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Pastor *Fr. James Fitzpatrick*
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..... *Deacon Paul Spearin*
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Music Director *Paul Bowen*
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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 7:30 AM; Sat 8:00 AM
Holy Day Masses - 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, and 7:00 PM

First Friday Adoration 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, closing with Benediction;
First Saturday Rosary 8:30 AM
Daily Rosary 8:00 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
St. Ann's Sociable Seniors..... *President, Marianne Miller*508-823-1765
Knights of Columbus..... *Grand Knight, Chris Buckley*.....918-406-6199

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.stannsrainham.org **EMAIL:** office@stannsrainham.org

December 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass Intentions

7:30 a.m.	Monday	12/27	Frances R. Kourtz
7:30 a.m.	Tuesday	12/28	Johnny O'Donoghue
7:30 a.m.	Wednesday	12/29	Walter J. Whittemore, Jr.
7:30 a.m.	Thursday	12/30	Norris and Ann Boyson & the deceased members of the Boyson family
7:30 a.m.	Friday	12/31	Stella Wagner
5:30 p.m.	Friday	12/31	For the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Saturday	01/01	For Peace

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

Dear Friends,

Did you know that Christmas is what the Church calls an "octave"? That's right! The celebration of the Lord's birth is so important to the Church that it cannot be contained within one day, in fact, it is celebrated over eight days. An octave. So today is as much Christmas as it was yesterday. So.... once again, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I hope everyone enjoyed yesterday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind wishes... words of encouragement... goodies and gifts: all made for a wonderful first Christmas here for me at Saint Ann's!

I wish to thank Deb, Rich and all who assisted in the preparations behind the scene: Didn't the church look beautiful? Many thanks to Toni and crew for their beautiful work in arranging the flowers, wreaths, etc. Paul Bowen and the Choir provided lovely music for the liturgies: thank you Paul for your fine music in and out of season! Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society assisted so many families in the Parish and beyond between dinners and gifts. Thank you, Bev Vargas & Co. Inc. for the charity you bring year in and year out to our people in need. The GIVING TREE appears to be a popular source of gifting and sharing here at Saint Ann's. Thank you to all who participated to make Christmas a little more brighter!

And to all who continue to support Saint Ann Parish financially and spiritually, I wish to express my gratitude. I know that we ask a lot from you during the holidays: collections...Christmas flowers...Christmas collection...Giving tree...Annual Appeal. I hope we can put our wallets away for a while... but no TOO long!!!

Last but not least, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Joan Lynn has accepted the position of Religious Education Director here at Saint Ann Parish. This is God's Christmas gift to me! While there were a few wonderful and worthy candidates for the job, I was especially taken by Joan's resume: Joan is a member of Saint Ann Parish: she has taught religion for us before: she has just retired from over thirty-five years in education, both in the classroom as well as in administration and she is a person of faith. Joan and I are just beginning to rebuild the program, however, with Joan's background she should be up and running very shortly. I anticipate the re-opening of classes once again by mid-January. We will be in touch with teachers and parents for details. WELCOME, JOAN, to the staff at Saint Ann's Parish!

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Jim

JANUARY 1ST - HOLY DAY

January 1st is a holy day honoring Mary, the Mother of God. This year, since it falls on a Saturday, it is **not a holy day of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 31st, at 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, January 1st, at 10:00 a.m. The collection that will be taken at these Masses will assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their work here in the parish. Our Holy Father has also asked that New Year's Day be a day we pray for world peace. There is no better way to begin the New Year than to attend Mass. We extend to all of our parishioners our prayerful best wishes for a grace-filled and peaceful New Year.

SAINT ANN ANNUAL APPEAL

In the midst of the holiday expenses, so many of you have already given to the ANNUAL APPEAL. As of now, approximately \$20,855.00 has been raised. The "ANNUAL" will be ongoing. If you are not on the mailing list, extra mailings are at the doors of the church... feel free to take one!!! God bless your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all the donors and volunteers who made 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!.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



We extend prayerful congratulations to:

Theo Cooper Downing
son of Jonathan and Tessa Downing

who was baptized and welcomed into our faith community during the month of December.

SNOW CANCELLATION REMINDER

If in-person classes are cancelled or delayed for the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, daily morning Mass at St. Ann's will also be cancelled.

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 26	Dorothea M. Ross	1994
	Mary Catherine King	2002
	Mary Ribeiro	2003
	Thomas H. Sims	2009
	William H. Donovan, Jr.	2016
	Mary DeSisto	2019
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
	Jonia Goncalves	2019
Dec 29	Mary M. Plante	1975
	Evelyn Paille	1979
	Antonio D. Sousa	1994
	Clara Martin Alexio	1997
	David Charles Comis	1998
	Paul Pelletier	2002
	Catherine H. Poirier	2020
Dec 30	James J Powers	1961
	Anna Morehouse	1992
Dec 31	David G. McElroy	2020
Jan 1	Josephine Martin	1963
	Arleine F. Carnes	1983
	Edward Gallagher	2003
	John Tracy	2009
	Jane M. Paquette	2014

SYNOD

OVERVIEW

Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church communicates on all levels, and is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

Long term goal to rebuild the local church in decision making processes through communion, participation, and mission.

LISTENING SURVEY

The process begins here in Raynham now, with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The survey will be sent out to each parishioners home and/or can pick up a copy at each Church door. Please complete listening survey and drop in collection basket during Mass or in collection box at the main entrance of the church throughout work week or weekend. All responses are all anonymous, no contact information or specifics required personal disclosure. Listening Survey ends Sunday January 16,2022

SYNOD INITIATIVE

The preparatory step in the synodal phase is the gathering of the faithful individually, as a parish family. Hopefully, with the information we collect through listening, gathering, sharing about our faith journey and its importance, we may benefit from a deeper faith and a stronger relationship with our Lord, each other and our church.

THREE SYNODAL INVITATIONS

All sessions will be held in St. Ann's Parish Center on Saturday's (Noon - 3 PM) January 29th: "Baptismal Mission, journey to invite others to Christ" February 26th: "Lenten Journey "Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving" what could that look like June 4th: "Pentecost, walking with the Holy Spirit"

SYNODAL EVENT PLANNING TEAM

Inviting you to be part of planning these special events by sharing your time, sharing your creative ideas or sharing the treasures of your faith with this gathering or possibly at one of the upcoming Synodal Invitations. Please contact Deacon Paul Spearin by email at deaconpaul2018@gmail.com or cell 508-567-7155.

RSVP

Please sign up for the Saturday, January 29th session by January 21st. It is very important that we have a number on how many are attending so we can plan the event.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please remember in your prayers, all who are facing illness at this time: *Denise Cabral-Bumpus, Karen Cavanagh, Kevin Ellis, Shirley Ellis, Paul Kane, Regan Piotti, George Reul, Helen Smith*, and those whose names are listed in the book of prayers for the sick.

AN INVITATION

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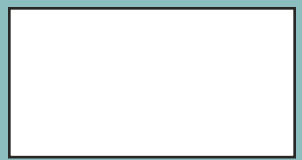
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I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

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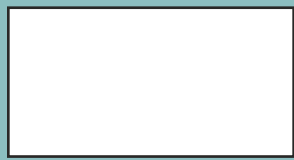
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