

- Saturday, January 12** **4:00pm For the health & well being of Frank Maglio**, req. by Palmina Griffin
- Sunday, January 13** **9:00am Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- 11:00am For the health & well being of Andre Pellerin**, req. by Palmina Griffin
- Monday, January 14** **8:30am Leda Dumais Twiss**
requested by David Dumais
- Tuesday, January 15** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Donna Chaisson**
- Wednesday, January 16** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Lynn Lyons**
- Thursday, January 17** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of Richard Rowe**
- Saturday, January 19** **4:00pm Theodore LeBlanc**
requested by Charlie & Andrea Boyle
- Sunday, January 20** **9:00am Theodore LeBlanc**
requested by SVDP
- 11:00am Gloria Lier**
requested by Suzanne Lier Kilburn

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our celebration of The Baptism of The Lord marks the end of Christmas. Though this is true, this event also marks a significant beginning, namely the start of Jesus' public ministry and mission. As we reflect upon the meaning of this feast, we are graced with a renewed understanding of ourselves as followers of Jesus.

St. John the Baptist offered a "baptism of repentance" to the people to prepare them for the coming of the Messiah. It was not a sacrament but it was, instead, symbolic of the change of heart that took place within the one receiving it. When Jesus was baptized by John, it was a moment of revelation.

This revelation was directly from God and concerned the identity of Jesus and His relationship with God. At Jesus' baptism, God declared "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased." These words are pivotal for our understanding of Christ and His mission.

First, God's words show us that Jesus is "beloved" of the Father. This adjective speaks to us of the relationship Jesus shares with God as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Between the Father and the Son there is love, the Holy Spirit being the bond of unity between them. Secondly, we learn that God is "well-pleased" with Jesus because our Lord has chosen to accept His Father's will for Him which is to become a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

How does the Baptism of the Lord give us a renewed understanding of ourselves? First, when Jesus died, He gave power to the sacraments, thus making Baptism grace-bearing. This means that it has the power to cleanse from sin, make one a member of the Church and to make one an adopted son or daughter of God. How often do we realize that we are a member of God's family, His son or daughter? Secondly, as God was pleased with Jesus because He chose to do His will, so God is pleased with us when we keep His commandments and carry out His will in the world. May our celebration of the Lord's Baptism inspire us to reflect more deeply on our baptismal identity. In Christ, Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection January 5 & 6

Adults	\$ 4,385.00
Children	\$ 24.00
Maintenance	\$ 148.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 159.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,716.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 341.00
SVDP	\$ 450.00
Poor Box	\$ 31.00

Christmas Offering total for 2018 **\$ 5,607.00**
Thank you for your generosity



Coffee Shop January 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 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00pm
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please read John 2:1-11



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.

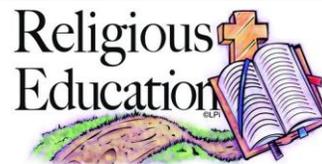


World Marriage Day Celebration Feb. 10, 2019

At the 9AM Mass we will have a celebration honoring all couples who have been married 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 etc (and for others who want to celebrate their marriage this year.) For those who have lost their spouse, this Mass will be an opportunity to remember them and recall the special blessings of their lives together. We will have renewal of vows at this Mass. At all masses this weekend we will have a blessing of all married couples. Please see Deacon Jim or sign up on the sign-up on the bulletin board. Refreshments to follow the 9 A.M. Mass. We will be including bulletin inserts for the next several weeks that cover various aspect of married life. Please read and share them with others.
Deacon Jim

From The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Webster

On Friday, January 18th the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will hold a prayerful gathering at 17 East Main St., Webster in solidarity with those who will be participating in the "March for Life of the Unborn Child" in Washington, DC. Beginning at 12 noon the recitation of the Joyful mysteries will be prayed, at 1:00 the Sorrowful Mysteries, at 2:00 the Glorious Mysteries and at 3:00 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Whether you stay the whole time or make just a short visit, all are welcome to come before Jesus to pray for the unborn child in the womb of its mother that she will by the Grace of God spare the child's life.



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

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.

2019 Parish Yard Sale Planning Meeting

The first meeting to begin planning for the 2019 Annual parish yard sale will be held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 6:00pm** in the parish hall. Please come to share your ideas and suggestions to improve the Yard Sale.

**Please mark your calendars!!
The yard sale will be held on the
weekend of June 8 & 9, 2019**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and transform your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd for the legal protection of unborn Children

The rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm in the church.

All are welcome!



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