



- Saturday, January 6** **4:00pm John & Agnes Zikaras and deceased family members**
req. by the family
- Sunday, January 7** **9:00am Jeannine Gemme**
req. by Marcel & Ann LeClair
- 11:00am Joseph Szkoda**
requested by David Dumais
- Monday, January 8** **8:30am For the health & wellbeing of Bruce Baczewski** req. by SVDP
- Tuesday, January 9** **8:30am Estelle Griffin**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, January 10** **8:30am For the health & wellbeing of Christopher, Nhi and baby Victoria**
requested by St. Ann's Parish
- Thursday, January 11** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Theresa Krevosky**
- Saturday, January 13** **4:00pm Hank & Eileen Peltier**
requested by Edward Peltier
- Sunday, January 14** **9:00am Jacqueline Tisdell**
requested by David Dumais
- 11:00am Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP

Second Collection today is for the Catholic University of America

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all the Masses for anyone in need.

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, January 8, the Christmas Season ends with our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord marks the ending of Jesus' "hidden life" of childhood, adolescence and young adulthood and the beginning of His public ministry.

The "hidden years" of Jesus' life prepared Him for the public years ahead. Because of Mary and Joseph's teaching and nurturing, Jesus was able to successfully navigate the challenges of ministry in a way that reflected the love He had known as a boy.

Our young people, like Jesus, need to be taught the lessons they will need to successfully navigate the challenges of adulthood. Do we think about our responsibility to teach our children the lessons we have learned about life? What do we teach them? How do we go about it?

Imparting life- lessons to our children requires time. We need to intentionally spend time with young people, sharing with them our experiences in light of faith. Young people need to learn how faith has helped us make good decisions. They need to be shown how faith can make a difference in life and they need encouragement to practice faith on a regular basis. If we teach our children in this way, we are investing in their future and in the well-being of our whole society.

Religious Education resumes this Monday, on the feast of The Lord's Baptism. It is effective only if parents recognize that they are the primary catechists of their children and their example of faith, shown in the home, is the most important element of religious education. The catechists at St. Ann's only act in a supportive role. As the new year begins, let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the formation and education of a new generation of Catholics.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection December 30 & 31	
Adults	\$ 3,381.00
Children 5	\$ 9.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 105.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 29.00
Total of parish support	\$3,604.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,348.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 258.00
SVDP	\$ 40.00
Poor Box	\$ 70.00



Christmas Open House at the rectory
This weekend after the 9 & 11 Masses.

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
 K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
 SVDP January 21st following the 9:00am Mass
 Cursillo 4th Day 3rd Tuesday of the month after the rosary
 Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
 Bible Study
 7:00pm in the Church Hall
 Please have read **John 1:35-42**



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.

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf

January 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 January from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Volunteers will help register families, help families pick up their groceries and carry groceries out to cars. Please use the signup sheets on the bulletin board. Don't worry if you can't come every Thursday, just sign up for any Thursday you can help. Please call John Kneeland at #508-987-5046 if you have any questions.

Meditation of the day submitted by Deacon Jim **"I am not worthy"**

Now Christ is born to you and is God and becomes man and sojourns among mankind... And, that he might instill a sense of humility among assessors it is in this setting that he takes on flesh and becomes part of the human race...

It was, after all, for our sakes that he became man and assumed the form of a servant and for our transgressions that he was led off to die. This is the way the Savior brought salvation even though as the God who created the entire universe at a word he could have done so also by the mere expression of his will. What he did give us was greater and more compelling; he embraced human feelings and the human condition.

Where then does duty lie for us, the disciples of Christ, the mild and merciful, who did so much for us? Shall we not emulate the Lord's compassion? Shall we not be kind to our fellow servants so that the Lord may in equal spirit repay us to the measure of our own kindness? Shall we not gain our own lives through gentleness?

Saint Gregory Nazianzen



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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Classes resume: January 8, 2018 Grades 1-10
 Confirmation retreat: January 15, 2018
 First Reconciliation Service: January 17, 2018 1:00pm



The campaign to raise funds to replace our roof will conclude in April 2018. Due to your generosity we have only **\$361.00** left to reach our goal of \$53,605 to replace our church roof.

Any donations received over the goal will reduce the \$25,000 St. Ann's is taking from savings for this project.

Total needed for roof replacement	\$53,605
Withdrawal from St. Ann's Savings	\$25,000
Donation from the SVDP Society	\$ 5,000
Donation from K of C	\$ 1,500
Donations from parishioners	\$21,744

Amount needed **\$ 361**

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who donated \$5000 to St. Ann's parish for necessary repairs in the rectory due to a leak from a second floor bathroom, your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.



Sunshine Ministry Birthdays for January

Pat Foley

Roger Goddard

Volunteers needed for the Yard Sale Committee

Please contact the rectory if you are interested in joining the team to plan this important fundraiser for the parish.

Yard Sale will be held on June 2 & 3, 2018