

- 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

- Monday, December 10** **8:30am Marie Jeanne Lavallee**
req. by Tanya Connors & Fred Kirkpatrick

- Tuesday, December 11** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Barbara LaMountain**

- Wednesday, December 12** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Jack Flynn**

- Thursday, December 13** **8:30am Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP

- Saturday, December 15** **4:00pm Russel Ford, Sr, Russel Ford, Jr Michael Ford,** req. by the Ford Family

- Sunday, December 16** **9:00am Elizabeth LaMountain**
req. by Bill & Barbara O'Brien

- 11:00am Thomas Skeebos**
requested by SVDP

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we come to the Second Sunday of Advent, the Scriptures allow us to hear the prophetic voice of John the Baptist preaching the need for repentance. John speaks the words of the Prophet Isaiah, saying "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

The "way of the Lord" is within our hearts. "Making straight His paths" means removing obstacles that keep us from a closer friendship with God. During Advent we consider our own need to repent of sin and turn towards God. The Sacrament of Penance is the means by which the "way of the Lord" within us is cleared of obstructions.

Confession is offered every Saturday in the church from 3-3:40 PM. I also can hear confessions by appointment. The whole community of Oxford will be having the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Penance through the Advent Penance Service, to be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM, St. Roch's Church.

Our realization that we need the Sacrament of Penance comes first from our recognition of sin. Often, we cannot see this clearly. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us how we have fallen short in our friendship with God. A good way to figure out whether we need the Sacrament of Penance is to review the 10 Commandments. To help with this, we have included the Ten Commandments in this week's bulletin. Let us ask ourselves: What have we done to offend God? What have I failed to do which caused hurt to others? How have I refused God's graces?

Let us hear the words of St. John to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths in our hearts.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection December 1 & 2	
Adults	\$ 3,750.00
Children	\$ 26.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 71.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 15.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 575.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,537.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 21.00
Poor Box	\$ 425.00



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 3:10-18



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.



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**



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

Tim Janis Concert

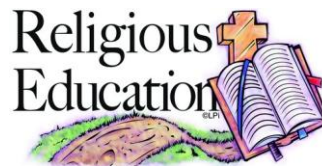
Again this year Tim Janis will be in concert at the Provincial House of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, 72 Church St. Putnam, CT. This special event will be on Sunday, December 16th at 2PM in the gymnasium. We will welcome free will offerings which will provide assistance for victims of California fires. Come join us and bring family and/or friends.



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
Sandalwood Nursing Home - Christmas Giving Program
Monday, December 17, 2018 3:30 -4:30pm



**Advent Penance Service Tuesday, December 18th
at 6:30pm in St. Roch's Church**



**Christmas Pageant December 23 after the
9:00am Mass**



**Christmas Eve Mass
4:00pm & 10:00pm
Sing Christmas Carols with the choir at 3:30pm**

Christmas Morning Mass 10:00am



**Open House at the rectory
Sunday, December 30th after the 9 & 11am Mass**



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