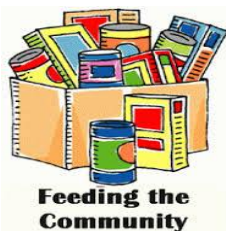


- Saturday, January 20** 4:00pm **Ralph Carpenter**  
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, January 21** 9:00am **Amy Niepokoczycki**  
requested by George & Anna Gemme
- 11:00am **Robert Fields 10th Anniv.**  
requested by the family.
- Monday, January 22** 8:30am **Fr. Thomas Garabedian**  
requested by the Topalian Family
- Tuesday, January 23** 8:30am **Donald Heroux**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, January 24** 8:30am **Sr. Theresa DeRouin**  
requested by Fr. Michael
- Thursday, January 25** 8:30am **Fr. Thomas Garabedian**  
requested by the Topalian Family
- Saturday, January 27** 4:00pm **Russ & Anna Genander**  
requested by Ron & Jan Gagner
- Sunday, January 28** 9:00am **David D'Agostino 33rd Anniv.**  
req. by Michael & Joanne Marcotte
- 11:00am **Jodi Sheridan**  
requested by SVDP



**My Brother's Keeper** food collection to benefit the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf to assist families in need in our community. 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month.



**Stewardship**

sharing the gifts we have been given

**Weekly Collection January 13 & 14**

Adults	\$ 3,316.50
Children 2	\$ 2.00
Maintenance	\$ 216.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 60.00
<b>Total of parish support</b>	<b>\$3,594.50</b>

**Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses**  
**\$ 4,348.00**

Catholic Free Press	\$ 79.00
SVDP	\$ 200.00
Poor Box	\$ 19.00

Dear Friends in Christ,  
This week I had the privilege of participating in a diocesan-wide reflection day for Confirmation students held on Martin Luther King Day at Our Lady of Providence Parish in Worcester. 9 members of our Confirmation class attended. One part of the day included Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions. It was wonderful to observe our young people kneeling in church before the Lord in the monstrance. The Eucharist is at the center of our Catholic Faith and the day of reflection reminded our young people of this fact.

I am convinced that if more Catholics understood the meaning of the Mass that they would want to come to it more often. Our young people need to learn about the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist not simply in religious education class but by the example of their parents and caregivers. This example is shown when parents want to come to weekly Mass, recognizing that Jesus waits to meet them in the Blessed Sacrament. Parent's enthusiasm for Mass comes from their knowing about the meaning of the Eucharist.

If young people only see the Mass as an obligation, feeling like they "have to go" because of the Church's "rules" they will fail to understand the richness and deep significance of the Eucharist. We should want to come to Mass to meet and receive the Lord rather than feeling like we're being forced to show up.

Let us pray that in this new year we may all grow in Eucharistic faith.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

**Lent is coming: Ash Wednesday is February 14**

Please plan to join us on the Tuesday nights in Lent at 6:30PM for a **Lenten Retreat: 33 Days to Merciful Love**. The retreat is based on a book by Fr. Michael Gaitley. This book invites us to enter into the heart of Jesus- a Lenten focus that leads us to Holy Week and Easter. More information to follow. Sign up on the bulletin board

### 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 Mark 1:21-28



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.



### **World Marriage Day Celebration Sunday, February 11**

There will be a special blessing for all married couples at the Masses on this weekend. **At the 9:00am Mass there will be a celebration honoring couples who have been married 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years etc. who wish to renew their vows.** After the 9:00am Mass there will be a reception in the hall with wedding cake.

**We ask that any couple wishing to renew their vows would please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or see Deacon Jim, to help us with our preparations.** We will be including inserts for the next several weeks that cover various aspects of married life. Please read and share them with others.

### **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**

**Collection of items will begin on the Saturdays of May, but if you know of someone who is moving now and they have items they wish to donate we do have some space to store items. Please let us know.**

**First Meeting Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 in the hall**



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

First Penance Service: Jan. 27, 2018 1:00pm

### **CONGRATULATIONS WE DID IT!**



Due to your generosity we have reached our goal of \$53,605 to replace our church roof. Working together as a community to maintain our place of worship is a witness to our commitment to our faith and to our parish.

Please note that any additional donations received over the goal will reduce the amount St. Ann's is taking from savings for this project.

**A plaque of appreciation will be made listing the names of the donors and memorial donations for this project which will be placed in the front vestibule of the church.**

**Total needed for roof replacement \$53,605**

Withdrawal from St. Ann's Savings	\$24,531
Donation from the SVDP Society	\$ 5,000
Donation from K of C	\$ 1,500
Donations from parishioners	\$22,574

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**



### **Youth Ministry Trip**

**Saturday, January 27th 11 to 1pm**

**Mohegan Bowl in Webster**

**\$10.00 per person**

**A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.**

**Please join us**



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