

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK



- Saturday, September 8** **4:00pm Pearle O'Brien**
requested by David Dumais
- Sunday, September 9** **9:00am Victoria Rose Ethier**
requested by David Dumais
- 11:00am The deceased members
of the Cashman family**
requested by Deb Cashman
- Monday, September 10** **8:30am Denise Mutz**
requested by David Dumais
- Tuesday, September 11** **8:30am John F. Hamm**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Wednesday, September 12** **8:30am Marie Jeanne Lavallee**
requested by the Sliwoski Family
- Thursday, September 13** **8:30am Karen Burke**
requested by SVDP
- Saturday, September 15** **4:00pm Freeman Worster**
requested by the family
- Sunday, September 16** **9:00am Walter McCarthy**
requested by his wife
- 11:00am Noreen McMaster and
Fayne Kowalski**
requested by St. Ann's Parish

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Friday, St. Mary of The Assumption Church in Milford was vandalized by a group of young men. These men broke into the church, caused damage and broke sacramental objects. The news of this terrible event was on some television news programs and featured in online news reports.

I spent my diaconate year, the year before my priestly ordination, as a seminarian-intern at St. Mary's. This parish is the largest in our diocese and is a very beautiful, historic church. I was shocked and disturbed by the news that this church had been desecrated. More than that, however, I was saddened by what these events say about the state of our society.

What happened at St. Mary's is a powerful "sign of the times." As the years pass, it seems that in society there is less and less respect for others and their property. This is coupled with a complete lack of understanding about the sacredness of churches and sacramental objects. This is because there is less and less faith. There is so much religious ignorance and where this weakness exists, evil exploits this weakness to accomplish its destructive work.

One news report featured the pastor of St. Mary's telling us that he has asked the parish to pray for the young men responsible for the incident. This response is a loving reaction to an act of extreme injustice and reflects the Christ-like attitude that believers are invited to have towards those who hurt them.

This Saturday we joyfully celebrate the rededication of our bell-ringer and, with this, the return of regularly hearing our beautiful church bell. Church bells are meant to call the faithful to prayer throughout the day and to announce the start of worship. I also believe that church bells can remind the faithless of God and call them back to faith. With this being said, hearing the bells can remind the faithless of God and call them back to faith. With this being said, hearing the bells can combat the faithlessness and evil in our world. I would like to propose a special prayer for our parish community, one that all of us will pray when we hear the bell of St. Ann's the prayer is as follows:

Lord, thank you for the gift of our beautiful church bell which reminds us to pray and calls us to worship. I ask you that every time it rings that its sound touch the heart of someone who has lost faith. We pray that through hearing the bell of St. Ann's, that souls may feel again a desire for you and allow themselves to come home to the Church. We ask this through the intercession of our patroness, the good St. Ann. Amen

In Christ, Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection September 1 & 2

Adults	\$ 3,110.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Maintenance	\$ 98.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 211.00
Total of parish support	\$ 3,421.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,110.00
SVDP	\$ 590.00
Poor Box	\$ 23.00

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday Sept. 16th 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 Mark 7:31-37



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.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. . Our last 2018 date is: Women's - October 25-28; and our 2019 dates are: Men's - March 21-24 & October 10-13; Women's - May 2-5 & November 14-17. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

Faith
 Is Being Sure Of What We Hope For,
 And Certain Of What We Do Not See.
 -Hebrews 11:1



Sunshine Ministry: The Sunshine Ministry is here to brighten up the day for parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass and would like to receive cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, or just a nice monthly hello.

Please contact Gay Thomas at 508-987-0195 or drop the following into the collection basket.

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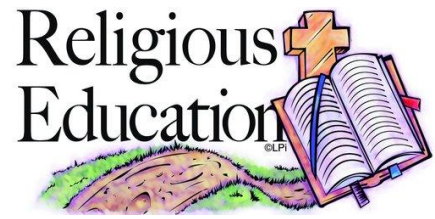
Mailing address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Couple Anniversary Date: _____



St. Ann's Religious Education 2018-2019 registration forms and St. Ann's Youth Ministry Program calendar have been mailed out to all the families that were in the program last year.

If you are new to the parish or have a first grader to register in the program there are copies of the Religious Education program and Youth Ministry program in the sacristy. Please contact Peggy Moynahan, our Religious Education secretary, at #508-987-8892, if you need any assistance.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, September 23

- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Ice Cream Truck donated by SVDP
- 12:30 to 1:30pm Lawn games
- 12:30 to 1:30pm Sand Art Craft, & face painting
- 1:30pm Minute to win it contests
- 2:30pm BINGO
- 3:30pm Clean up

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and donations of summer salads for lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board or speak to Mary at the rectory. Thank you

A Voice for the Voiceless inspirational Pro- Life Music concert

will be held at St. Ann's
 after the 4PM Mass on September 15th.
 Join us for an evening of inspirational music.
 Refreshments will be provided.
 More details to come.
 Deacon Jim and the Pro-Life Committee

VENDORS WANTED for our Vendor Fair

Saturday, October 13, 2018 9 to 3 pm
 \$25.00 per table

to register please contact the rectory



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