

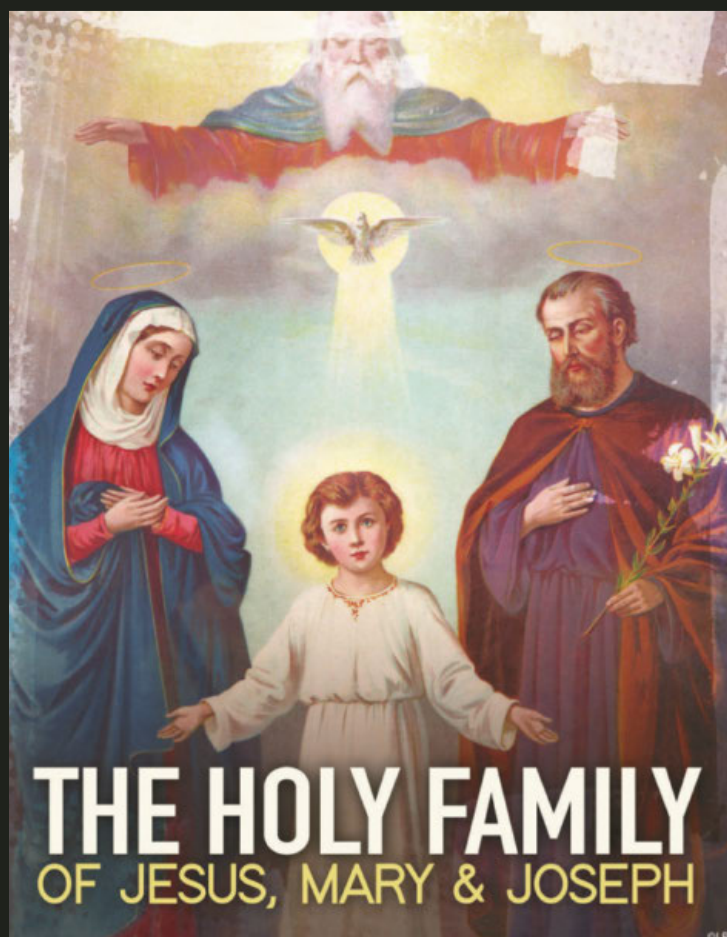


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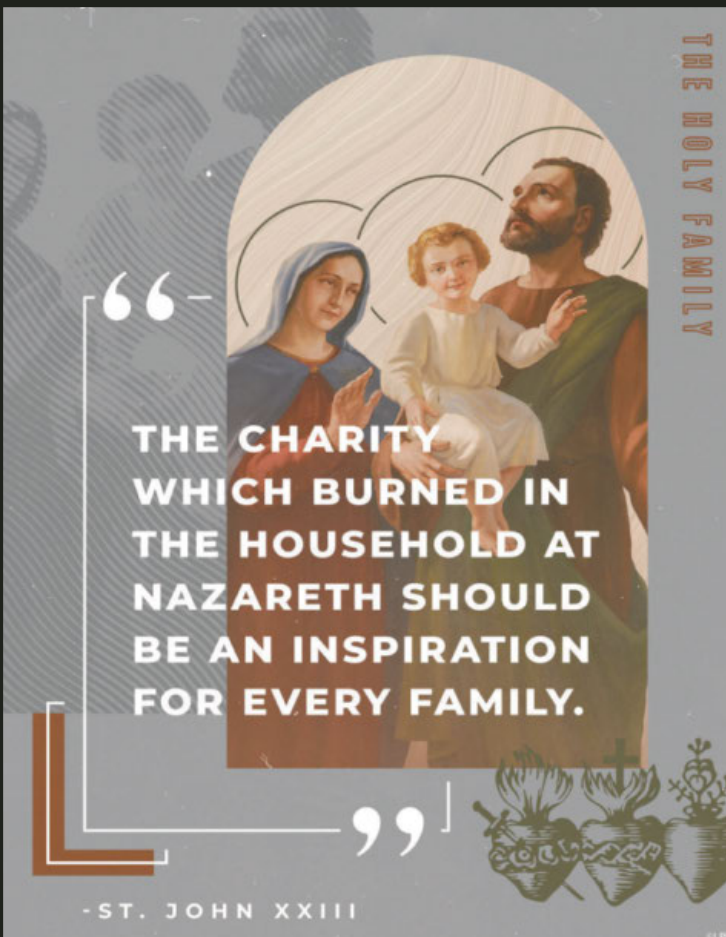
*Together in Christ
 Collaborative
 Saint Ann & Saint John
 December 29, 2024
 The Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*



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



THE HOLY FAMILY
 OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



“
 THE CHARITY
 WHICH BURNED IN
 THE HOUSEHOLD AT
 NAZARETH SHOULD
 BE AN INSPIRATION
 FOR EVERY FAMILY.
 ”

- ST. JOHN XXIII

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

St Ann's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
6:15 p.m. Live streamed Mass
w/ Drive up option

Daily Mass
Thursday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.

St John's

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

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

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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

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St. Ann is a Stewardship Parish

Sunday, December 29, 2024

- 8:00 - Pilar & Jamie Laureta — 47th Wedding Anniversary
11:30 - William Lopes — 23rd Anniversary
Manuel Cabrinha — 4th Anniversary
Jose Rego — 5th Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Thursday, January 2, 2025

- 9:00 - Carolyn Rittuci — 4th Anniversary

Sunday, January 5, 2024

- 8:00 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative
11:30 - John Morawski — 3rd Anniversary
6:15 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

St. John is a Stewardship Parish

Saturday, December 28, 2024

- 4:00 - Joseph & Christopher Thompson — Mem.

Sunday, December 29, 2024

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

Saturday, January 4, 2024

- 4:00 - Bill Pelton — 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, January 5, 2024

- 9:30 - Parishioners of the T. I. C. Collaborative

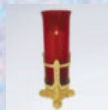
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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR THE WEEK
\$85; or including the mass Suggested donation \$110

HOSTS, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMPS, FLOWERS
\$140 including the MASS, is a Suggested donation of \$165



Payment for the above memorials would be appreciated
TWO weeks in advance, separate from your offertory.

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 recognizes that while there was perfection within the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus, things were (at times) far from perfect. Our gospel reading shows us, in Jesus being “lost” in the temple (although, truth be told, He was exactly where He was supposed to be), the challenge of family life and the angst that even a family such as the Holy Family goes through in daily living.

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

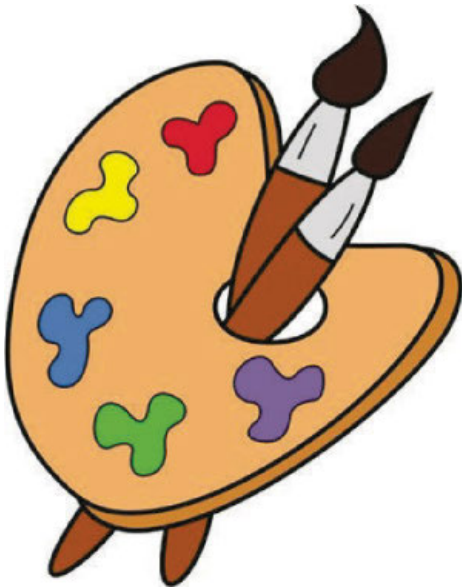
Our next Family Mass is January 12 at the 9:30 Mass at St. John. We invite our kids to do the readings and bring up the gifts, and Fr. Paul has the kids join him around the altar for the homily.

There is also coffee and donuts in the back of the church after Mass. If your child is interested in bringing up the gifts or doing a reading please email Matt Brady.

January Teen Mass

Our next Teen Mass is January 26th at St. Ann. Similar to Family Mass, 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.



Paint Afternoon Fundraiser

January 26th at 1 pm, St. Ann Parish Center

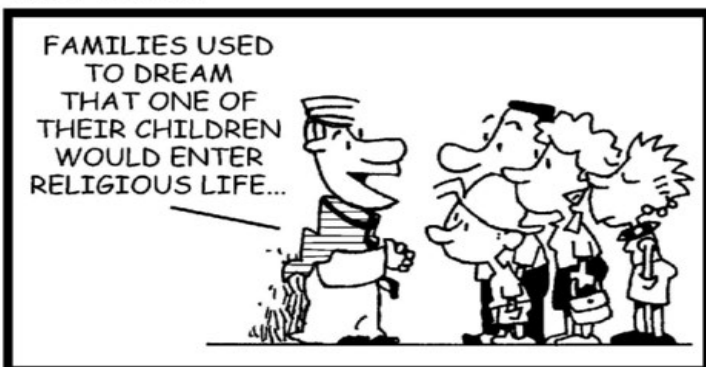
Cost: \$30/person
20 person event max

Join us for a special afternoon of painting and fun as we learn to create our own wonderful painting from our instructor Sandy Churchill.

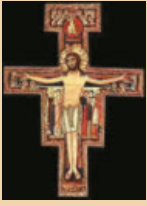
The money raised will support the work of our collaborative Disciples of Hospitality Committee, which organizes all of our social events.

Advance sign up is required. Please contact Matt Brady in the office to sign up.

HOLY FAMILY



MY FRANCISCAN JOURNEY



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. We are called to look to Mary, Joseph, and (the Child) Jesus as the model and exemplar for family life. When one looks at the life of St. Francis of Assisi, it is a “mixed bag” of both holy and secular living. Francis was born on September 26, 1181 in Assisi to Pietro di Bernardone dei Moriconi, a very wealthy cloth merchant, and his wife Giovanna also known as Pica Bourlemont, about whom little is known except she is said to have belonged to a noble family of Provence, France. He was one of seven children.

Pietro was in France on business when Francis was born, and Pica had him baptized as Giovanni di Bernardone to honor San Giovanni Battista (Saint John the Baptist), in the hope he would grow to be a great religious leader. She even staged the birth of her son in a stable built for the occasion on the ground floor of their home to honor the birth of Jesus. Later the stable will be known as “stalletta” or “Chapel of baby Saint Francis” and it is located in the main square of Assisi. When Pietro returned to Assisi, he decided to add Francesco (Francis) to his son’s first name. This name was the medieval equivalent of francese, i.e. “French” and was chosen to honor France, his favored business destination and to honor the child’s maternal heritage.

Pietro’s worldly success and the imperial privileges granted by the city governor Duke Corrado di Lützen had secured for the young Francis a care-free life of material comfort. He received his education at the catholic school of San Giorgio, spoke fluent Latin and Provençal and was considered by his father the natural heir of his family business. Francis was short and skinny, and had dark hair. He was a popular youth, often the center of attention that could be found engaged in sport, frequenting the piazze of the city and leisurely spending his father’s money. His nickname was “rex iuvenum” (king of banquets).

After the death of the German Emperor Enrico IV (1165- 1197) and the election of a new pope, Cardinal Lotario di Segni, later known as Pope Innocent III (1198-1216), the political landscape changed and the pope took under his control additional territories which also included Spoleto and Assisi. The people of these towns revolted against the nobles who took refuge in the nearby town of Perugia. Francis who had dreams of being a knight took part in this war and when the Assisians were defeated in Ponte San Giovanni, he became a prisoner of Perugia and spent one year in prison. His family was able to get him out after paying a substantial ransom but his health had already been compromised.

This started a spiritual crisis where he abandoned his former life to embrace meditation, nursing lepers and begging for the poor. His father Pietro attempted to bring him to his senses, first with threats and then with corporal punishment. After a final interview in the presence of the bishop Guido II, Francis renounced his father and his wealth, laying aside even the garments he had received from him while the bishop covered him with his mantle. He lived as a beggar around Assisi. Returning to the town, he restored several ruined churches, among them San Damiano, San Pietro alla Spira, and the Porziuncola in Santa Maria degli Angeli, just outside the town, which later became his favorite refuge. On this feast of the Holy Family, let us strive to live like Francis, not seeing the world as a place to conquer, but as a place to offer God’s love to all peoples. Let us go into this new year with a heart like Francis, striving to see Jesus in all and be Jesus for all.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Paul, OFS

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**If you call the Rectory for St. John’s from
January 3rd to January 19th and get no answer,
please call
Saint Ann’s at this number**

508-586-4880

New Years Reflection and Prayer

As the old year ends and a new one begins, take time.

Time to remember the struggles you faced,
And mistakes you might have made,
And maybe even loved ones you lost.

In every year, you experience heartache.
This one was no different.

And in remembering, find a seed of hope
hidden in yesterday.

Remember how you’ve been blessed.
Relive when you found unexpected strength.
Recall where you saw God’s great Spirit at work.
And know his mercy kept you going all this time.

Recognize his mercy. Ask for his peace.

The peace that pours out every moment of every day
from the wounds of Christ.

Prepare us Lord for the New Year.
Lift us up and place in our hearts,
A renewed desire to know and worship you more.
Give us your abundant grace.
Shower us with your healing love.

May your eternal Kingdom reign in our hearts and our
lives. May the New Year show us once again your
eternal mercy and glory.

And let us sing your praises with great joy.

In Jesus name, Amen.

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, Fred Sprague, Joe Pigeon, Nancy McHugh, Jerry Paluch, Jeannette Arruda, Dottie & Leo Slack, Joan Fisher, Jay Lasemina, Rocco Zarrella, Nancy Arcadipane, Alicia Boucher, Irene Churchll, Matthew Owings, Arthur Pelton, Courtney, Hannah Previti, Deb Gifford, Karen, Dan, Candice Frabetti, Patrick McCormick, Rob Levesque, Alex & Landon, Susan Coronella, Stephen D'Guisepppe, Ann Bortolopto, Elaine Landolfi, Cathy Hadfield & The residents of Sachem & Westview & all our service men and women serving in the military.



The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Saint John's Conference PO Box 544

East Bridgewater MA 02333
Call the Food Pantry Hotline for food / assistance
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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 6, 2025 & January 20, 2025

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, soups, pasta & pasta sauce, cereal, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper.

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

Prayer for Family

Dear God,

Help my family to be holy, too! Amen.

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

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society has provided support for our neighbors that find themselves in need of a little help with utility, fuel or rent bills. There are many ways we can help our neighbors; if not financially, we can help spiritually. The Society cannot help our neighbors without the generosity of our parishioners. Please consider donating by placing the donations in the SVDP boxes located at each entrance. Please make out any checks to St. Vincent de Paul Society, not St. Ann's Church. To join or get more information on how we can help a neighbor in need, please call Tina Anthony, 508-245-5481

Next meeting: January 14, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul Annual conference report
10/1/23-9/30/24

\$ received \$6,434.00

\$ expensed \$11,500.00

of visits 7, # of people helped 17

Winner of the Scratch ticket raffle is Mary O'Connell

West Bridgewater Food Pantry
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**WHEN: Curbside distribution the FIRST and THIRD
Wednesday each month**

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

**Need: jelly, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauce,
baked beans**

Cash donations also accepted.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

FR. PAUL

&

THE STAFF

OF

THE TOGETHER IN CHRIST COLLABORATIVE

NEW YEAR



NEWS

Please remember in your prayers:

*Chris Cassidy
Robert S. Kinsella
Irene DeLalla
Ann McGowan
Michael J. Sheehy*

*May they rest in peace, and may their
Families find comfort from their faith in
Jesus Christ.*



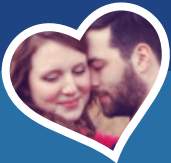
*Please welcome the following children
Into our Collaborative.*



*Noel Marie Jasper
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