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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](http://www.stannsraynham.org) **EMAIL:** [office@stannsraynham.org](mailto:office@stannsraynham.org)

**December 23, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Intentions**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday 12/26 Jose and Maria Amaral  
7:00 a.m. Thursday 12/27 Cheryl Noblin  
7:00 a.m. Friday 12/28 Paul Midura  
8:00 a.m. Saturday 12/29 Vital, Filomena, Jose & Constantino Velho



Kindly remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Melvin W. Lewis, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Dear Friends,*

*It's hard to believe but Christmas is here! 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 which is January 13th. 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*

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

On Sunday, December 23rd, 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.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve Masses - Monday, 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 - Tuesday, Dec. 25th**

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

**There will be no morning Mass on Christmas Eve Day.** 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.

**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 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
Dec 29	Mary M. Plante	1975
	Evelyn Paille	1979
	Antonio D. Sousa	1994
	Clara Martin Alexio	1997
	David Charles Comis	1998
	Paul Pelletier	2002

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please 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.

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:  
CHRISTMAS BREAK**

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas! Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Jennifer Murphy, our Catechists, and the volunteers who have helped the first part of the year run so smoothly!

**8TH ANNUAL  
SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF**

**Save the date: Sat. February 2nd at 5:00 p.m.**  
The 8th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-off will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish center. Grade 9 students will be selling tickets in January and we are always looking for "chefs" to participate. We hope to see you all there!

**COOKIE SALE**

Thank you to all who supported our 10th Grade Cookie Sale. With the help of our volunteers, bakers and donations from our parish, we raised \$500 from this event! This will all be donated to the Samaritan House and the Raynham Food Basket.

**NO COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Due to the Christmas Holiday and the New Year, there will be no coffee and donuts after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses this weekend or next.

**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 \$29,984.00 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!

**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](mailto: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.

**EUCCHARIST 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!

**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.

**THANK YOU FOR THE "GIVING TREE"!**

Due to your generosity, 720 individual requests were filled by the 2018 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!

**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."

**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.

**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](http://www.stannsraynham.org). **If school is cancelled or delayed, Daily Mass will also be cancelled.**