

- Saturday, November 25** 4:00pm **Ceceila Rogers Birthday Remembrance** req. by the family
- Sunday, November 26** 9:00am **Patricia Dumais** requested by David Dumais
- 11:00am **Michael Gilbert 10th Ann. Donald Gilbert 8th Ann. Pauline Thyne 4th Ann** req. by the Gilbert Family
- Monday, November 27** 8:30am **Daniel Magliaro** requested by the Lavallee Family
- Tuesday, November 28** 8:30am **Ray Reynolds** requested by Eilleen McTiernan
- Wednesday, November 29** 8:30am **Paul Sanders** requested by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, November 30** 8:30am **The continued Health & wellbeing of Sr. Jeanne Rouillard** requested by St. Ann Parish Family
- Saturday, December 2** 4:00pm **Russ & Anna Genander** requested by Ron & Jan Genander
- Sunday, December 3** 9:00am **Jeannine Gemme** requested by Marcel & Ann LeClair
- 11:00am **Rolando Sison** requested by the Lapid Family

Dear friends in Christ,

With Our celebration of Christ the King this weekend, the old church year ends and we prepare for a new church year to begin next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. God offers us special graces for new beginnings. These graces are generously given by our Father who wants the very best for us. God wants the year ahead to be the best ever. He wants us to discover again the joy of our Catholic Faith. He desires us to desire Him in return. God wants us to know the freedom of Christ's love present and active in our lives, ever ready to restore, heal and create anew. God wishes to strengthen and empower us so that we may successfully face the challenges of our lives and bear witness to Him in the world. God wants these things and so much more...

But, do we want these graces that God offers us? Receiving God's graces begins with us being open to them. We start with the simple recognition that God wants the best for us and we want what He wants. If we want this, God will lavishly provide for us in ways that will amaze us.

The new church year can be the best ever but we have to want it to be. It can be the same as always or wonderfully different... the choice is ours. Our more zealous participation in the Church's sacramental life, our greater commitment to daily, personal prayer, our willingness to learn more about our faith and our service to our brothers and sisters in need are all means through which God's grace will rain down upon us and we will be changed.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to prepare us for what God has in store.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Cursillo Gathering Change of date** It will be held on Tuesday, November 28 after the praying of the Rosary. This is an opportunity to pray and share our 4th day experiences and to help each other grow in our faith.
Deacon Jim



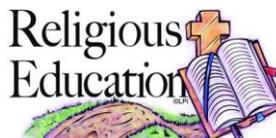
**Weekly Collection & Roof Collection
November 18/19
Will be reported in next week's bulletin**

A Living Nativity

Our next Youth Ministry Event will be a trip to Mesa Farm in Rutland on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4PM. We will be leaving at 3PM from the church parking lot. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board to participate in this event. Please contact Joe LeClair with any questions. #508-987-2399

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
 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please have read Mark 13:33-37



Grades 1-4 3:30-4:45pm
 Grades 5-10 6:00 -7:15pm



If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508-987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have 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 other resources that are available.



Christmas Choir Rehearsals begin this Sunday after the 9:00am Mass. Please join us as we prepare for the Christmas Liturgies. **All are welcome**



We invite the youth of our parish to be part of our Annual Christmas pageant

There are speaking and non-speaking parts.

Rehearsals: Saturday, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 at 10:00 am
 The pageant will be held after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, December 17th

Please contact the rectory if you need more information

RCIA Advent Buffet

On Sunday, December 10th at noon we will be hosting our annual RCIA Advent Buffet in the church hall. All current and past members and their families are invited. Please RSVP to Joann at 508-987-6147 by December 1st. Anyone wishing to bring a salad, dinner rolls and butter please let her know when you RSVP.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe By Very Reverend Robert Barron

Some years ago, a priest friend of mine suggested that, in order to make the feast more understandable for people today, we ought to change the title to "Christ the President" or "Christ the Prime Minister." After all, he reasoned, most people, at least in the West, don't particularly care for kings, and our modern democracies were formed to the tyranny of monarchs.

But to make a change would be spiritually disastrous. Presidents and prime ministers depend upon the approval of those who elect them, and this is altogether right from a political point of view. If we don't like what our democratically chosen leaders tell us to do, we can legitimately vote them out of office. But Christ Jesus is not someone whose reign depends upon our approval. We should not be able to vote him out of office if we don't agree with his commands. Rather, he demands to be the Lord of every aspect of our lives.

And if you still harbor suspicions of what submitting to this King would entail, take a good look at him. He reigns not from a pompous throne, but from an instrument of torture: he wears not a gaudy crown of gold, but a bloody crown of thorns: he issues no authoritative commands but words of promise: "This day you will be with me in paradise." Don't be afraid utterly to submit every aspect of your life to this King, for his power empowers you and his command liberates you. **Submitted by Deacon Jim**

The Giving Tree sponsored by SVDP is set up this weekend in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. Please take a gift tag to help with this wonderful ministry. Gifts will benefit families in need in Oxford through the Ecumenical Food Shelf. **Gifts must be returned by December 10th with the label attached to the gift.**



Memorial envelopes for Christmas Flowers are included in all offertory packets or a request can be made by contacting the rectory. Please consider remembering a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia that will be placed in our sanctuary for Christmas Masses.



Church Roof Replacement Spring 2018

Thanking God for you!
Your generous contributions to our
New Roof Campaign
have reached
\$45,723
85% of our goal of \$53,605
May God bless you abundantly



Please donate your bottles & cans after your holiday parties to St. Ann's Parish. We are also looking for volunteers to bring the bottles and cans for redemption. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



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