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St. Ann's Church

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor *Fr. John Murray*
Deacon..... *Deacon Joseph McGinley*
Faith Formation Coordinator..... *Lisa Donahue*
Music Director *Paul Bowen*
Retired Deacon..... *Deacon John Welch*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM
 Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM
 Weekdays - Mon - Fri 7:00 AM; Sat 8:00 AM
 Holy Days - 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM
 Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM

First Friday Adoration 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM, closing with Benediction;
 First Saturday Rosary 8:30 AM
 Daily Rosary 7:30 AM; Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday 3:00 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday - 3:00 to 3:45. Also available other times by appointment.
BAPTISMS: First three Sundays of the month at 12:30 by appointment.
MARRIAGE: Arranged at least six months in advance at the Rectory.
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please notify us if anyone is ill in the hospital or at home and if anyone is unable to get to church because of illness, handicap or age.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent De Paul Society..... *President, Bev Vargas*508-884-6538
Altar Servers' Schedule..... *Parish Secretary*508-823-9833
Lectors & Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Schedule *Parish Secretary*508-823-9833
St. Ann Prayer Group *Alexandrine Fillion*508-697-2423
Children's Choir *Lynne Curnyn*508-697-8487
Teen Choir..... *Lynne Curnyn*508-697-8487
St. Ann's Sociable Seniors..... *President, Debbie McClory*508-822-9166
Knights of Columbus..... *Grand Knight, Tom Ialeggio* ...508-386-2057

NEW PARISHIONERS are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family.
 Please see a priest after Mass.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN COPY - Monday at noon (copy should be written or typewritten).

ST. ANN'S WEBSITE: www.stannsraynham.org **EMAIL:** office@stannsraynham.org

December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

7:00 am	Monday	12/04	Deceased members of the Campbell family
7:00 am	Tuesday	12/05	Joan Lynn
7:00 am	Wednesday	12/06	Jason Macedo
7:00 am	Thursday	12/07	Nancy Kovalski
5:30 pm	Thursday	12/07	Daniel Fernald
7:00 am	Friday	12/08	For the Parish
7:00 pm	Friday	12/08	Annamae Schondek
8:00 am	Saturday	12/09	Frances R. Kourtz



Kindly remember in your prayers those who have died, especially William Vodden, Anthony Yesse, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE OF CONCEPTION OF MARY

This Friday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th, at 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, December 8th, at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Come and celebrate the beginning of the life of Mary in the womb of her Mother, St. Ann! The collection that is taken at those Masses will assist the Saint Vincent de Paul Society in their important work within the parish.

ANNUAL APPEAL

The returns for the Annual Appeal are coming in quite steadily. Thank you so much for your generosity. Even in these difficult economic times it is edifying to witness the commitment our parishioners have to St. Ann's Parish. If you have not received a mailing regarding the Appeal you may find the letter and the financial report at the doors of the church. Thanks again to those who have already given and thanks to those who will give!

NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Lectors are reminded that the new workbooks for the new liturgical year (which begins on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent), are available in the vesting room.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

The project was another great success! Thirty-five families participated in making their own Advent Wreaths this past Sunday. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen, and to the Confirmation students who volunteered their time. This has become a wonderful parish tradition!

THE 2017 GIVING TREE PROJECT

You are asked to bring the present unwrapped, **with the gift tag from the giving tree attached, by 5 p.m. Saturday, December 16th.** WHITE tags are for infant gifts, RED are for girl gifts, and GREEN are for boy gifts. We want to thank the Knights of Columbus for their dedicated efforts in this worthwhile project.

PARISH NECROLOGY

A parish necrology is a listing of the anniversaries of those parish members who have gone before us – so we ask that you keep these folks in your prayers particularly on the anniversary of their death.

Dec 3	Andrew J. Kelley	1981
	Marcia L. Lowe	1993
Dec 4	Joan C. Prado	1990
	Merrall W. Viles	1992
	Rose M. Sposini	1996
	Illona D. O'Connell	2001
	Loretta Wood	2010
Dec 5	Manuel Butler, Jr	2003
	Evelyn Mackenzie	2006
	Donald Coelho	2009
	Joan Lynn	2015
Dec 6	Donald F. McCaffrey	1980
	Anastasia Connors	1984
	Jason Macedo	1989
Dec 7	Robert M. Shelling	1995
	Helen Barstad	2002
	Richard Norbert Cote	2003
Dec 8	Harvey W. Wilson	1966
Dec 9	Gertrude Virginis	2005
	Thomas G. Campbell, Jr.	2013

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers, all who are facing illness at this time: Phyllis Anacone, Paula Burgoyne, Madeline Coelho, Donald W. Comis, Ellie DaRosa, Holly Duarte, Cathie Hatch, Richard Hatch, Peter Horsley, Stephen Kirkland, Chase Miceli, Kim MacDonald, Xavier Ross, Brian Roster, Irene Ryan, Doreen Schroth, Paige Silvestro, Ed Smith, Helen Smith, Josie Spearin, Jennifer K. Strachan, and those whose names are listed in the book of prayers for the sick.

WELCOME!!! A word of welcome to our new parishioners! Please introduce yourselves to Fr. John, Deacon Joe, or Deacon Matt so that we can better serve you. We hope that you will become involved with our parish, and we look forward to your presence and participation each week.

4TH ANNUAL COOKIE SALE



will be held this Sunday, December 3rd, in the Parish Center after all the morning Masses. Cookie boxes are available at the sale. This event is sponsored by the Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates. We hope to see you all there.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!!

Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 17th at noon. **This weekend we will have signups at the back of the Church after each Mass and at the Parish Center after all morning Masses.** We have a variety of roles to be covered for those who would like speaking, non-speaking, or singing parts. Please consider getting involved with this year's event as we gather to bring the true meaning of Christmas to our parish community.

Rehearsals are scheduled for:

Dec. 7: 5:30 -7:00 PM

Dec. 14: 5:30-7:00 PM

Dec. 16: Dress Rehearsal 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dec. 17: 10:30 – 11:30 **Show at noon!**

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE/ PLACEMENT EXAMINATION



The Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fall River will accept applications and administer an entrance/placement examination for new students on Saturday, December 2nd with the make-up exam on Saturday, December 9th. Students wishing to enter any of these schools next September should report to the school of their choice by 7:45 am as testing begins at 8:00 am. High schools include:

Bishop Connolly High, Fall River

Bishop Feehan High, Attleboro

St. John Paul II High, Hyannis

Bishop Stang High, No. Dartmouth

Coyle and Cassidy High, Taunton

The application and examination procedure will last until approximately 11:30 a.m. There will be a \$20.00 fee, payable at the time of application. The students need bring no records with them, nor do the parents have to accompany them. Information regarding courses, athletics and financial aid, etc. will be given at the time of the examination, or can be obtained by contacting the school at any time.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Just a short note of “thanks” to everyone who made our annual gathering with our friends from “The Stone Church” a success. Our bakers out did themselves, our servers kept everything running smoothly, and the setup and cleanup crew helped immensely. Last but not least it was so nice to see everyone come together to give God thanks for our many blessings!

NOVENA OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 30th to December 8th, Holy Family Church (370 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton) will be celebrating their annual Novena to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. **Each evening at 7:00 p.m.** in the church they will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by a different priest, Confessions available, praying of the Rosary, and Benediction. This year's reflections will meditate on the Ten Commandments and how we can learn to live them a deeper way (and how Our Lady can help us with that). This is a beautiful way to spend time in prayer, grow in one's faith and foster our devotion to Mary. This also helps us prepare for the holy day of the Immaculate Conception, and experience Advent in a very joyful and peaceful way.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas, feel free to send your donations in the “Christmas Flowers” envelope you received with your weekly budget envelope. If you would like to do this in memory of a loved one, you may write their name(s) on the envelope. If you did not receive a “Christmas Flowers” envelope, you may use an ordinary envelope but be sure to write on it *Christmas Flowers*.

TROOP 43 CHRISTMAS WREATHS



St. Ann's Boy Scout Troop 43 will be selling 12" Christmas Wreaths after Masses beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The price is the same at \$9.00. The baskets are \$16.00 and the kissing balls are \$18.00. If you would like a bigger wreath, please contact Frank Toste at tostelectric@comcast.net. All orders for larger wreaths should be in by November 30th. If you have ordered larger wreaths in the past, please confirm your order via email this year to make sure we get what you would like.

Larger wreaths prices:

24 inch - \$30

30 inch - \$45

36 inch - \$55

48 inch - \$75

We thank you for your support of Troop 43.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and donuts are available after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. We would like to thank Marianne & Louis Miller, Charlie McElroy, Helen Howlett, and Terrienne D'Ambrosio for assisting this weekend. We are grateful to Bev Morgan for overseeing this activity, and Tim Holick and George Pike, our “bakers.” We are always looking for helpers and it's a nice way to make friends and meet new people. If you are interested, please call Bev Morgan at 508-823-9183.

ST. ANN'S SOCIABLE SENIORS

St. Ann's Sociable Seniors will have their Christmas Party at Harry's La Casa Mia on Tues., Dec. 19th at 10:45am. Don't forget your Yankee Swap gift! Mail checks to Brian McClory by December 12th.

THE ST. VINCENT'S DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank our parishioners for their generous outpouring of support. We now have enough food to assemble the Thanksgiving baskets AND the Christmas baskets as well. Thank you so much for taking the time to help us with our request.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

The duties of those girls and boys and young women and men who serve at the altar are integral to the celebration of the Mass. They must be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out with appropriate reverence. They must have received First Holy Communion and they must attend Mass on a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming an altar server and are, in the fall, beginning fourth grade or higher, please contact the parish office at (508)823-9833 to indicate your interest. You will then be notified concerning mandatory attendance at two training sessions, to be held in the November-December time period. In those sessions we will review the duties one performs as an altar server and address any questions you may have about your responsibilities. A second opportunity to express interest in becoming an altar server will be offered in October, when Deacon Joe will meet with all the fourth grade formation classes.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Every other week the names of those for whom we are praying will be listed in the bulletin, with the permission of the person who is sick or their family. Please forward your prayer requests to Roberta Santos (jachan499@comcast.net). When making the request please leave your name and phone number. Should you wish to keep the name private, that will be honored.

BAPTISMS

Anyone who would like to make arrangements for a baptism is asked to see Fr. John or Deacon Joe after Mass. Baptisms are held the first three Sundays of the month.

WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A GODPARENT OR SPONSOR?

You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by weekly participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. Please see Fr. John after Mass to have a sponsor form signed.

SUPPORT GROUP

For Separated & Divorced

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be Tuesday December 5th from 7pm-8:30pm and subsequent meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening. For more information or for directions, please contact Dottie at 508-642-1928 or dojale@icloud.com.

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle on Thursday, December 14th. The Holy Rosary begins at 6:00pm and will include the Sacrament of Confession. Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm. It will conclude with healing prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to Sacred Hearts Retreat Center for the annual Christmas Open House on December 17th from 1 PM to 5 PM. Over 100 nativities from different countries will be on display. Admire the lights and decorations, enjoy music and light refreshments with friends. Address: 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, MA 02571. Any questions call: Sr. Claire at [508-295-0100](tel:508-295-0100).

ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 17th

St. Mary's Church in Taunton will host a Christmas Concert featuring the Southeastern Massachusetts Festival Chorus on Sunday, December 17th at 3 p.m. The 100-member choral ensemble will be accompanied by live music, and will perform both traditional and contemporary Christmas songs. Tickets are \$15.00 per person or a package of two tickets for \$25.00. Please make checks payable to "St. Mary's Church" and mail to: Donna Brezinski, 6 Ashland St., Taunton, MA 02780.

TACT

The **Taunton Area Community Table** Meal Center is located at 378 Bay Street, Taunton. TacT is a community based meal center dedicated to providing free delicious, healthy meals to individuals and families in a warm, friendly and safe atmosphere. All are welcome. No questions asked. The TacT Meal Center is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for lunch from 10a.m. to 1 p.m. The "Family Café" is open Thursday evenings from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Breakfast is served on the third and last Saturdays of each month from 9:00-11:00 AM. For more information, visit our website at www.tactmealcenter.org, visit our Facebook page, or call 508-386-3807.