

- 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

- Monday, January 21** **8:30am Betty Wroblewski**
requested by St. Ann's Parish Staff

- Tuesday, January 22** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Beverly Marley

- Wednesday, January 23** **8:30am Joseph R. O'Brien**
requested by David Dumais

- Thursday, January 24** **8:30am Betty Wroblewski**
requested by St. Ann SVDP

- Saturday, January 26** **4:00pm Pauline Ludwig**
requested by friends

- Sunday, January 27** **9:00am David D'Agostino 34th Ann.**
req. by Mike & Joanne Marcotte

- 11:00am Rita Murphy 2nd Ann.**
req. by Jack & Pat Murphy

Dear Friends in Christ,

The events of the Wedding at Cana present us with an important teaching on marriage. At a time when many people do not understand marriage's value, this gospel challenges us to uphold the Church's traditional teachings on marriage and family.

Jesus' transformation of the water into wine during the wedding feast reflects His elevation of the natural institution of marriage to the sacrament of matrimony. Marriage has existed from the very beginning of creation, Adam and Eve being the first two married people. Before Christ, however, marriage was a natural institution that did not contain God's graces. After Christ, specifically after His saving death, Jesus gave the sacraments power. Jesus made the sacraments grace-bearing so that those who receive them would experience God's help and strength.

The "new wine" that Jesus brought about at Cana also symbolizes the gift of salvation He brought us. What the miracle implies is that if we live the vocation that God has chosen for us this is the path to salvation that we are best suited to. If we are faithful to the demands of our vocation we will be saved by Christ through living our vocation.

As we reflect upon the events of the Wedding at Cana we are reminded of the importance of marriage. As Catholic people, we must encourage marriage and teach about the grace that receiving the sacrament of marriage gives those who receive it. It is not the same as living together or being married by the state. The only valid marriage between two baptized Catholics is one witnessed by the Church's ministers. We welcome those seeking to have their marriage blessed by the Church (convalidation) to celebrate it here at St. Ann's.

Marriage takes constant effort and prayer for it to be successful. We need the graces the sacrament of matrimony gives us as we attempt to live our marriage vows. We can't do it alone without God's help. Let us pray that God bless all Catholic families so that they may be open to receiving God's abundant grace.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



Weekly Collection January 12 & 13	
Adults	\$ 2,915.00
Children	\$ 26.00
Maintenance	\$ 356.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 109.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 141.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 470.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,017.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 72.00
Poor Box	\$ 23.00



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 Tuesday, January 29 at 6:00pm
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please read Luke 1:1-4, 4:21-30



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.



Two lives become one

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 a 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 sheet on the bulletin board. Refreshments to follow the 9 A.M. Mass.

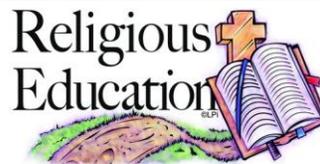
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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!



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
First Penance Sunday, January 27th at 1:00pm

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

Catholic Charities

Our Homecare program is looking for aides to care for individuals in surrounding towns. Aides provide light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. Paid training, and a schedule to meet your needs. Please call 1-800-649-4364

Fuel Collections

We are hoping and praying that this Winter will be a mild one, but this is New England and cold and snow are inevitable in the next few months.

We are contracted with Radio Oil for 6300 gallons of oil at \$2.69 per gallon for the church and rectory. Radio Oil had the lowest cost for a fixed rate and a 10 month budget payment plan, which allows us to spread out the payments even beyond the heating season. Last year the cost for oil was \$1.99 per gallon, this year's .70 increase per gallon will increase the cost of fuel **\$4,410.00** for this year's heating season.

We find it necessary to make up for this increase by having a special collection for fuel in January, February and March. The dates of these collections will be on:

January 26 & 27
February 16 & 17
March 2 & 3

We are asking that all of our parishioners prayerfully consider contributing to these special collections because we cannot meet this expense through the current weekly offerings. We thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Fr. Michael & The Finance Committee



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