

- Saturday, June 16** **4:00pm Francis Rogers**
requested by the family
- Sunday, June 17** **9:00am Patricia Bourdeau**
requested by Mark Bourdeau
- 11:00am Theresa & Eddy Henze**
requested by Deb Cashman
- Monday, June 18** **8:30am Mr & Mrs Jean Guenette Sr.**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Tuesday, June 19** **8:30am Dan Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- Wednesday, June 20** **8:30am Charles Surozenski**
requested by Fr. Michael & St. Ann's
- Thursday, June 21** **8:30am Daniel Prunier**
requested by Jim & Patti Laliberte
- Saturday, June 23** **4:00pm Steven Prunier**
requested SVDP
- Sunday, June 24** **9:00am Jeanne DeMaio**
requested by the family
- 11:00am Jim Cashman**
requested by the family

Eucharistic

Adoration

Tuesday, July 3
at
5:00 to 6:30pm
led by
Acolyte Tom Creamer



Weekly Collection June 9 & 10

Adults	\$ 2,486.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Maintenance	\$ 320.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 138.00
Total of parish support	\$2,948.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,110.00
SVDP	\$ 55.00
Poor Box	\$ 42.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel teaches us about the growth of the Kingdom of God through the example of a man sowing seed. In Mark 4:26-34, Jesus explains that the growth of the Kingdom is like a man sowing seed and then rising and sleeping in a regular rhythm in the days that follow the sowing. Jesus is clear that the seed the man sows grows "of its own accord," meaning by itself. The man, though he has sown the seed, is not responsible for its growth. The seed is sowed in faith and hope, creating the best conditions for its development. God has taken care of the rest of the process, raising up the plant to fruitful maturity.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a second parable about the mustard seed, Jesus notes that it is miniscule but, once planted, grows into "the largest of plants," itself becoming strong enough to be a home for other living things.

Often, people share with me their concerns about children and grandchildren being raised in the Faith but later observing these same children and grandchildren abandoning it. This Sunday's Gospel addresses these concerns directly. Like the man sowing seed, parents who take their Baptismal promises seriously make every effort to raise their children as practicing Catholics. They undertake the process of passing on the Faith in hope that it will be successful. Yet, the success of this process is complex and involves the interplay of grace and free will present within the child receiving it. "Success" may also take years of waiting with God working in unseen ways through time.

Let us have hope in our great God who is at work in the world.
In Christ, Fr. Michael



We welcome

Theodore Mitchell Taylor

who was baptized last weekend.
May God bless him and his family.

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday June 17th following the 9:00am Mass
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please have read Luke 1:57-66, 80
Divine Mercy 10 week retreat starting June 11th
 Monday evenings 6-8 pm



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.



Please donate your returnable bottles & cans from your summer cookouts to benefit St. Ann's. Please drop them off in the bin near the handicap ramp. Thank you

ANNUAL YARD SALE REPORT (after expenses)

Yard Sale	\$7,188.94
Raffle	\$2,199.00
Jewelry	\$2,083.55
Furniture	\$2,500.35
Bake Goods	\$844.61
Plants	\$214.00
Food	<u>\$176.43</u>
Total	\$15,206.88

Thank you to our volunteers who worked so hard to make this event such a huge success.



Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$40,000. Gifts and pledges have totaled **\$34,424.74**. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net

A Partners Appeal video may be viewed at vimeo.com/255598536 Thank you!



St Roch Festival

St. Roch's Church will be holding their Annual Festival on Saturday, June 23 from 8am -8pm in the church hall. Activities include: A giant Adopt-A-Basket raffle, crafts, homemade baked goods, used books, garage sale, silent auction, money raffle, scratch ticket raffle and plant sale. Lunch will be served from 10:30-2:30pm and **our famous chicken barbecue will take place at 6:00pm. Reserved tickets for this dinner only.** Business banners also available for sale -\$100 new or \$50 for renewals. Please contact Teri at 508-987-8987 for details.



*Gardeners
Needed*

It is the perfect time for planting annuals in the **Memorial Garden** on the front lawn. If you would like to donate annuals in memory of a loved one or help plant flowers in this garden please contact the rectory.

We are looking for laurel bushes and rhododendron bushes for the outdoor shrine. If you would like to donate and or plant some please contact the rectory.

An Appreciation Garden for the dedicated service of Sr. Jeanne to St. Ann's parish will begin soon, if you would like to help plant the flowers Sr. Jeanne has selected please contact the rectory.

SHRINE ASSOCIATION

Several years ago, our parish founded St. Ann's Shrine Association for the purposes of maintaining the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes and promoting devotion to Mary. Currently we are in need of several (2-3) new members to join the Association and assist with the maintenance of the outdoor shrine. Please join us. Parishioners interested in becoming members, please contact the rectory or speak with Fr. Michael after Mass.