

St. John - St. Paul Collaborative

Second Sunday of Advent

“A voice of one
crying out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way
of the Lord, make straight
his paths.’ ”

-Mark 1:3



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December 10, 2017

Mass Schedules

Saint John the Evangelist

Daily Mass	7:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sunday Masses	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm

Confession: Saturday 3:30 - 4:00pm
(or by appointment) in the Chapel



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Serving Wellesley - Newton

Saint Paul

Daily Mass	9:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Masses	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am

Confession: Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm
(or by appointment)

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Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday, following the 4:00pm Mass at St. Paul and the 5:00pm Mass at St. John • **Baptism:** 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at St. Paul and the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at St. John • **Funeral:** Contact the Parish • **Marriage:** Arrange six months prior • **Confession:** Saturdays, 3:00 to 3:45pm at St. Paul and 3:30pm at St. John in the Chapel (or by appointment)

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Enlighten the darkness
of my heart.
Give me right faith,
sure hope and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding
and knowledge,
That I may fulfill your commands.

St. Francis of Assisi



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend time with the Lord this Advent

Every Tuesday, 1:00-4:00pm at St. Paul Church.



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC & CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to make a donation towards Christmas music or flowers in memory of a loved one this holiday season?

If so, you may make your donation by using the flower and music envelope which is included with your regular offertory envelopes and dropping it in the collection basket. Alternatively you can donate using online giving on the parish website, or by dropping your donation in the mail or directly to the Parish Office. Please make sure to include the name(s) of those you want remembered in this special way. Please remember to print their name(s) clearly.

The deadline to submit the name of a loved one is Friday, December 15 by noon.

KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mildred Costanzo

Whose funeral Mass was recently offered at the
St. John-St. Paul Collaborative.
Please also remember

John Arslan

May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed
share in the fullness of life and peace with God.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

for members of our Collaborative who are ill,
remembering especially:

Ann, Anne, Annie, Bill, Bob, Brian, Charles, Chris, Chrissy, Craig, Geni, Jaqueline, James, Jane, Jean, Jennie, Joe, Joy, Kevin, Lisa, Liz, Luke, Lynn, Lynne, Madelene, Mary, Michael, MT, Molly, Neal, Paul, Patrick, Renee, Sean, and Thomas.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. John

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Masses

Upper Church* and School Hall

**with simulcast in lower church*

(Powers Hall)

5:30pm

Family Mass with Youth Choir

10:00pm

9:30 Prelude and Carols

Parish Choir

Christmas Day

10:30am

10:00 Prelude and Carols

Parish Choir

St. Paul

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Masses

Church and Parish Hall

6:00pm

Children's Pageant and Choir

8:00pm

7:30 Prelude and Carols

Adult Choir

12:00 Midnight

11:30 Prelude and Carols

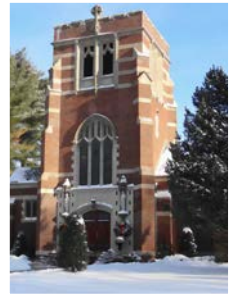
Youth Music Group

Christmas Day

11:00 am

10:30 Prelude and Carols

Adult Choir



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The St. Paul Catholic Men's Fellowship Group meets next on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30pm in the St. Paul Parish Hall behind St. Paul Church, 502 Washington St. in Wellesley.

We continue with Chapter 2, Of Blessed Memory, from Archbishop Chaput's recent book, Strangers in a Strange Land, Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World. All men of the Collaborative are cordially invited to attend.

This is an important book about the most important questions: Who are we as Christians, and how do we live and love, work and create? How do we raise our families, educate our children, and carry out our Christian mission? How do we serve God in this 'strange land' that now, too often, sees the Church, her teachings, and her institutions as an enemy? A must read for Catholics and anyone concerned for America's future." (Most Rev. Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles)



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 73848

Girl Scout Troop 73848 is pleased to announce that **Build the Faith** will be present at all Masses on December 9-10 at St. Paul and St. John.

Build the Faith is a non-profit organization established by Christina, a sixth grader at St. John Parish. Christina's dream is to spread the Catholic faith to rural areas of economic distress around the world. To reach her goal, Christina's foundation designs lovely rosaries which are sold for \$25. All of the monies raised go to the construction of churches. These rosaries make a thoughtful Christmas gift, First Communion, Confirmation or other notable occasion - the gift of devotion to Mary, the gift of Catholicism and community for the economically disadvantaged and the gift of making a young girl's dream come true.

For more information, please visit buildthefait.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

LOTS : LIVES OF THE SAINTS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Juan de Yepes y Alvarez was John's given name when he was born on a June day in Fontiveros, Old Castle, Spain. His father, a silk weaver, died when Juan and his siblings were young and his mother settled at the Medina del Campo catechism school where the children were educated. Upon turning seventeen, Juan began studying at the Jesuit college in the city while also working for the director of a hospital in Medina. He joined the Carmelites in 1563, took the name Juan de Santo Matia, and after continuing his education in Salamanca, was ordained in 1567.

During a visit home to Medina, he met Saint Teresa. Juan shared with her his thoughts on adopting the contemplative life in order to spend his time in solitude and deeper prayer. She encouraged him, however, to remain in the Carmelites and join her in reforming the Order. Juan, and four others, formed the first men's house of the reform, the creation of the Discalced Carmelites, and Juan took the name John of the Cross. Over the next many years dissension and turmoil between the Calced and the Discalced Carmelites existed, ultimately leading to John's arrest by the Calced Carmelites. They demanded John reform or be thrown in prison. After serving under extreme conditions for over nine months in the prison at Toledo, John escaped.

Saint Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross reorganized the Discalced Carmelites and in 1579 received recognition as a separate province. In 1590 controversy broke out within the Order and John was made a simple monk and sent to a monastery in Andalusia. He contracted fever shortly after arriving and died there on December 14.

Saint John of the Cross, considered one of "the great mystics of all time," wrote his spiritual classic, *Dark Night of the Soul*, while in prison in Toledo. John's canonization occurred in 1726. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, his feast day is December 14.



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL



A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make *Trees & Trimmings 2017* a smashing success! This beloved community event simply would not happen without everyone's contributions. *Trees & Trimmings* is a perfect example of what is so special about our Saint John School Community.

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MIDNIGHT MASS IN ST. PAUL CHURCH

Carols from 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve

This Mass will be led by High School and College aged parishioners from our Collaborative. If you are a High School Musician, or are a College student home for the vacation, you are invited to take part in our Midnight Mass this Christmas Eve. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome. Rehearsal will be on Saturday 23rd December from 5:30-7:30pm in St Paul Church.

We are also looking for volunteers for other jobs including greeting and handing out worship aids and candles as people arrive.

Please contact anne.mears@sjspwellesley.org to volunteer or to get more information or just come along to the rehearsal on December 23.

ST. JOHN PARISH NEWS

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Today Sunday, Oct. 8 (and every second Sunday), please bring your donations of nonperishable food items to St. John's Glen Road entrance. Please contact Angela Spinale at (781) 431-0008 with any questions.

POLO (PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES) PLAYGROUP

Are you interested in a warm place to let the kiddos get some energy out this winter while making some new friends? If so, email Chrissy Cassa Chrissy.cassa@stjohnwellesley.org to be added to the POLO email list.

The POLO Playgroup is a parent-organized drop-in group that meets once a week for a couple hours (day & time to be determined) in the Church Social Hall. Just bring your coffee & snacks and let the kids run and play!



UPDATES FROM OUR SEMINARIANS

Please go to the parish website to read an Advent message and reflection from Chris Holownia.



POLAR EXPRESS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 15th
St. John Social Hall
6:00 - 8:30pm

Join us as we get in the Christmas spirit! Watch the Polar Express on the big screen under the lights of the Christmas tree.

Hot Cocoa and snacks will be served.

Feel free to wear pajamas and bring sleeping bags or blankets!

RSVP to this special event at www.stjohnwellesley.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9	5:00pm	Memorial	Mary G. Cahill
Sunday, December 10	7:30am	Memorial	Hugh Kelley
	9:00am	Memorial Memorial	Emlyn Mike Mitchell Maria deLurdes
	11:00am	Memorial Memorial Memorial Memorial; 32nd Anniv.	Agnes Marx Sam S. Mullin Adeline and Elmer Swanson Alice and Irwin Bofferding John J. Dunn
	5:00pm	Memorial	Ann Figge Nawn
Monday, December 11	7:00am	Memorial	Joseph Curley
Tuesday, December 12	7:00am		Muriel Cosentino
Wednesday, December 13	7:00am	Memorial	Mary Cooney
Thursday, December 14	7:00am	Memorial	Michelle Barlow
Friday, December 15	7:00am	Memorial	McCrae Williams
Saturday, December 16	7:00am	Memorial	Jonathon R. St. Clair
	5:00pm	Memorial	Suzanne Pickard
Sunday, December 17	7:30am	Memorial	Mary M. and John F. Concanon
	9:00am	Memorial	Patricia Kehoe
	11:00am	Memorial	Kevin Rooney
	5:00pm	Memorial	Dr. James C. Ferrucci

ST. JOHN PARISH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Grades 1 – 6 Class 10:00 – 10:45am

HS Retreat 11:00am– 6:00pm

Grade 9 - 10: Teen Mass w/St. Paul students
5:00pm

Grades 9 & 10 are expected to attend this Mass to which the 9th and 10th grades from St. Paul's have been invited. A Christmas celebration follows in the Social Hall.

Grades 7 & 8 are encouraged and most welcome to attend the Mass; however, no class is scheduled for these grades.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Grades 1 – 6 Class 3:30 – 4:45pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Pageant Practice 2:30pm

Next Week:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas Pageant 9:00am Family Mass

No classes.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is for the Parish Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal supports the ongoing operations of the parish, including ministries, administration and facilities. Together with Offertory the Annual Appeal accounts for over 80% of the total revenue the parish receives each year. Your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will help us to grow our Parish programs and maintain our facilities. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the sustainability and viability of our parish.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory

Actual Year-to-Date (07/01/17 - 12/04/17) \$196,897

Prior Year-to-Date (07/01/16 - 12/04/16) \$179,649

FY 2018 Annual Budget \$455,000

Annual Appeal

Actual Year-to-Date (07/01/17 - 12/04/17) \$192,602

Prior Year-to-Date (07/01/16 - 12/04/16) \$202,007

Percent of FY 2018 Budget (\$369,000) 52%

Thank you to all who have contributed.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Joe Creonte Tom Fontaine Bob McDonnell

George Eldridge Lucy Kapples

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WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

St. John Church	Saturday, December 9	Sunday, December 10			
	5:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	5:00pm
Celebrant	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Hehir	Fr. Laughlin	Fr. Connelly	Fr. Laughlin
Lector	Art Greenwood	Emmet Lyne	George Eldridge	Pat Murphy	Teen Liturgy
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Hennessey Tom Hennessey Donna Ticchi Christine Tierney Joe Tierney	Deirdre Heilbron Clare Mugovan Bob Mungovan	George Eldridge Mimi Eldridge Renee Curtin Marie Kester Joseph Kester	Mark Murphy Kathi Aldridge Paula Gomez Anne Swanson Richard Wright Virginia Wright	Pat Colton Theresa Fitzpatrick Lucy Kapples
Cantor	Kelly Meraw	-	Maria Wardwell	Kelly Meraw	Kelly Meraw

ST. JOHN PARISH MISSION STATEMENT *Baptized into Christ, we are a community of believers, bonded by our desire to learn and to live the Gospel message. As a Eucharistic people, we share a commitment to foster our personal and communal growth in faith and to witness to Christ's presence by our service to those in need, both within and beyond our parish community.*

ST. PAUL PARISH NEWS



THE GIVING TREE

St. Paul Giving Tree is an Advent tradition spreading Christmas cheer from our parish to hundreds of people through several local organizations. Each year recipients express their deepest appreciation for the generosity of our parishioners. We have two Giving Trees in the church beginning this weekend. The trees have been decorated with tags

that offer suggestions to help guide you in your gift selection. If you participate, please fill out each tag with your name and phone number, and LEAVE the small detachable portion in the box near the tree. Keep the remaining portion of the tag and attach it securely to the wrapped gift so it can be sorted and distributed to the correct location and person.

All gifts must be returned to St. Paul by Sunday December 10th. Volunteers please note: sorting will be 9:30 am-noon on Monday, December 11th in the parish hall. It's also likely we will need shoppers on the 11th for any missing gifts. For more information or to volunteer please call Donna Norwood at 781-237-9956 or email at Dbnorwood@Verizon.net.

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ATTENTION ALL LECTORS FOR ST. PAUL PARISH!

The lector workbooks are in for 2018!
You can find them in the back of church in the closet!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE



After 9:00am Mass in St. Paul Parish Hall
Monday, December 18
All are invited. Baked goods welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9	4:00pm	Memorial	McHugh and Rau Families
Sunday, December 10	7:30am		For the Parish
	9:00am	Memorial	Mary and Jim Mehl
	11:00am	Memorial	Josephine and Charles DeCristofaro
Monday, December 11	9:00am	Memorial	Colin Carr
Tuesday, December 12	9:00am	Memorial	Leo Villa
Wednesday, December 13	9:00am	Memorial	John McGuire
Thursday, December 14	9:00am	Memorial	William & Mary Kearns and Vincent Dowd
Friday, December 15	9:00am	Memorial	Alice Albertini
Saturday, December 16	9:00am	Special Intention	
	4:00pm	Memorial	Giuseppe Maimone
Sunday, December 17	7:30am	For the Parish	
	9:00am	Memorial	Joseph Tyrrell
	11:00am	Memorial	Richard Ganong

ST. PAUL PARISH NEWS



Tonight, Sunday Dec 10th we will attend the 5pm Youth Mass at St. Johns and are invited to attend a Christmas Celebration after the Mass.

Please join us next week

Sunday December 17th for our last Youth Group before Christmas.

6-7:30pm

Youth Room underneath the Parish Hall

Please bring Christmas Treats to share!

For schedules or more information email
stpaulyouthgroup@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday morning classes for grade 1 – 6 meet from 10:15 – 11:15am on Dec. 10th, and Dec. 17th.

Wednesday afternoon classes for grades 1 – 5 meet from 2:00 – 3:00pm on Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th, and Dec. 20th.

Sunday evening for grades 7 & 8 meet from 5:00 – 6:00pm on, Dec. 10th, and 17th.

Confirmation classes begin Jan. 7th from 5 – 6pm

Our next Teen Mass is scheduled for December 10th at 5:00pm at St. John's church.

Practice for those children signed up for the Nativity Reenactment on Christmas Eve will be held on Wednesday, December 20th from 3:30 – 4:30pm Meet in the school cafeteria.

Print a schedule from the website

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offertory

Actual Year-to-Date (07/01/17 - 12/04/17) \$202,389

Prior Year-to-Date (07/01/16 - 12/04/16) \$208,644

FY 2018 Annual Budget \$490,000

Grand Annual

Actual Year-to-Date (07/01/17 - 12/04/17) \$112,830

Prior Year-to-Date (07/01/16 - 12/04/16) \$89,641

Percent of FY 2018 Budget (\$258,923) 44%

Thank you to all who have contributed.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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WEEKEND MASS PARTICIPANTS

St. Paul Church	Saturday December 9	Sunday, December 10		
	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am
Celebrant	Fr. Laughlin	Fr. Blaney	Fr. Blaney	Msgr. Lind
Lector	Timothy Egan	Christine Crowley	-	Jo DeCristofaro
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Mastrianni David Mosher Je'Lesia Jones	Angel Carrillo Bob McTighe Justine Crowley	Mark Vitello Tadas Sereiva Kestas Sereiva	Jackie Mahoney Jaqueline Fitzpatrick Joe Cavanaugh

ST. PAUL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT *We are a community of faith bound together by liturgical worship. The importance of worship at Mass is demonstrated by the active participation of our parishioners who strive for meaningful and moving Liturgical celebrations. As a family in Christ, we give support to our members and an opportunity to grow spiritually and intellectually.*



Meet Father Cusack — *Embracing his vocation, embracing God's people*

Father Anthony Cusack grappled with his vocation as a young man. After hearing God's call to the priesthood, he embraced a life of service to every person placed before him in ministry.

Recognizing the growing needs of ethnic communities, Father Anthony broadened his pastoral skills by learning to celebrate Mass in both Spanish and Vietnamese. This enabled him to accept his first assignment at St. Ambrose and St. Mark Parishes in 2015.

Today, Father Anthony ministers in the heart of Dorchester. He engages the community in three very different languages. When summarizing his responsibilities, he describes personifying Christ: "The duty of the priest is, I think, to be Jesus to every single person he meets."

To help ensure priests like Father Anthony receive essential care as they live out their vocation, please support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust through the special collection this Christmas.

To submit your special intentions for our senior priests at Regina Cleri to remember during Holy Mass each week, please visit clergytrust.org/intentions.

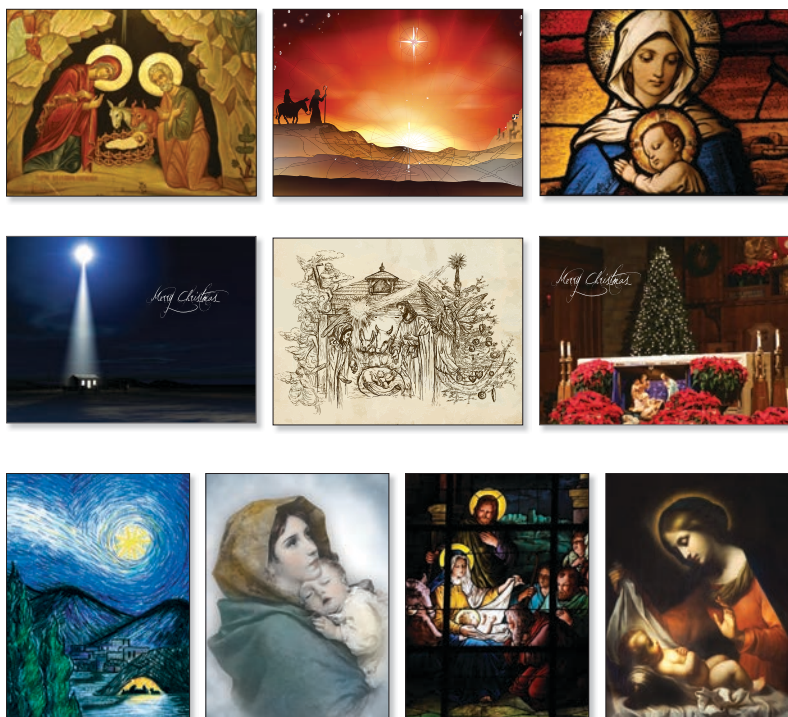
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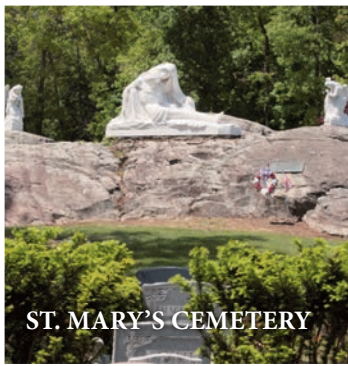
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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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