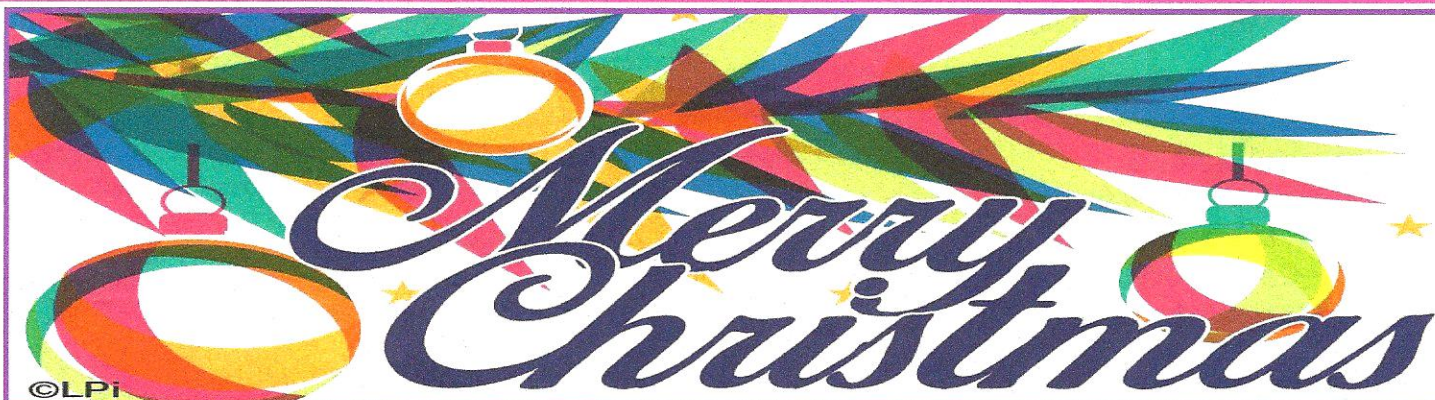


*TOGETHER IN CHRIST
COLLABORATIVE
St. Ann & St. John*



*December 25, 2018
CHRISTMAS—
THE SAVIOR IS BORN*



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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 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

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

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.

My Dear Friends in Christ,



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! The

time has come. The day, and season, of Christmas is upon us. Our Advent journey is at an end, and the time to welcome the Savior has arrived. Hopefully, we can take at least a moment on this day, if not in this Season, to reflect on what we are doing here. Christmas – the *holy* day, not the *holiday* – is, for us as Catholic-Christians, an entire season in which we reflect on the goodness of God. The long reign of sin has ended, and our vindication is at hand. The Savior promised to us has arrived, and we are glad, indeed, for it.

So what is it that we are celebrating? It is more than just giving thanks to God for giving us the gift of His Son. It is an understanding that this day, as great as it is, points to an even greater reality – the hope and promise of “new life” found in the *Resurrection*. Yes, resurrection. You may wonder why I am speaking of this at Christmas, given that this day/season focuses on the birth of Christ, not His resurrection. If it does, then only half of the work is being done. The other half (the half not focused on the birth) is centered around the fact that Jesus came into the world to offer His life for us on the Cross. As one of our songs reminds us, the “**wood of the cradle**” is intrinsically linked with the “**wood of the cross**”. This is because the birth of Christ is intrinsically linked with the death, and resurrection of Christ.

The reality that the birth and death of Christ are linked come as a shock for many – but it shouldn't. It shouldn't because our own life and death are “linked”. When Catholic-Christians are brought into the world, they are baptized shortly thereafter. When we are baptized, we are baptized not only into the life of Christ, but also into the death of Christ – and into His resurrection. This fact shouldn't strike dread or sadness into us; on the contrary, it should bring great joy, peace and hope into our hearts. If we are linked into the life, death and resurrection of Christ, then we fear nothing and we want for nothing. We fear and want for nothing because our hope is then in the Lord and His promise of new life.

May we come to see in this Christmas Season the promise of new life and new hope come to fruition. May we recognize that in the life, death and resurrection of Christ we have our hope and salvation. May we, as we approach the manger of Christ, be “fed” by the One who has come into the world to bring life, and life abundantly. May we have the courage to share this new life with all whom we meet.

A Blessed Christmas to All,

Fr. Paul and the Staff
of The Together In Christ Collaborative

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

Mass Schedule for New Year's Day is as follows:

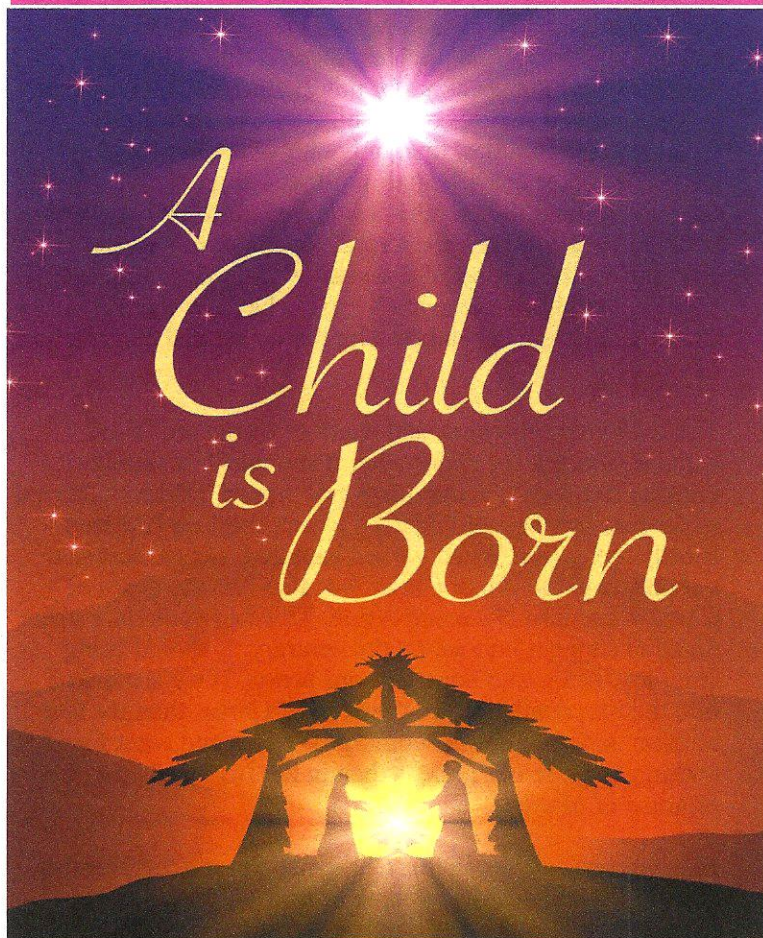
9:00 AM — Saint Ann's Church

7:00 PM — Saint John's Church

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!

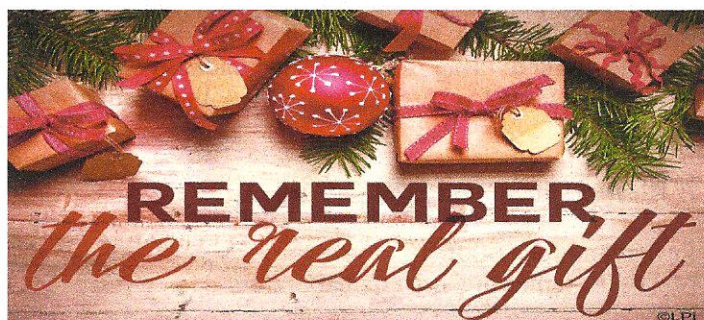


**REMEMBER THAT
JESUS
IS THE REASON
FOR
THE SEASON. . . .**

AND



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



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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West Bridgewater MA 02379



The Smile Train
Changing The World One Smile At A Time

The Annual Cupcake Sale for The Smile Train
Took place the 15th & 16th of December.
Thank you to all involved.

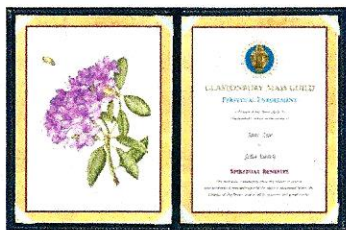
Before



After



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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.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELPED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS.**



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.

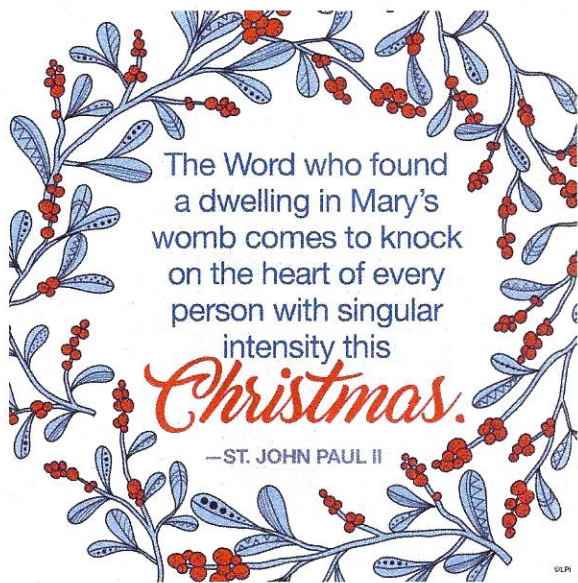
CHRISTMAS



NEWS FOR THE PARISHES (St. John)

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 for grades 1-8 and Monday, January 7th for grades 9 & 10.

From the Religious Education office, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

IMPORTANT DATES

Rosary after daily Masses.

Divine Mercy every Thursday after daily mass.

Adoration — Every Wednesday—7:00—8:00 PM (changed)

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.wmema.org/>.



CHRISTMAS



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**