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St. Ann's Church

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	<i>Fr. John Murray</i>
Deacons	<i>Deacon Joseph McGinley</i>
.....	<i>Deacon Paul Spearin</i>
Faith Formation Coordinator	<i>Jenn Murphy</i>
Music Director	<i>Paul Bowen</i>
Retired Deacon	<i>Deacon John Welch</i>

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM

(Memorial Day to Labor Day, Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 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	<i>President, Bev Vargas</i>	508-884-6538
Altar Servers' Schedule	<i>Parish Secretary</i>	508-823-9833
Lectors & Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Schedule	<i>Parish Secretary</i>	508-823-9833
St. Ann Prayer Group	<i>Alexandrine Fillion</i>	508-697-2423
St. Ann's Sociable Seniors	<i>President, Debbie McClory</i>	508-822-9166
Knights of Columbus	<i>Grand Knight, Ron Pagels</i>	508-697-2707

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 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

7:00 a.m. Monday 12/23 Brenda Campbell
8:00 a.m. Thursday 12/26 Living & deceased members of the O'Donoghue & Smith families
7:00 a.m. Friday 12/27 Deacon Paul Spearin and family
8:00 a.m. Saturday 12/28 Walter Whittemore, Jr.



Kindly remember in your prayers those who have died, especially the deceased members of the Helen J. Downing, Arthur & Frances Heath, Rose Fitta Platt, Joe Squizzero and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that Christmas will be upon us in just a few days! As a parish community and a family of faith let us celebrate the fullness of this mystery as it unfolds for us through the liturgy of our Church.

Christmas will begin on Christmas Eve and extend through the celebration of the Baptism of The Lord. Let us not end our celebrations too soon. Enjoy the feast!

Just as we come together each Sunday as a faith community to worship our Lord so too Christmas will bring many visitors to our parish. Some of these visitors live far away and some are our neighbors. Wherever they live, whoever they are and however often they are here or not - all are welcome! Let us be like Mary and Joseph who welcomed Jesus into their lives. As Jesus invites us to share his divinity as he comes to share in our humanity, let us welcome others in such a way that they might wish to return more often.

Happy and Blessed Christmas to you and your families!

Fr. John

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Looking ahead, I want to let you know that the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. in Church
4:10 p.m. in Parish Center
6:00 p.m. in the Church
Midnight in the Church

Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 25th

9:00 a.m. in the Church
11:00 a.m. in the Church

We are having a 4:10 p.m. Mass again on Christmas Eve in the Parish Center to accommodate the number of people. To attend Mass, people will be directed by hired firemen to the Parish Center after the Church is full before the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Like last year, this will allow for a safe and more prayerful environment.

Thursday morning Mass, December 26th will be held at 8:00 a.m.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

This Sunday, December 22nd, following the 5 p.m. Mass, there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas by clearing the darkness of sin so that we may welcome Jesus, the Light of the world.

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 22	Bruno J. Bisio	1978
	Ronald E. Doucette	1994
	Dominick DeLeo	1995
	Armen Z. Nalbandian	1996
	Ermina Machado	2010
	Raymond Machado, Jr.	2017
Dec 23	Anne Niemi Silva	2006
Dec 24	Frances M. Robertson	1978
	Charles R. Rose	1986
	Antone Machado	2008
Dec 25	Alice Smith	2011
	William R. Morgan	2016
Dec 26	Dorothea M. Ross	1994
	Mary Catherine King	2002
	Mary Ribeiro	2003
	Thomas H. Sims	2009
	William H. Donovan, Jr.	2016
Dec 27	Walter J. Czerny	2001
	Arthur M. Alves	2010
	Laura Tuttle	2012
	Albert A. Pizzutti, Jr.	2014
Dec 28	Elsie Jones	1996
	Rose A. Melanson	1998

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers, all who are facing illness at this time: *Ted Arend, Rev. Bob Brusio, Paula Burgoyne, Alan Cekanavich, Madeline Coelho, Donald W. Comis, Mildred Ceurvels Drury, Holly Duarte, Michael Fraga, Stephen Kirkland, Fred Lincoln, Chase Miceli, Kim MacDonald, Patricia Parkinson, Patrick Quigley, Sandra Rosa, Doreen Schroth, Ed Smith, Helen Smith, Josie Spearin, Jennifer K. Strachan,* and those whose names are listed in the book of prayers for the sick.



**LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/
ALTAR SERVERS**

There are sign-up sheets in the vesting room for the Christmas and New Year's Masses for our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers to assist. We thank you for your help!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas! Classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th. Many thanks to Jennifer Murphy, our Catechists, and the volunteers who have helped the first part of the year run so smoothly!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

To the people who make our pageant magical each year, our children, thank you for sharing the treasured story of the Nativity with us. Your hard work and talent have brought Christmas to our parish. Thank you also to the many adults who worked behind the scenes, but whose contributions are immeasurable.



THE 2019 GIVING TREE PROJECT

Due to your generosity, 1,225 individual requests were filled by the 2019 Giving Tree project, which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. This is certainly a vivid reminder of the real spirit of Christmas and of the generosity of our parishioners. We would like to thank Dave and Laura Caron and their committee for their tireless efforts on this worthwhile project. We would also like to thank all who donated to the Giving Tree project.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all the donors, volunteers, and CCD classes who make the Christmas turkey baskets a great success. As always, we are very grateful for all your support. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless You!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



ST. ANN'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 10289

MERRY CHRISTMAST TO ALL from the Knights of Columbus!

Over the next few months the Council will be conducting a campaign to recruit new members.

The St. Ann's Knights of Columbus meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the St. Ann's parish center at 7:30 PM. Any practicing catholic man 18 years of age or older wishing to join the Knights should contact Grand Knight Ron Pagels at 774-281-2429 or email rnpnekv114@gmail.com. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus, visit our website www.kofc.org.

WELCOME HOME COLLEGIANS!

We want to welcome our "collegians" who are home on break. We hope that their time home will be restful and fun. We look forward to their presence among us.

BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Some of our parishioners will be away for the Christmas celebration, so we want to extend to them, and through them, to their families and loved ones our best wishes for a blessed Christmas.



NO COFFEE & DONUTS THIS WEEKEND!

Due to the Christmas Holiday and the New Year, there will be **no coffee & donuts** after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses this weekend or next. Coffee and donuts will return the weekend of January 5, 2020.

CREATIVE GIFT GIVING

Many people are difficult to shop for at any time of the year, especially at Christmas. Perhaps a creative, thoughtful and meaningful gift could be a donation in someone's name to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Ann's. Their work is extraordinary and the need is great. This would truly be a "gift that keeps on giving."

DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our Deadline for Bulletin copy is Monday at noon for the upcoming Sunday bulletin. All announcements can be neatly written and delivered to the parish office, or can be emailed to office@stannsrainham.org.

Due to the December/January holiday schedules, our bulletin company has changed the following weekly deadlines:

Bulletin Date:

Sunday, Jan. 5th

Due in Parish Office by:

Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 10 a.m.

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, Deacon Joe, or Deacon Paul after Mass. Baptisms are held the first three Sundays of each 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.**



SNOW CANCELLATION REMINDER

Cancellation of Faith Formation classes due to snow will be posted on WHDH Channel 7, and on our website at www.stannsrainham.org. **If school is cancelled or delayed, Daily Mass will also be cancelled.**

EUCHARIST MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND ALTAR SERVERS

Your new schedules for January, February, and March have been completed. Due to the busy holiday season, we will be mailing and emailing them to you. Thank you for all your help!