

- 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
- Monday, January 28** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Erleen McCarthy
- Tuesday, January 29** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
David Ackley
- Wednesday, January 30** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
George & Anna Gemme
- Thursday, January 31** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Mr & Mrs Charles Boyle
- Saturday, February 2** **4:00pm Cecelia Rogers 8th Ann.**
requested by the family.
- Sunday, February 3** **9:00 am Walter McCarthy**
requested by the family
- 11:00 am Josephine DeNittis**
requested by Palmina Griffin

Next weekend: My Brother's Keeper Food collection to benefit the Ecumenical Oxford Food Shelf



Weekly Collection January 19 & 20	
Adults	\$ 2,434.00
Children	\$ 24.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 60.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 156.00
Total of parish support	\$ 2,744.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 55.00
Poor Box	\$ 27.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the fourth full week of the year we still contemplate the mystery of new beginnings. God has given us a new start and many graces to make this year the best one yet. The best news is that God has much good in store for us in the weeks and months ahead. We can be confident in God's love for us and that he wants the very best for us as our lives continue to unfold.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims to the people the good news of God's dreams for them. Jesus tells the people that God wants good news brought to the poor, liberty given to captives, sight restored to the blind, freedom given to the oppressed and everyone to experience the joy of jubilee, a time of restoration for all.

Jesus brought this good news to the people through His ministry. He helped the poor and marginalized, healed the sick, freed those afflicted with demons and freed the hearts of God's people from sin through His death on the Cross. Jesus did all this to show that the Kingdom of God was at hand and that this Kingdom was stronger than evil.

How do we know that the Kingdom is near us? It is when we see signs of its presence. When we share stories of faith with each other we come to see that the Kingdom of God is at work and growing in our midst. Faith-sharing is such an important part of the Church's life. In our parish weekly we have two important opportunities to share faith: weekly Rosary and Upper Room Ministry on Tuesday and Bible Study on Wednesday. Our faith deepens when we know that we share the journey with others who are ready to prayerfully support us and with whom we can relate in friendship.

Let us pray for the grace to see the Kingdom alive around us and in each other.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael



Coffee Shop February 3 & 17

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 Feb. 17 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 4:21-30
First Saturday Marian Devotion after 4:00pm Mass beginning February 3rd



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.

First Saturday Devotions

Beginning Saturday, February 3rd after the 4:00pm Mass, St. Ann's Parish will begin hosting First Saturday Marian devotions. These devotions will consist of Confession, Communion, rosary and meditation. Confessions available at 3:00pm Saturday, Communion available at 4:00pm Mass, Rosary and meditation immediately after Mass. Join us for this treasured devotion of the Church to God through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

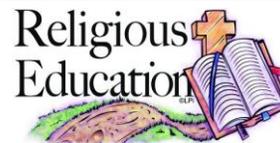
World Marriage Day Celebration Feb. 10, 2019

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.

TRIP TO GETTYSBURG, EMMITSBURG & HARPERS FERRY

Fr. Lavallee is attending!

Fr. Riley of Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester is leading a trip to historic Gettysburg, PA, Emmitsburg, MD and Harper's Ferry, WV from May 13-17. Consider joining us for a wonderful trip combining our nation's history with our catholic faith (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine) in a visit to this most scenic part of our country. For more detailed information, price, and signup sheet, please visit icworc.com Gettysburg Tour at the top of the page.



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, Saturday 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

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

During the Winter months please exercise caution in the parking lot and on church sidewalks. We try our best to have the rectory/handicap parking lot and sidewalks cleared and sanded as soon as possible after a snow storm. **The parking lot behind the Fire Station is maintained by the Town of Oxford.** If you have a concern about slippery conditions please call the Rectory 508-987-8892



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