



Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Sunday 6:15 PM

*Together in Christ Collaborative
Saint Ann & Saint John
December 28, 2025*

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph*



Sunday, 8:00 AM
Sunday, 11:30 AM



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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**Collaborative Office Hours are
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The Together in Christ Collaborative Office Hours are 9AM - 3PM Monday-Thursday

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:
Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m.

Holiday Schedules will vary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. These baptisms are not done at the masses currently. Prep classes will take place before the Baptism. Please call the Rectory Office for registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:30 at the church holding the 4 PM Mass
Or by appointment.
Please 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.

Registration: Families not registered, please call the Parish Office

SAINT ANN'S STAFF

Administrative Assistant:
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SAINT JOHN'S STAFF

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Mass at St. Ann — 9:00 am
Mass at St. John — 7:00 pm
No Vigil Mass on December 31, 2025

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 27, 2025

4:00 - David L. LaCouture, Sr. — Memorial
& David L. LaCouture, Jr — Memorial

Sunday, December 28, 2025

9:30 - David J. LaCouture & Family — Christmas
Remembrance
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:00 - Shannon Pisarczyk — Memorial

Sunday, January 4, 2025

9:30 - Joseph Guarino — Memorial
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 - Carolyn Ritucci — 5th Anniversary

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 - Maureen Meany — 2nd Anniversary
11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Sunday, January 4, 2025

8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative



*The Solemnity of Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at St. Ann —
Mass at St. John —*

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Growing up as the youngest of five in an Irish-Catholic family had its “ups and downs”, its joys and challenges (and continue to do so into adulthood!). There were times that we were each other’s worst enemy, yet there were also times when we were each other’s best friend! It was (and sometimes still is) a “love-hate” relationship. I have no doubt that the Holy Family, as iconic as they are with regard to family life, had their challenges. When one looks at today’s gospel, one must realize that Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus had a challenging beginning to their earthly life! While we don’t know what transpired between the flight to Egypt and their settling in Nazareth, we know that these events were life-changing.

The Feast of the Holy Family, as well as today’s readings, brings to mind the challenges and the “helps” to living as a Christian family. When one looks at the Holy Family, one might think that “we, as a family, could never reach the status of the Holy Family”. This might be a prevailing thought, but it shouldn’t stop us from at least *trying* to live like them. Often times, it is in the *trying* that one has the most success. Although the Holy Family did have the “Immaculate Conception” (in Mary) and the “Incarnation” (in Jesus) (as well as a saint (in Joseph)!), their life was far from perfect! Again, one only has to look to the events in the life of the Holy Family to see the “ups and downs” that they faced, ones that would rival any challenges which we, as family, must go through, even in this day and age.

Today’s readings give us “blueprints” as to how *we* are to live as a Holy Family. These “guidelines” are relevant to us who are connected by baptism, as well as by blood. We can look at the different “roles” that we have in the Church and equate them to life in a family. I often refer to us as a “family of faith”, and those familial bonds are ones which are forged through the “ups and downs” through which every family goes. The challenge is to overcome those hurdles through the God-given gifts of faith, hope and love. May we strive to live as the Holy Family. May we continue to look to one another for support and strength. May we know that the Holy Family is there to either intercede (in the case of Mary and Joseph) or act directly (in the case of Jesus) on our behalf. May this Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be for us a sign, symbol and reality of God’s love for us, our Church and the world.

A Blessed Feast to All,

Fr. Paul

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry News

For questions or concerns, please email Matt Brady, our Director of Ministries at Directorofministries.tic@gmail.com

January Family Mass

January 11 at the 9:30 Mass at St. Ann.

This Mass will be sponsored by our Monday 3rd grade class. They will be doing the readings and bringing up the gifts. We invite all kids in attendance to join Fr. Paul for the homily and everyone to join us at the back of the church afterwards for snacks.

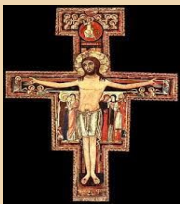
January Teen Mass

1/25 at the 6:15 Mass at St. Ann
Our next Teen Mass is January 25. At these Masses, we invite our teens to do a reading or bring up the gifts. Fr. Paul also tailors his homily to be relevant to their life and there is contemporary music at the Mass. If your teen is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading, please email Matt Brady.

Here are some photos from the Christmas Pageant on 12/14.

Thank you to all our cast for a wonderful show!





MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. In St. Francis' day, family life had many similarities to family life today. Since his mother, Madona, was a devout Christian, there is no doubt that she strove to model her family after the Holy Family. His father, Pedro, being a "man of the world" as a textile merchant, looked at family life a little differently. While he provided for his family as was his duty as a husband and father, he saw life from a more "earthly" perspective and to amass as much earthly wealth as possible was seen not only as necessary but noble. One's status in the world was as important to Pedro.

St. Francis, following in his father's footsteps as a "man of the world", sought to make his fortune as a soldier. When that didn't work out as expected, he then turned to other worldly pursuits (like his father) and made his way in the world, amassing as much wealth and status as possible. This all changed, of course, when he met the leper on the road, beginning his conversion. This conversion was "cemented" in his encounter with Christ at the Chapel of San Damiano. This moment in St. Francis' life did not sit well with his father, as you can imagine. His encounter with his father in the town square in Assisi, where he literally gave his father the shirt off his back angered his father to the point of bring the bishop in to settle the family dispute. The bishop "sided" with St. Francis in this matter and the rest (as they say) is history.

Families come in all shapes and sizes but striving to be a Holy Family, despite those differences, can be the catalyst to growing not only in holiness but in love – love of self, love of family, love of God. May we, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, strive to be more like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. May we come to deepen our relationship with the three of them, individually and collectively. May we call upon the the Holy Family when we need to see ourselves as part of God's family, rooted in faith, hope, and love.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

Fiscal Updates & News (12-16-25)

St. Ann — Offertory	\$2,222
Second Collection	\$ 554
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	<u>\$2,942</u>
	\$5,718

Total	
St John — Offertory	\$1,663
Second Collection	\$ 539
Sacramental Donations + Misc .	<u>\$3,676.88</u>
Total	\$10,344.88

Thank you to those who have been so generous in the Grand Annual Collection and to those who have increased their offertory greatly.

A special thank you to all parishioners who continuously give of their time and talents to make these parishes flourish.

Thank you to all our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Collectors for their service of the Masses.

Thank you to all those who supported the children of the parishes in their effort to bring you the story of the birth of Christ in the Christmas Pageant. They did a wonderful job.

May this New Year bring you and your family, health, wealth, and happiness!

New Year's Prayer

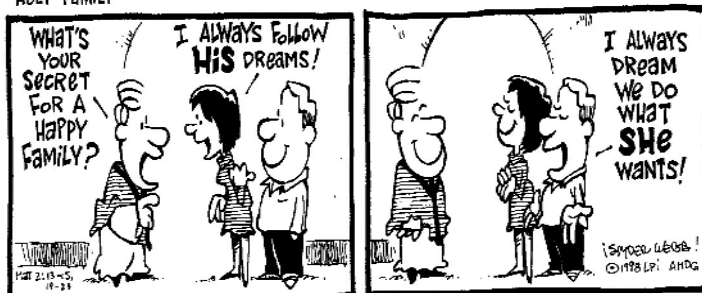
As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Amen

HOLY FAMILY



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



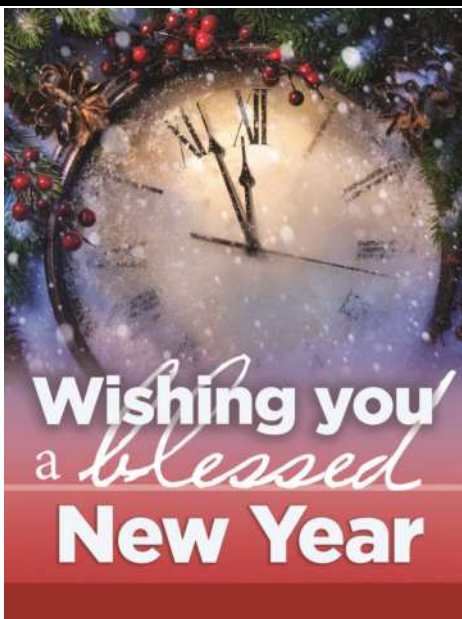
St Ann Prayer Line:

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.

Please keep the following in your prayers:



Denise Robichaud, Patricia Estes, William Neyman, Frank Conroy, Kay Evans, Angela McDevitt, Janet Daly, Kathy Conrad, Joan Ward-Fusco, Kenneth McLaughlin, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Brittany Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Anne Bortolotto, Cathy Hadfield, Helen Bomar, Stacy McCarthy, Mark Neumeier, Johnny MacDonald, Marilyn, John Zenus, Peg & Brendan Fitzgerald, Joseph & Anne Campbell, Ronald Menard, Kim, Claire Sullivan, Kathy Hannafin, Sharon Carson, Diane McDonald, William Burke & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



May your New Year be filled with joy, happiness, good health, prosperity, and lots of fun with family and friends.

May you spend time listening to God and may he answer your prayers.

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To join please call — TINA ANTHONY
508-245-5481

Thank you to all those who continue to make monetary donations to our collection boxes at the door of the church. Without your ongoing generosity to all our fundraising efforts we would not be able to continue to assist our neighbors in their time of need.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony at: 508-245-5481.

Next meeting: January 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
457 Rear, South Main Street, Unit #1
West Bridgewater 02379

WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday each month

TIME: 1:45-3:00PM or 5:30-6:00PM

Need: cookies, crackers, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing
Cash donations also accepted.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint John's Conference
PO Box 544
East Bridgewater MA 02333
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
Hotline—508-378-3760

PANTRY HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME **THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Our pantry is open on the First and Third Monday of each month. When pantry days fall on a major holiday, the pantry will open on the Tuesday of that week.

First Monday - 3:00 - 5:30 Third Monday - 3:00 - 4:30

January 5 & 19

Donations are always appreciated but please call to let us know you are dropping off. **508-378-3760**

The Pantry is a little low—needed: any food, especially tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, canned vegetables pasta & pasta sauce, non-sugar cereal, tooth-paste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

Gift cards are also a great help. \$5 — \$25 cards are easier to distribute than large sums., ie \$100

God's GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!" The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

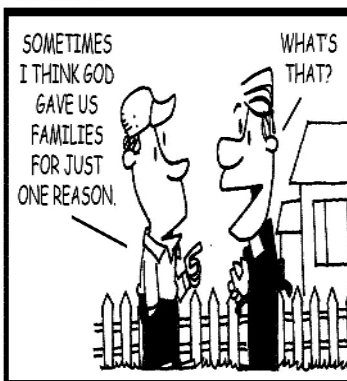
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