

- Saturday, January 5** **4:00pm Wilfred & Maureen Pichette**
requested by the Bouvier Family
- Sunday, January 6** **9:00am James Chaisson**
req. by Bill & Barbara O'Brien
- 11:00am Deceased members of the**
Griffin Family, req. by Palmina Griffin
- Monday, January 7** **8:30am Jane Randell**
requested by the Scripture Study Group
- Tuesday, January 8** **8:30am John Sheridan**
req. by Marcel & Ann LeClair
- Wednesday, January 9** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Mr & Mrs Michael LeBlanc
- Thursday, January 10** **8:30am Muriel Dumais King**
requested by David Dumais
- Saturday, January 12** **4:00pm For the health & wellbeing of**
Frank Maglio, req. by Palmina Griffin
- Sunday, January 13** **9:00am Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- 11:00am For the health & wellbeing of**
Andre Pellerin, req. by Palmina Griffin

This weekend

My Brother's Keeper Food Collection to benefit the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered for anyone in need after all the Masses.

Dear Friends in Christ,
The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' and celebrates the revelation of the one, true God to the Gentile peoples of the earth. This Sunday we celebrate this great feast when the wise men traveled to give homage to the infant Christ, presenting to Him their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

St. Matthew tells us clearly that the wise men "opened their treasures" to the Lord at Epiphany. These words speak of ownership and personal responsibility. Each gift has a symbolic meaning related to Christ. The gold represents Christ's kingship, the frankincense, Christ's identity as God, and the myrrh a prophesy regarding Christ's death on the Cross as a sacrifice for our sins.

As the wise men opened their treasures to Christ they demonstrated their faith in Him. They put this faith into action, showing the Lord that they believed in Him and accepted God's plan of salvation. This plan included them and the nations which they had come from.

We learn a very important lesson from the wise men about our Christian faith. It is that in order to live it we must be willing to share ourselves. We must be willing to "open our treasures" to the Lord, as we use our gifts and talents for the good of the Church.

How do we do this? The first step is recognizing that we are part of God's plan of salvation. When God created us He gave us gifts and talents that He needs to use in order that His plan is fulfilled. Let us begin the new year asking the Lord how He wants to use us for the building up of His Church and our parish and praying daily for the grace to do His will.

In Christ
Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection December 29 & 30	
Adults	\$ 3,974.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 86.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 160.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,294.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 9.00
Poor Box	\$ 27.00



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
 Please read Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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.



Upper Room Ministry

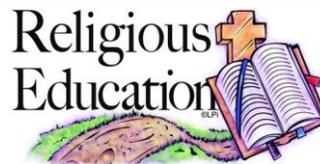
We are praying and asking Our Lady to guide and direct the formation of the Upper Room Ministry. We ask all of our parishioners to pray for this special intention.

Children's Masses

Once per month we will be offering a children's Mass. The 9:00 am Sunday Mass will include a children's homily during which we will invite elementary school-aged children forward to sit with Fr. Michael in the sanctuary as he preaches. The homily will be geared towards children and parents are encouraged to plan to attend these Masses. After the Mass all the children are invited to the parish hall for free snacks and drinks. Coffee and donuts are available for \$1 for adults. **The next children's Mass are as follows: Sunday, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7.**

A family's regular Mass attendance is the foundation for children developing the habit of the practice of the Faith. Unless this habit is developed early in life, it is difficult for it to be established in later years. **It is essential that parents understand their sacred responsibility to bring their children to Mass weekly.** Sports and other activities must be secondary to the worship of God.

It is our hope that with this monthly schedule of children's Masses, both children and their families will want to come to Mass more frequently and encourage others to do the same. In Christ, Fr. Michael



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

Volunteers Needed

Parish Social Committee

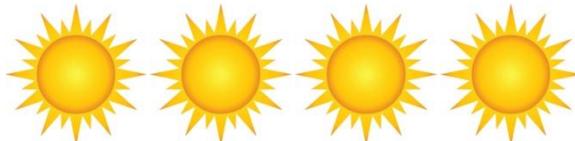
We would like to establish a social committee to prepare and coordinate the social gatherings that occur in the parish throughout the year.

The committee would be responsible for cleaning, stocking and maintaining the kitchen in the church hall. The committee would purchase food, desserts, drinks and paper goods for the social gatherings as needed and then submit receipts to the office.

The committee would staff each event and clean up after the event. To volunteer, please contact Fr. Michael or Mary at the rectory.

Plants & Flowers in the church

We are looking for volunteers to care for the plants and to water the flowers in the church throughout the year. To volunteer, please contact Fr. Michael or Mary at the rectory.



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.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Couple Anniversary Date: _____