

- Saturday, December 1** **4:00pm Kristina Krull**
req. by the Scripture Study Group
- Sunday, December 2** **9:00am James Chaisson**
req. by Jim & Patti Laliberte
- 11:00am Theresa Laramée & Joseph Laramée, Jr. 3rd Anniversary**
requested by the Laramée Family
- Monday, December 3** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Mr & Mrs Donald Krasinskas**
- Tuesday, December 4** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Mr & Mrs Robert Krasinskas**
- Wednesday, December 5** **8:30am John Cosgrove**
requested by the Moynihan Family
- Thursday, December 6** **8:30am Steven Therrien**
requested by the Moynihan Family.
- Saturday, December 8**
Immaculate Conception **10:00am All Souls Intentions of Richard & Beverly Buron**
- Saturday, December 8** **4:00pm Francis Rogers 11th Anniv.**
requested by the family
- Sunday, December 9** **9:00am Kristina Krull**
requested by the Scripture Study Group
- 11:00am Kelly Bishop**
requested by the Ford Family

Dear Friends in Christ,
The First Sunday of Advent presents us with a harrowing Gospel. Jesus foretells the end of time and the signs that will accompany it. He warns us to be ready for the end and to not become distracted by the things of this world.

What is our Lord really telling us? The first thing is that He is reminding us that, indeed, we will face God's judgment. The second thing is to be prepared because we do not know the day or hour of our death.

How can we prepare for our death? The season of Advent is a new beginning, the start of a new church year. With the beginning of the year come new graces from God. Let us open our hearts to receive these graces.

Being prepared means to live each day as if it were our last. We ask ourselves important questions: How is my friendship with God? When was the last time I went to confession and received absolution? Do I attend Mass regularly, keeping the Third Commandment? Do I take advantage of opportunities to learn more about my faith and am I open to deepening my faith? Do I see Christ in other people and treat them charitably? Do I pray each day? Who or what is first in my life?

Though Advent is a joyful season, it is also penitential. During Advent we examine our hearts in preparation for the coming of Christ. It is a time of conversion and change. Advent challenges us to think about whether we are ready to meet Jesus when He comes for us. Let us pray for each other during this blessed and holy season.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection November 24 & 25	
Adults	\$ 3,020.00
Children	\$ 11.00
Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 25.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 182.00
Christmas offering	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 394.00
Total of parish support	\$ 3,732.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 90.00
Poor Box	\$ 14.00



December Coffee Shop
2 & 16

Please join us after the 9:00am Mass for fellowship in the hall.

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
Totus Tuus Retreat Tuesday at 6:00pm
SVDP Sunday Dec. 16 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 3:1-6



St. Vincent De Paul
 Serving those in Need

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 take a gift tag to help with this wonderful ministry. Gifts will benefit families in need in Oxford through the Ecumenical Food Shelf. Gifts must be returned by December 9th with the label attached to the gift. Thank you



Christmas Choir Rehearsals begin next Sunday after the 9:00am Mass. Please join us as we prepare for the Christmas Liturgies. All are welcome.

Oxford Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service donation

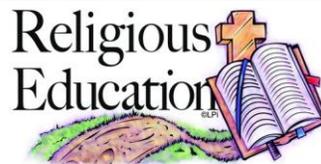
I want to let everyone know and also thank the members of the Clergy and the Congregation who attended for their generous donations. The total donation at the service was \$535.00. That amount of money will allow me to purchase approximately \$2,000 worth of food to feed the hungry in town. John Kneeland, Jr, Council Chairman



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.

Please help us to keep in contact with you.

If you have recently changed your address, telephone number or email please let the parish office know of the change. Also, we have been sending out emails about important events in the parish, if you are not receiving these emails please contact us at stannsrectory@hotmail.com, so that we can update our list. Thank you



St. Ann's Religious Education 2018-2019
 Grades 1-4 3:30 - 4:45pm
 Grades 5-9 6:00 - 7:15pm
 Confirmation Classes Wednesday at 6:00pm



Rehearsals for the pageant are December 2nd at 12:00pm, Saturday, December 8, 15 & 22 at 1:00pm. **The pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 23 after the 9:00am Mass.



We welcome
 Braelynn Lee Rose Smith
 who was baptized last weekend.
 May God bless her and her family.



Memorial envelopes for Christmas Flowers are included in all offertory packets or a request can be made by contacting the rectory. Please consider remembering a loved one with a beautiful poinsettia that will be placed in our sanctuary for Christmas Masses. **The Mass for these intentions will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 10:00am**

Advent Prayer

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.