

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

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30am to 3:30pm



- Saturday, January 23** **4:00pm All Souls Intentions of Heidi Thomas**

- Sunday, January 24** **9:00am All Souls Intentions of Marcel & Ann LeClair**

11:00am Robert Tippitt
requested by the family

- Monday, January 25** **8:30am Robert Tippitt**
requested by David Dumais

- Tuesday, January 26** **8:30am Gerard Houle**
requested by SVDP

- Wednesday, January 27** **8:30am Fr. Ray DeRovin**
requested by Fr. Michael

- Thursday, January 28** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Howard & Andrea Holbrook**

- Saturday, January 30** **4:00pm Cecelia Rogers 5th Anniv.**
requested by the family.

- Sunday, January 31** **9:00am All Souls Intentions of Mr & Mrs Philip Stevens**

11:00am All Souls Intentions of Paul Casavant

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of January! With the cold and snow that we have been having lately, though, we know that we are in the midst of a New England winter.

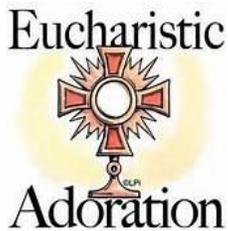
Signup sheets have been posted on the bulletin boards for Our Yard Sale Committee. We need a group of parishioners to plan the upcoming event and organize its activities. The Yard Sale will be held on the weekend of June 4 and 5 and will include the sale itself, raffles, a bake sale, games for children and food. We need the income from this sale for overall parish expenditures and also hope that the Yard Sale will be a social event for our parish. St. Ann's is blessed with many talented parishioners who can contribute meaningfully to this project. We are counting on your involvement and participation.

The Parish Ministry Booklet is almost ready for publication. As I mentioned in last Sunday's homily, this booklet will be a resource for our parish, describing the many ministries of St. Ann's and providing parishioners with contact information so that they may connect with other parishioners who coordinate those ministries. It is my hope that we may be inspired by what is already happening in our community and use our gifts and talents for the new ministries which are beginning so that our parish life may increase in vibrancy and function.

This year's Partners in Charity campaign begins in February. Last year our parish made its goal and this is a testimony to the dedication and care of so many of our parishioners. In the weeks to come we will be sharing information about Partners and the many good things that it helps to accomplish in our diocese.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Tuesday of the month

6:00pm in the Church

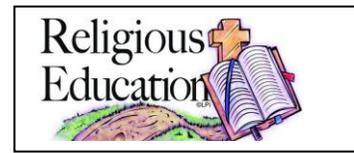
Stewardship

Weekly Collection January 16 & 17	\$2,910.06
Children's envelopes 8	\$ 11.06
Maintenance	\$ 160.00
SVDP	\$ 67.00
Poor Box	\$ 73.89
Adult Education Donation Box	\$ 5.00

Thank you for your generous support

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday, January 31st at 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the
Religious Education Office
Please have read Luke 4:21-30



Classes this week Grades 1-4 3:30 to 4:45pm

Grades 5-10 6:00 to 7:15pm

First Penance Saturday, January 30 1:00pm

Class Mass for Grade 5 & 6 Sunday, January 31st

Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy let us reflect on the meaning of and ways to live the works of Mercy in our daily lives.

Second Corporal Work of Mercy is to clothe the naked.

The lives of the saints often illustrate for us the truths of Jesus' teaching. The life of St. Martin of Tours is one example. Tradition tells us that Martin, then a soldier in Rome, encountered a homeless beggar needing clothing. Moved with compassion, Martin gave the beggar half of his military cloak and continued on his mission. That night in a dream, Christ appeared to Martin wearing the same cloak he had given the beggar. Clothing not only provides warmth and comfort but also symbolically represents dignity and worth. Although this corporal work of mercy involves us ensuring that the poor have appropriate clothing it also challenges us to build up the dignity and acknowledge the worth of all human beings, especially those who have suffered abuse and indignity.



16th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

All men are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester's DCU Center, on Saturday, March 12. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Navis Pictures' Jim Morlino, football superstar Fr. Mike Lightner, With All Your Heart's Bob Kroll and evangelist-convert Mike Cumbie. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will offer a special presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to confessions. For further information, or registration call 508-929-4315 or www.firstmensconf.org



Adult Education Materials are available in the front vestibule of the church near Main Street. A donation box for the items is available for your contributions to this important ministry.

School Open Houses:

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street Worcester will host an Open House on Sunday, January 31 from 1:00-3:00pm. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K-7. Please visit us on January 31, or call #508-791-6496 or www.stpetercentralcatholic.com

Assumption School, PreK through Grade 8, is holding an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 31st, from 12:00 to 3:00pm. We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury. Please visit www.assumption-cs.org or call the office at 508-865-5404.

St. Joseph School in Webster invites you to attend one of the Open House events to learn about the difference that Catholic Education could make in your child's educational and spiritual growth.

Sunday, Jan. 31st from 11:30am -1:00pm
Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm
or call 508-943-0378 for more information.

40 Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday

40 Days for life is a pro-life campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting, public vigil and community outreach. The upcoming spring campaign will coincide with Lent and run from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday, February 10 - March 20. The public vigil will be held across the street from Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant Street, Worcester from 7:00am -7:00pm each day of the campaign. Volunteers are needed to commit to praying at the vigil site. Call Lee Crowley at #508-887-1064 for more information or visit www.40DaysforLife.com/Worcester and click on vigil calendar.