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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..... *Jenn Murphy*
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
St. Ann's Sociable Seniors..... *President, Debbie McClory* 508-822-9166
Knights of Columbus..... *Grand Knight, Brian McClory* 508-822-9166

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 9, 2018

Mass Intentions

7:00a.m.	Monday	12/10	Frances R. Kourtz
7:00 a.m.	Tuesday	12/11	Frank P. McCoy
7:00 a.m.	Wednesday	12/12	John Burke
7:00 a.m.	Thursday	12/13	William R. Morgan
7:00 a.m.	Friday	12/14	Edward Laughlin
8:00 a.m.	Saturday	12/15	Frank Gallo & Albert Correia, Sr.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Kindly remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Richard Mastria, Sr., and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, December 1st, our grade 2 students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask that you keep these youngsters in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

5TH ANNUAL COOKIE SALE - This Sunday!

The 5th Annual Cookie Sale will be held on Sunday, December 9th, in the Parish Center after all the morning Masses. Additional cookie boxes will be sold at Parish Center \$5/box. This event is sponsored by the 10th grade Confirmation Candidates. We hope to see you all there.

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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!

THE 2018 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 15th**. 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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join the children of St. Ann's as they perform this year's Christmas Pageant – a great tradition to share with the whole family – all are welcome. The Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 16th at noon - following the 11:00 Mass!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

On Sunday, December 23rd, following the 5 pm 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.

ST. ANN'S: Website: www.stannsrainham.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stannsrainham

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 9	Gertrude Virginis	2005
	Thomas G. Campbell, Jr.	2013
Dec 10	Francis Noonan	1994
Dec 11	James W. Fitzgerald	1982
	M. Louise Heinig	1983
	Kevin M. McKenney	1987
	Charles H. Ennes, Jr.	1998
	Anne O'Brien	2005
	Sally McCabe	2007
Dec 12	Anna Nagy	1961
Dec 13	Doris Mae Sweeney	1999
Dec 14	Wilfred Cloutier	1973
	Agnes McGrath	1979
	Louis Sylvia	1985
	Joseph McCusker	1990
	Alvaro Oliveira	1993
	Lester L. McKenney	1996
	Mary Zobel	2012
Dec 15	Frank Rozenas	1971
	Beryl L. Miller	2012
	Mary Wynn	2014

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Pease remember in your prayers, all who are facing illness at this time: Ted Arend, Rev. Bob Bruso, Paula Burgoyne, Madeline Coelho, Donald W. Comis, Mildred Ceurvels Drury, Holly Duarte, Stephen Kirkland, Fred Lincoln, Chase Miceli, Kim MacDonald, Sandra Rosa, Xavier Ross, 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.

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS

There will be no coffee & donuts served after the Sunday morning Masses for the remainder of the month of December. We invite everyone to visit our Cookie Sale after the morning Masses this weekend, and our Christmas Pageant at 12 o'clock noon next weekend, both in the Parish Center. We wish all our Coffee & Donut Volunteers a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

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. As of this past Monday, we have received a total of \$22,864.00 from our parishioners. 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!

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

The project was another great success! Thirty-six 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!

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*.

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."

A THANK YOU FROM TROOP 43

The scouts of Boy Scout Troop 43 want to thank everyone at St Ann's for your support. We have sold out of the Christmas Wreaths this year in the shortest time ever. We appreciate all the support for the Troop and wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!!

Our annual Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16th at noon.

Rehearsals are scheduled for:

Dec. 12th: 5:30-7:00 PM

Dec. 15th: Dress Rehearsal 9:00-10:30 AM

Dec. 16th: 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Christmas Pageant: Dec. 16th at noon!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Monday, December 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All members are urged to attend.

ST. ANN'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a regular business meeting of the Council on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 7:30 p.m. **in the church basement**. All members are urged to attend.

ST. ANN'S SOCIABLE SENIORS

St. Ann's Sociable Seniors will have their annual Christmas party at the Chateau Restaurant at 11:30a.m. Tuesday December 18th. The cost is \$25 per person. Please send your check to Brian McClory by December 8th. Don't forget your Yankee Swap gift.

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle on Thursday, December 13th. The Holy Rosary begins at 6:00pm and will include the Sacrament of Confession. Holy Mass will begin at 6:30pm. It will include praying over people individually and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

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 18th, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. 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.

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@stannsraynham.org. **Due to the December holiday schedules, our bulletin company has changed the following weekly deadlines:**

Bulletin Date:

Sunday, Dec. 16th

Sunday, Dec. 23rd

Sunday, Dec. 30th

Due in Parish Office by:

Friday, Dec. 7th @noon

Thursday, Dec. 13th @ noon

Thursday, Dec. 20th @ noon

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

On December 12th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in the Church from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

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 fourth grade or higher, please contact the Parish Office to indicate your interest. (508-823-9833) You will then be notified concerning two mandatory training sessions, to be held in December. In these 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 an interest in becoming an altar server will be offered in late November, when Deacon Joe will visit fourth grade faith formation classes.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Very soon the Process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Fr. John or Deacon Joe. This is for those who have never been Baptized, or have been Baptized in another Christian Church or were Baptized in the Catholic Church but never received First Communion.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

The Young Adult Program "Forward In Christ" provides an outlet for the young adults at Saint Ann's with an opportunity to interact with individuals in their same age group that encounter similar issues in their daily lives. We plan to have Bible Studies as well as regular social gatherings at the Parish center. For those of you who feel that you have not been able to find a niche for yourself in the Parish community since high school, this is your opportunity to get connected and dive more deeply into your faith as a Catholic adult. If you are between the ages of 20 and 30ish and you are interested in the Forward Young Adult Program at Saint Ann's, please reach out to SaintAnnYoungAdultProgram@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest!

MASS SCHEDULE NATIONWIDE

www.Masstimes.org

SNOW CANCELLATION REMINDER

Cancellation of Faith Formation classes due to snow will be posted on WCVB channel 5, WBZ channel 4, and on our website at www.stannsraynham.org. **If school is cancelled or delayed, Daily Mass will also be cancelled.**

RAYNHAM FOOD PANTRY

Deborah VanderMeel, a parishioner here at St. Ann's, has been director of the Raynham Food Pantry for several years. She will be stepping down from that position soon. If anyone is interested in finding out more about what this position entails please contact Debbie at (508)823-1104. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the local community and put the Gospel into action. "When I was hungry, you gave me food." Matthew 25.

ST. VINCENT'S DE PAUL SOCIETY

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

A reminder to the Parishioners who use the weekly collection envelopes. Please clearly mark the front of your envelope with your donation amount. This will ensure you receive credit for your donation on the year-end statements you receive in January. The company we use for processing sends back numerous envelopes monthly that have no amounts written or checked on the front of the envelopes, therefore, the year-end statement will not reflect this donation.

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.**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

A word of welcome to our new parishioners! Please introduce yourselves to Fr. John or Deacon Joe 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.