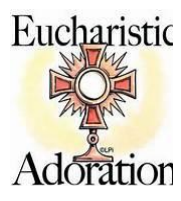


- Saturday, December 2** **4:00pm Russ & Anna Genander**
requested by Ron & Jan Genander
- Sunday, December 3** **9:00am Jeannine Gemme**
requested by Marcel & Ann LeClair
- 11:00am Rolando Sison**
requested by the Lapid Family
- Monday, December 4** **8:30am Clare Stein**
requested by Eileen McTiernan
- Tuesday, December 5** **8:30am Veronica Borezo**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, December 6** **8:30am Paul Hafey**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, December 7** **8:30am Dawn Desy**
requested by St. Ann's Parish
- Vigil of Feast of the Immaculate Conception** **7:00pm Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception** **8:30am Katherine Viel**
req. by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee
- Saturday, December 9** **4:00pm Francis Rogers 10 year Anniv.**
requested by the family
- Sunday, December 10** **9:00am Judy Rivers Nilan "In celebration of her life" req. by her family.**
- 11:00am Jeannine Dube**
requested by the Lavallee Family

Dear Friends in Christ,
 Today a new Church year begins and with it God gives us new graces. This Advent provides us with a fresh start, a chance to renew our commitment to Christ and our Faith. Yet, we cannot seize upon this opportunity without asking God to prepare our hearts.
 Advent is a time of Mary. During this sacred season, we eagerly and prayerfully anticipate the birth of the Christ child, companioning Our Blessed Mother as her pregnancy draws to a close. Mary waits in confidence. She knows that God is good and that she is part of something amazingly wonderful, the plan of salvation of which she plays an important part. Mary's whole life has prepared her for this moment and she invites us to join her in joyful expectation.
 These Advent days give us a new chance to reflect upon Mary's 'yes' to God at her Annunciation. Mary was "troubled" by Gabriel's greeting and announcement and did not understand how she would become the Mother of God...yet she said 'yes' to it all. Mary's 'yes' to God is a pattern of Christian discipleship. Through Mary's prayers for us we too can say 'yes' to the Father's plan for us.
 One powerful form of Advent prayer is simple meditation upon the first three mysteries of the rosary...the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity. Rather than simply naming them and going on to pray the rest of the Rosary, we can meditate on the mysteries in a deeper and more concerted way. During our meditation, Mary will herself guide us closer to Jesus and obtain God's grace for us so that her "yes" may become embodied in us.
 Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen



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



Weekly Collection November 18 & 19	
Adults	\$ 3,093.50
Children 5	\$ 6.50
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Total of parish support	\$3,136.50
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,348.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 314.00
Poor Box	\$ 26.00
SVDP	\$ 55.00

Weekly Collection November 25 & 26	
Adults	\$ 3,277.00
Children 3	\$ 27.00
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 93.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 42.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 301.00
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	\$ 772.00
Total of parish support	\$4,527.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,348.00
Poor Box	\$ 19.00
SVDP	\$ 20.00

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
Cursillo 4th Day Tuesday, Dec. 12 after the rosary
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Bible Study
 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please have read Mark 1:1-8



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**

A Living Nativity

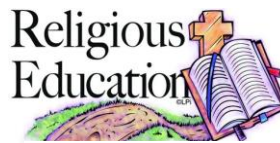
Our next Youth Ministry Event will be a trip to Mesa Farm in Rutland on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 4PM. We will be leaving at 3PM from the church parking lot. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board to participate in this event. Please contact Joe LeClair with any questions. #508-987-2399

An Advent Prayer Canticle of Zechariah

(Father of John the Baptist) submitted by Deacon Jim
 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, Born of the house of His servant David. Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy Covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: To set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship Him without fear, Holy and righteous in His sight All the days of our life. You, my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our Lord The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness And the shadow of death, And to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning. is now, and will be forever. Amen



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 signup sheet is on the bulletin board.



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



We invite the youth of our parish to be part of our Annual Christmas pageant
 There are speaking and non-speaking parts.
Rehearsals: Saturday, 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.



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.**



Sunshine Ministry

We do not have any birthdays to list for the month of December. On behalf of everyone involved with our ministry we wish all parishioners at St. Ann's a wonderful and blessed Happy Birthday for 2018



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

Total needed for roof replacement	\$53,605
Withdrawal from St. Ann's Savings	\$25,000
Donation from the SVDP Society	\$ 5,000
Donation from the K of C	\$ 1,500
Donations from parishioners	\$ 17,062
Amount needed	\$ 5,043

A special collection envelope has been inserted in the offertory envelope packets and will also be placed on the bulletin tables.