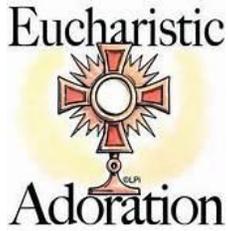




- Saturday, February 13** **4:00pm Charles Modzelewski**
a birthday remembrance requested by the family
- Sunday, February 14** **9:00am Warren Kozlowski 4th Anniv.**
requested by the family.
- 11:00pm Jean Jacques**
requested by the SVDP
- Monday, February 15** **8:30am Lucille Loiselle**
requested by Fr.Michael
- Tuesday, February 16** **8:30am Aurele Pelletier 8th Anniv.**
req. by her daughter Doris Jarvis
- Wednesday, February 17** **8:30am For the health and wellbeing**
of Marco Cirillo req. by SVDP
- Thursday, February 18** **8:30am Ronald Messier**
requested by SVDP
- Saturday, February 20** **4:00pm Anna & Russ Genander**
requested by the family.
- Sunday, February 21** **9:00am Paul Monahan 3rd Anniv.**
requested by his wife and family
- 11:00am Donna Parsakian**
requested by the family

Confession will be available on the Tuesdays of Lent from 7:15 to 8pm.

Second collection today for the Church in Latin America



*Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament*

First Tuesday of the month

6:00pm in the Church

Stewardship	
Weekly Collection January 30 & 31	\$4,341.18
Children's envelopes 3	\$ 4.50
Maintenance	\$ 86.00
SVDP	\$ 613.00
Poor Box	\$ 26.32
<i>Thank you for your generous support</i>	

Dear Friends in Christ,
 This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. On this day, throughout the Diocese, those preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation gather at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election is part of the process of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). At the Rite, the Bishop "elects" those who will be Baptized at the Easter Vigil. This year two members of our parish, **Tara D'Ambra** and **Charlotte Worster**, will be "elected" at the Cathedral. Another member of our parish, **William Brown**, will also participate in the Rite of Election as he prepares for First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation. These three parishioners, who have been in RCIA for over a year, are to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Now that Lent has begun, let us keep them in our daily prayer that God gives them many graces and his abiding strength.

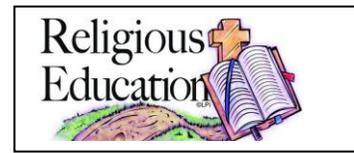
In a few weeks, this year's Partners in Charity appeal will begin throughout the Diocese. This year, our chair couple, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coonan, will be working with several volunteers to coordinate the appeal process in our parish. It is our hope that from now on the annual Partner's appeal will be conducted with a team approach. This method makes sense because all involved can share tasks and ideas. It also reflects the fact that the appeal is a community effort. As the appeal approaches, please pray for its success.

On the Fridays of Lent at 6PM, Deacon Marc will be leading the Stations of the Cross in the church followed by the "Catholicism" video series in the religious education office. The Stations are a powerful way to join the sufferings of our lives to Christ's sufferings. Although we can pray the Stations at any time during the year, when we pray them during Lent they serve to help us focus our attention more deliberately on the meaning of the season. The "Catholicism" series following the Stations is an important way to learn about our Faith so that our faith grows more fervent. Let's pray for each other that we all may grow closer to Jesus during this sacred time.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday February 21st at 9:45am
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Pro-Life Meeting February 16 at 7:30pm
Bible Study
No Bible Study this week



No Religious Education- 2/15th, President's Day
Confirmation Class Mass 2/21st at 9:00am
Confirmation Student/Sponsor meeting 2/21 at 1pm

16th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 12, 2016

For further information, or registration call 508-929-4315 or www.firstmensconf.org

Upcoming Cursillo Weekend for Men April 21-24, 2016

at the Immaculate Conception Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information contact Carolyn Galgano 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com

Priesthood Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on March 18 & 19 at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.



Confession Tuesdays of Lent 7:15 – 8 pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at 6:00pm



10 week Series hosted by Bishop Robert Barron

The series will follow the Stations of the Cross and begin promptly at 6:45pm in the Religious Education room. This series is designed to help us learn more about who we are as Catholics, where we have been and where we are going.

This week's topic is

"Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus"

A Day of Reflection on the Our Father prayer, with Fr. Michael on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, will include a light lunch. \$7.00 donation to cover expenses. Sign up sheets on bulletin board.

Reconciliation Service for St. Ann's and St. Roch's
Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm at St. Ann's

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.

Visiting the Sick

Often, when we consider Christ's command to visit the sick, we think about what we can bring to them so that they feel solace and peace. Indeed, if we pray, asking God to work through us, the sick will certainly be consoled by our presence. What we often do not think about, however, is how God can use the sick for our benefit. The sick can teach us valuable "life lessons" such as perseverance, finding hope in suffering, savoring each moment, and not taking things for granted. When we visit the sick, God actually visits us through them. Although illness is not God's will for anyone, God can and does bring good out of the evil of sickness. Our visitation of the sick can put us in the perfect position to witness this.



This year's *Partners in Charity* kick-off will begin with **in pew** collections on February 28, 2016. Our parish goal this year is \$40,000, which is a 25% increase from last year. With your help and generosity, we can together make this goal possible.

More information to come...

Dan & Audrey Coonan

St. Ann's *Partners in Charity* Chair

Lenten Fish Dinner

Every Friday during Lent 11:30am to 2:00pm and Friday evenings from 4:00 to 6:30pm St. Andrew Bobola Church will be hosting a Baked Scrod dinner.

Eat in or take out \$9.50 per adult or \$5.00 per child
Dinner includes baked scrod, baked potato, cole slaw or vegetable, rolls & drink

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