

**Saturday, December 22 4:00pm Theresa Modzelewski**  
Birthday remembrance by her daughter Theresa.

**Sunday, December 23 9:00am Walter McCarthy**  
requested by the family

**11:00am For the Health & wellbeing of Louis & Lorraine Renaud,** requested by Dee Archambault & Richard Renaud



**Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Martin Fernandes**  
req. by Germaine Fernandes

**10:00pm Normand Lavallee**  
requested by the Lavallee Family

**Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:00am Christmas Flower Memorial Intentions**

**Wednesday, December 26 No Mass**

**Thursday, December 27 No Mass**

**Saturday, December 29 4:00pm Russ & Anna Genander**  
requested by Ron & Jan Gagner

**Sunday, December 30 9:00am Betty Wroblewski**  
requested by the Staff of St. Ann's

**11:00am Deceased members of the Maglio Family,** req. by Palmina Griffin

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mary traveled "in haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth because she was eager to fulfill God's will. Just as rapidly as Mary said 'yes' to God at the Annunciation, Mary responded to God's invitation to assist her elderly relative during the last months of her pregnancy. Scripture is clear in informing us that this journey was difficult. Mary had to travel "to the hill country" of Judea, meaning that she went through mountainous terrain. Mary's example shows us that although God's will for us is sometimes going to be hard to fulfill, we should embrace the task with love and with our entire being.

It is through reading this Sunday's Gospel that we understand where the 'Hail Mary' comes from. Upon greeting Mary, Elizabeth calls her "blessed among women" and declares that the fruit of Mary's womb, the baby Jesus, is also "blessed." The Gospel teaches us that Elizabeth made these statements because she was "filled with the Holy Spirit." Thus, the Holy Spirit allowed Elizabeth to perceive that God was at work in Mary and in her own life.

The Gospel ends with Elizabeth declaring that Mary was blessed because she "believed that what was spoken to (her) by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary placed her trust in God's word to her. She knew that God was trustworthy and that He would do what He said.

Our recent parish-wide Marian consecration has taught us to allow Mary to be our example of faith and to pay attention to her virtue and follow its example. As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, let us ask for the grace to know God's will for us and the grace to follow it.

On behalf of St. Ann's parish staff, I wish all of you and your families a merry, blessed and holy Christmas and a wonderful, grace-filled New Year.

In Christ  
Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection December 15 & 16	
Adults	\$ 3,063.00
Children	\$ 30.00
Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 135.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 62.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 25.00
<b>Total of parish support</b>	<b>\$ 3,390.00</b>
<b>Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,250.00</b>
SVDP	\$ 29.00
Poor Box	\$ 38.00



**January Coffee Shop 6 & 20**

**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  
**SVDP** Sunday Jan. 20 following the 9:00am Mass  
**Rosary Group** Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church  
**Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall  
**No Bible Study this week**



**St. Vincent De Paul**  
Serving those in Need

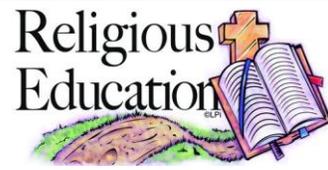
If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can point you in the direction of other resources that are available.



*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen*



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.



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  
Classes will resume, Monday, January 7, 2019



**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**

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**Monday, December 31st at 4:00pm**

**Tuesday, January 1st at 8:30am**



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