

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK




- 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
- Monday, September 17** 8:30am **Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- Tuesday, September 18** 8:30am **John Wickstrom**
requested by the Lavallee Family
- Wednesday, September 19** 8:30am **Marie Jeanne Lavallee**
requested by Phyllis Lavine
- Thursday, September 20** 8:30am **Paula McGrail**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Saturday, September 22** 4:00pm **Jody Sheridan 1st Anniv.**
requested by the family
- Sunday, September 23** 9:00am **5th Anniversary Mass for Sue Selby, Grace Flynn, Lorna Dion Lorraine Casavant, & Gail Metcalf**
req. by Jim & Patti Laliberte
- 11:00am **Karen Burke**
req by. Jim & Patti Laliberte

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus instructs us "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." As hard as these words are for us to hear they were also hard for the first disciples to hear. Some were expecting that Jesus would be a military and political leader, a messiah, who would lead them to freedom from Rome and elevate them to positions of power. Jesus indeed was the Messiah... but that was not the kind of Messiah He was.

It is difficult for us to accept that suffering is part of following Jesus. Yet, Jesus was Himself a Man of Sorrows who suffered greatly. At Jesus' Baptism and Transfiguration, God the Father declared Jesus to be His own beloved Son with whom He was well pleased. The fact that the Father loved Jesus, however, did not protect Him from suffering.

Sometimes when we suffer we think that God does not love us. We conclude that He has abandoned us and does not hear our prayer. Jesus felt the same way we do as, from the Cross, He asked "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" Yet, these words are the words of a psalm which Jesus prayed while in agony and dying. In this Jesus shows us the way to deal with suffering.

That way is prayer. As we suffer and join our sufferings to the sufferings of Jesus, we pray for the good of the Church and for the needs of the world. We remember our deceased loved ones and friends, offering our sufferings to God that they may enter Heaven. We also remember the truth of the Paschal Mystery...that suffering and death actually lead us somewhere, to final Resurrection and life everlasting.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection September 8 & 9

Adults	\$ 3,154.00
Children	\$ 24.00
Maintenance	\$ 243.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 74.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 270.00
Total of parish support	\$ 3,765.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,110.00
SVDP	\$ 88.00
Poor Box	\$ 7.00

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 9:30-37



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.

Jesus' Compassion for the Sick

Our poor are great people. They give us more than we give them. They can teach us so many beautiful things. They don't need our sympathy or our pity. They need our love and compassion. We don't have to love them from our abundance. We must love them until it hurts.

The same way Jesus allows himself to be broken and given to us as food, we, too, must divide and share what we have with others. First of all, we must share with those in our homes because love starts at home. From there, charity extends to our neighbors who are right next door, then to those who live on the same street, and from there to those in the city where we live.

To be true, love has to hurt. Our people, the poor, are great people because they give us a lot of love and joy by accepting us. They appreciate the little things we do for them.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



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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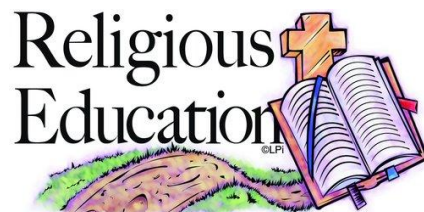
Mailing address: _____

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

VENDORS WANTED for our Vendor Fair

Saturday, October 13, 2018 9 to 3 pm

\$25.00 per table

to register please contact the rectory

Upcoming Events

In honor of St. Therese the Little Flower

Tuesday, October 2 6:00pm Night of

Reflection in the church

Sunday, October 21 Trip to Shrine of St.

Therese & Wright's Chicken Farm



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