

SAINT ANN'S CHURCH

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Masses: Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Monday through Thursday 8:30 am; Friday, No Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm



Saturday, July 18

4:00pm Pauline Venancio
requested by David Gautreau

Sunday, July 19

9:00am Mary Belsido
requested by Barbara Dupsha

11:00am Elizabeth Butrym
requested by St. Ann's Parish

Monday, July 20

8:30am Jean Dunn
requested by Fr. Michael

Tuesday, July 21

8:30am Paula McGrail
requested by Fr. Michael

Wednesday, July 22

8:30am Steven Prunier
requested by SVDP

Thursday, July 23

8:30am Mass

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm Chip Hanlon 15th Anniv.
requested by the family

Sunday, July 26

9:00am Mary Belsido
requested by Barbara Dupsha

11:00 am Ellen LeBlanc
requested by the family

2nd Collection next weekend for Partners in Charity



**Beginning in August
Deacon Marc will lead
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction
and the Rosary
on the
1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm**

Stewardship

Sunday Collection 7/11-7/12	\$2,854.00
Children's Envelopes 6	\$ 8.00
SVDP	\$ 161.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 157.00
June bottles & Cans	\$ 130.00

Thank you for your generous support

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus invites the disciples to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." The same Gospel tells us that people were seeking out Jesus and His disciples constantly and as a result they "had no opportunity even to eat." As busy as they were, Jesus still encouraged the disciples to make time to pray. He recognized that without prayer they would be unable to be successful in ministry.

We are busy too. Our lives are filled with conflicting demands and obligations. Sometimes the pace of life moves so fast that it is overwhelming to us. Yet, in the midst of life's hectic pulse, God is present. But where is He?

The only way that we can find out the answer to this question is to make time to pray. As much as we need to talk to God daily, we also need to listen to Him. We listen to Him when we prayerfully reflect upon the Scripture and when we allow ourselves to be in the presence of God in silence. God responds to our prayers and questions, but often we are too preoccupied to catch His answers. Silence gives us the opportunity to hear God's still, small voice speaking. As we take time to think about our lives and consider our experiences we may also see God presenting Himself to us in the people and events we experience. Faith tells us that God is alive and active in our world. When we pray silently, being present to God we show Him that we actually believe this.

Our Family Fun Day is swiftly approaching. Giving some of our time to help make this day a success is an act of faith. There are many things that we can volunteer to do and plenty of opportunities to use our gifts and talents to support the parish. Join us in preparing for this event so that the whole community may benefit.

Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked steadily throughout the summer to maintain the property and provide us with beautiful flowers and bushes. May God bless you abundantly for putting your faith into action for the good of our parish!

In Christ, Fr. Michael

Meetings

- AA** Wednesdays 7:30 pm in the hall.
Fridays 7:00 pm in the hall
NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
Kof C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
ProLife Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00pm
SVDP Summer meetings when needed on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the church hall.

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Office
Please have read John 6:1-15



To my fellow parishioners:

I was grateful, yet humbled by the greeting you gave me as I begin my new ministry. I am aware that the past few years have not been easy for the people of St. Ann's parish. Yet, I was amazed and impressed that you continue to choose to put God before all else. That is certainly manifested in your desire to take ownership of your parish through your various ministries.

My desire, first and foremost is to be the best deacon that I can be. I also hope to be a witness to God's love in the town that my wife and I have resided and raised a family. This is and will always be my home. With your prayers and with the help of God, I know I cannot fail.

I look forward to this journey with you, as we move towards an even more perfect relationship with God.

Peace.

Deacon Marc



"For the Lord, your God, is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving them food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18

We have reached 88% of our goal

Current total : \$28,296

Goal: \$32,000

Thank you for your generous gifts

Second Collection next weekend to

help us reach our goal

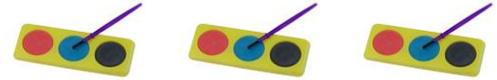


**Family Fun Day at St. Ann's
Sunday, August 16
12 -4pm**



**We will be having a 50/50/ Raffle
(tickets on sale next weekend July 25 & 26
\$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3)**

**Theme baskets and gift certificates
Delicious homemade baked goods sale**



**Face painting, lawn games and crafts
for the young and the young of heart**

**Hamburgers and hot dogs
expertly prepared by our
Parish K of C chefs**



Signup sheets are on the bulletin board for set up, clean up, raffle and baked goods donations.

Please join us!!!!

Celebrate Priesthood!

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Mechanics Hall, Worcester**

A benefit event to recognize our diocesan priests and support the Priests' Retirement Fund.

More information to come later this summer-



SCHOOL

SUPPLIES

The Annual 2015 St. Ann's Church Backpack Challenge to support Oxford's children through the Oxford Community Food Bank.

Requested supply sheets are posted on the bulletin tables.

Collection bin is at the Main Street Church entrance
Deadline to bring in your items is Sunday, August 2nd
Cash donation may be made to St. Ann's SVDP with a note that it is for the Backpack challenge.



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