



- Easter Vigil, April 15** **7:30pm Batista Khalil Lai**
requested by his daughter
- Easter Sunday, April 16** **9:00am Frances Gorman**
requested by Charlie & Andrea Boyle
- 11:00am Memorial Intentions for the
Easter Flowers**
- No week day Masses this week**
- Saturday, April 22** **4:00pm Sven Williamson, Jr. 1st Ann.**
Joseph Williamson 1st Anniv.
requested by the family
- Sunday, April 23** **9:00am Russell Carlson, Jr. 22nd Ann.**
requested by his wife and family
- 11:00am Gaspar & Frances Casavant**
requested by the family

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Masses: Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Monday through Thursday 8:30am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

or by appointment

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of St. Ann's Parish Family and Staff members, I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter. As we celebrate Christ's rising from the dead to new life, let us thank God for the gift of hope that Easter brings.

The Risen Christ's appearance to Mary Magdalene early on Easter morning is perhaps one of His most significant appearances. In the account, found in John 20:11-18, Mary goes to Jesus' tomb to weep there. She meets a stranger, whom she assumes is the gardener, and asks him to tell her where Jesus' body is because Jesus' tomb is empty. The stranger calls Mary by name and in this calling, Mary recognizes the stranger as the Lord.

Strangely, as Mary clings to the Risen Christ, elated with joy, Jesus tells her to let Him go. At first glance, we might think Jesus is not being kind to Mary, who was very close to Him during His ministry. But, a closer reflection on the text suggests that Jesus is attempting to speak to her symbolically. Mary seems to be clinging to her old understanding of friendship with Jesus. She did not want things to change in that relationship. Yet, because Jesus had died and rose, things could not stay the same.

Jesus and Mary would still be friends now but in a different way. At Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), after He had celebrated Mass with His friends, the Risen Christ disappeared but remained truly present in the Eucharist. His disappearance did not mean his absence. It meant that the new way He would be in friendship with the disciples was through the Eucharist.

At Easter, we rejoice in the presence of our Risen Lord in His Church. We cannot forget that the Eucharist is how Jesus is with us now. He promises that He will remain so, until He comes again. Every Sunday, then, is Easter again because we meet the Risen Christ in the Eucharist that we receive at Mass.

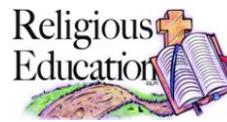
Maybe we have been away from church for awhile or have never learned that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist. Easter is a wonderful time for us to reflect on our own relationship with God and the importance of the sacraments in that relationship. May our Easter celebration give us a renewed appreciation of Christ present in the Eucharist so that we may desire this gift more ardently.

Happy Easter!

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** 3rd Sunday of the Month
- Rosary Group** Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
- Bible Study**
No Bible Study this week



Grades 1-4 3:30 - 4:45pm
 Grades 5 -10 6:00 to 7:15pm
Last Class Monday April 10th
First Communion rehearsal
 Sunday 4/23 12:00pm in the church
Confirmation Mass Friday April 28,
 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church
First Communion
 Saturday 4/29 10:30am



Applications for the St. Ann's SVDP and Chip Hanlon scholarships for graduating seniors are available on the website and in the sacristy. The deadline to apply is April 20th

Weekly Collection April 8 & 9

Adults & children	\$ 3,703.60
Maintenance	\$ 270.00
Other sources of income	\$ 261.74
Easter Flowers	\$ 135.00
Easter Offering	\$ 45.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,415.34
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,348.00

SVDP	\$ 85.00
Poor Box	\$ 36.00



Bake Sale on the weekend of April 29 & 30 to benefit Partners in Charity

We would greatly appreciate volunteers to bake for this fund raiser. A signup sheet is available on the main bulletin board. Thank you for your assistance.



Youth Trip to Purgatory Chasm

Sunday, April 23 at 2:00pm Hiking & Picnic
 Signup sheet & permission slip are available on the main bulletin board. For more information contact Dan Fitzpatrick # 774-239-3812



Visitation House Spring Baby Bottle Drive.

Visitation House is a non-profit organization that houses unwed mothers seeking to keep their children. Baby bottles are available at all entrances of the church and may be filled with change or dollars. Baby bottles should be returned by May 6 & 7th.

OXFORD ECUMENICAL FOOD SHELF

May is St. Ann's month to staff the Oxford Food Shelf. We are looking for approx. 15 volunteers to help out on the four Thursday evenings in May from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Volunteers will help register families, help families pick up their groceries, and carry groceries out to the cars. Please use the signup sheets on the main bulletin board. Don't worry if you can't come every Thursday, just sign up for any Thursday you can come. Thank you for helping to feed our brothers and sisters, and thank you for your years of donating to the monthly Brothers Keeper Food Drive.

Please call John Kneeland at 508-987-5046 if you have any questions.



Feeding the Community



Our Annual Yard Sale will be held on June 3 & 4 th. Please bring your donations starting Saturday, April 22, to the parish hall, from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

Several men are available to pick up items at your home, if you are not able to come to a drop off time. Please contact the rectory with any questions. #508-987-8892

Items we can accept are as follows:

Jewelry	Furniture	Baskets
Pictures	Dishes	Silverware
Crocheted items	Lamps	Books
DVD's & CD's	Bicycles & Toys	Scooters
Sporting Goods	New appliances	Tools
Religious Items	Candles	Decorations
Lawn Furniture	Handmade doilies	Mirrors

Items we cannot accept: Food, clothes, hats, shoes, pocketbooks, bags, curtains, bedding, mattresses, computers, electronics, TV's, VCR's, tapes, used appliances, stuffed animals, cologne, perfume, personal hygiene items, large Christmas trees, exercise machines, stuffed furniture, rugs & sofas.