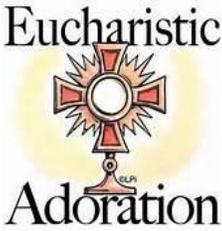




- Saturday, February 27**      **4:00pm Robert & Kathleen Brodeur**  
requested by Elizabeth Vosburgh
- Sunday, February 28**      **9:00am Steven Prunier 19th Anniv.**  
requested by the family.
- 11:00am Michael Galli**  
requested by Carolyn Ridlon
- Monday, February 29**      **8:30am Beverly Crockett**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Tuesday, March 1**          **8:30am Kathleen Corey**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, March 2**      **8:30am William DeYoung**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, March 3**        **8:30am Susan Selby**  
requested by Germaine and Mark
- Saturday, March 5**         **4:00pm Arthur LaMountain**  
req. by his daughter Theresa Donnelly
- Sunday, March 6**          **9:00am Christmas Memorial Intentions**
- 11:00am Charlene Duplin 1st Anniv.**  
requested by Cheryl Trimby

**Next weekend:**  
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all the Masses.

My Brother's Keeper food collection to benefit the Oxford Food Shelf.



*Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament*

*First Tuesday of the month*

*6:00pm in the Church*

**Stewardship**

<b>Weekly Collection February 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>\$3,862.77</b>
Children's envelopes 6	\$ 10.00
Maintenance	\$ 190.00
SVDP	\$ 135.00
Poor Box	\$ 57.25

*Thank you for your generous support*

Dear Friends in Christ,  
As we come to the Third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel invites us to think about the nature of suffering. In Old Testament times, the Jewish people believed that suffering was evidence of God's punishment. People suffered because God was angry at them. Jesus taught that this was incorrect. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus cautions against believing that suffering is God's punishment. He implies that it is, rather, mysterious. Suffering is part of the human condition. We live in a world broken by original sin. Much suffering is caused through a misuse of human freedom. In other words, we hurt ourselves through selfishness and sometimes blame God for these hurts. Sometimes we think that if God loves us He would prevent us from suffering. Yet, God allowed His Beloved Only Son, Jesus, to suffer much in His life and in the Passion. Jesus' life teaches us that we still suffer even though God loves us. Through Baptism, Jesus' life and our life are connected and the mysteries of the Lord's life are lived in our own life. When we unite our sufferings to the suffering of Jesus, suffering can be used for the greater good of the Church or others in need.

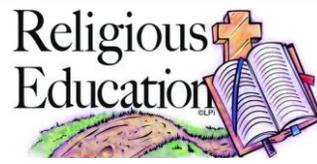
This week we begin the month of March, and with it, we begin to prepare for our **Parish Yard Sale** which will be held on the weekend of **June 4 and 5**. The Yard Sale Committee has already met once and will continue meeting throughout the coming months. We will be starting to accept donated items in the church hall on **Saturday, March 19 from 10:30-1:00**. We will be accepting items on Saturday mornings throughout the coming months. Next weekend, a member of the Yard Sale Committee will be speaking about the sale at all Masses. As you begin Spring cleaning, please save items for the sale. If you or someone you know is moving or breaking house we can also come to pick up items at your home. Our goal is to collect as much as we can so that the sale is successful.

Don't forget that the **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** is next weekend in the parish hall as well as the **book sale in the front of the church**. Tickets for the breakfast will be available after all Masses this weekend.

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** To be announced  
**Rosary Group** Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church  
**Pro-Life Meeting** To be announced  
**Bible Study**  
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm  
in the Religious Education Room  
**Please have read John 9:1-41**



### Classes this week

**Grades 1-4 3:30pm to 4:45pm**

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

**Class Mass for Grades 7 & 8 February 28th 9:00am**

### Choir Rehearsals for Holy Week

Please join us for choir rehearsals for the Holy Week Liturgies beginning this Sunday, February 28th after the 9:00am Mass

**New and used religious book sale** to benefit the Strengthen My Brothers Ministry on the weekend of March 5 & 6 after all the Masses.

### Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus

Sunday March 6th after the 9 & 11 Masses tickets can be purchased after Mass this weekend in the sacristies

**Adult education materials** are available in the front vestibule of the church near Main Street.

### Lenten Monday Seminars in St. Joseph's Basilica Webster at 7:00 pm register at #508-943-0467

Fr. Michael will lead the seminar on Monday, March 7th the topic is "Miracles of the 21st Century"  
March 14th Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas will speak on the "Meaning of Faith in Contemporary Society."

## 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.

### Burying the Dead

In our Church today, some modern Catholics no longer remember why there is a need for funeral Masses for the dead. We have a Mass for a deceased person to pray for their soul. The Church teaches us that the Mass helps those in Purgatory complete their time of purification and enter into the fullness of eternal life. Catholics are urged to pray for their deceased loved ones throughout the year, arranging for Masses for them and offering private prayers for them regularly. Burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy because it acknowledges that the body was the temple of the Holy Spirit, literally the dwelling place of God. This is why the Church teaches us that bodies must be buried with prayer and reverence. This also explains why the scattering of ashes is not allowed and why the Church asks that ashes be buried. We are challenged to pass on to new generations these teachings of the Church so that the dead will always receive a dignified place of repose.



This weekend is In Pew Commitment weekend for the 2016 Partners in Charity Appeal. This weekend every member of St. Ann's is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$40,000. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2016 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make a gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) Thank you.



### Sunshine Ministry Happy Birthday

Theresa Krevosky  
Anna Peltier  
Laura Jenker



**Confession** Tuesdays of Lent 7:15 – 8 pm

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

### Catholicism Series

### 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: **Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother of God**

### Reconciliation Service for St. Ann's and St. Roch's

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm at St. Ann's



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