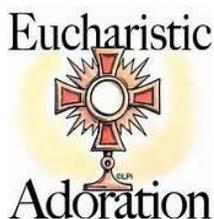


- Saturday, October 8** **4:00pm Charles & Theresa Modzelewski**
67th Wedding Anniversary
remembrance req. by the family
- Sunday, October 9** **9:00 Ettore & Francesca Perini**
req. by Raymond & Denise Avolese
- 11:00am Barbara Reidy**
requested by St. Ann's Parish
- Monday, October 10** **8:30am Dorothy Johnson**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Tuesday, October 11** **8:30am Barbara Reidy**
requested by Marcel & Ann LeClair
- Wednesday, October 12** **8:30am 80th Birthday blessings upon**
Fran George req. by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, October 13** **8:30am John Donnelly 16th Anniv.**
requested by his wife.
- Saturday, October 15** **4:00pm Freeman Worster**
requested by the family.
- Sunday, October 16** **9:00am Barbara Reidy**
requested by David Dumais
- 11:00am Dorothy Johnson**
requested by Fr. Michael

Second Collection Next weekend for World Mission Sunday



*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
First Tuesday
of the month
at 6:00pm
in the Church*



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

Weekly Collection October 1 & 2	\$3, 24200
Children's envelopes 8	\$ 16.00
Maintenance	\$2,185.00
SVDP	\$ 357.00
Poor Box	\$ 61.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 81.00

Thank you for your generous support

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week on Tuesday we celebrated a night of prayer in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux . It was a beautiful experience of community and faith. At the service, I spoke about St. Therese's trial of faith which she endured just before her death. This great saint died at 24 of tuberculosis and suffered many physical agonies. She offered them to God, in union with Christ's sufferings, for the benefit of others, especially for priests and those who had no faith. She recognized that suffering had value.

Yet, part of St. Therese's sufferings were spiritual. She doubted Heaven was real, yet clung tenaciously to faith in the Lord. To help herself, she always kept a book of the Gospels with her and recited the Creed, choosing to believe in spite of her pain. Before her death, St. Therese came to believe in Heaven again and promised to spend her Heaven in doing good on the earth. St. Therese's life teaches us the importance of persevering in faith through suffering.

Even in St. Therese's time, some Christians in Europe had lost their faith and society was changing rapidly and becoming more secular. St. Therese's trial of faith was God's way of letting her feel what it was like to be someone who had faithless doubt.

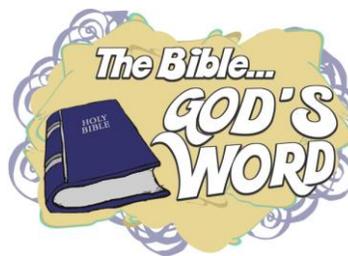
We all know people who have lost their faith in Christ. Often, suffering leads people to question whether God exists. Sometimes, people lose faith because they don't nurture it through regular attendance at Mass and personal prayer. Some people lose it because they do not see its value and believe they don't need faith or God for any practical reason.

During this month of October, let us, as a parish family, ask St. Therese to intercede for those without faith that they may welcome the gift and desire either to enter the Church or return home. St. Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church, Prodigy of Miracles, pray for us!

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 Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm in the hall
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00pm in the hall, please have read Luke 18:1-8



Religious Education classes have begun for this year on Mondays
 Grades 1-4 at 3:30pm
 Grades 5-10 at 6:00pm
No classes on Monday October 10th & 31st

Financials

The Finance Committee will meet this week to review the results of our fiscal year which ended August 31st. We shall prepare a complete detailed report for you in the coming weeks.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who generously donated toward the sewerage pump repair expense of \$4,100.00. This bill has now been paid and we are most thankful for the concern and support the parishioners of St. Ann's have showed in maintaining our beautiful grounds and buildings.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 15th at 12:00pm
 at the Oxford Band Stand
 For more information contact:
 Pat Jones at 508-987-0518

Healing Mass

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Webster
 To share the message of hope and mercy.
 Friday, November 11th, 7:00pm

Traveling Ultreya

Sunday, October 16th at 3:00pm

with a Mass at 5:00pm at St. Paul's Parish, 48 St. Paul Street, Blackstone, MA. There will be music, an inspirational speaker and fellowship.

All are welcome!!

Sponsored by the Cursillo Movement



The Shrine Association is looking for donations of new and slightly used Christmas themed items, nativity sets, food for gift baskets, a decorated table top Christmas tree, crafts, toys for boys or girls, our dream is to raffle off a girl's and boy's bicycle. Please contact Sue Tippitt at 508-248-9682



If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please contact the rectory and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will return your call. Maybe you lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of numerous other resources that are available.

Shrine Association News

Prayer email for those who need prayer, the address is:

stannsprayforus@gmail.com

Rosary will be prayed on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the outdoor shrine (weather permitting)



A Mercy Moment (by Deacon Jim)



Relationships based on faithful love, until death, like marriage, fatherhood, being child or sibling, are learned in the household. When these relationships form the basic fabric of a human society, they lend cohesion and consistency.

It is therefore not possible to be part of a people, to feel as a neighbor, to take care of someone who is more distant and unfortunate if, in the heart of man, these fundamental relationships, which give him security in openness toward others, are broken.

Pope Francis: August 6, 2014.

Reflection: Our family relationships help us learn the virtue of mercy as we develop the habits of loving, forgiving, and serving one another. Where is God calling you to grow in mercy within your family? Where is it difficult to love right now? Ask God for strength to increase your love.



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