

- Saturday, February 9** **4:00pm Mark Joy**
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, February 10** **9:00am Suzanne Sullivan**
req. by Palmina Griffin
- 11:00am Steven Prunier 22nd Ann.**
requested by SVDP
- Monday, February 11** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Howard & Andrea Holbrook
- Tuesday, February 12** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Deacon Jim & Carole Denning
- Wednesday, February 13** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Mr & Mrs Marc Arsenault
- Thursday, February 14** **8:30am All Souls Intentions of**
Mr & Mrs Michael Thompson
- Saturday, February 16** **4:00pm Warren Kozlowski 7th Ann.**
req. by family and friends
- Sunday, February 17** **9:00am Joseph Guerra**
req. by John & Laura Kneeland
- 11:00am Richard Livingston**
requested by Palmina Griffin

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

Second Collection next weekend February 16 & 17th for Fuel for St. Ann's Church and Rectory

Weekly Collection February 2 & 3	
Adults	\$ 3,851.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 201.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 118.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 119.85
Total of parish support	\$ 4,396.85
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$ 292.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 932.45
SVDP	\$ 397.00
Poor Box	\$ 17.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we reflect upon this Sunday's Gospel, we marvel at the fact that when Jesus called Simon Peter and the other disciples to follow Him they immediately did so, leaving behind them their nets and family business of fishing.

Yet, what we often do not recognize is that Jesus had been working beforehand to open their hearts to receive Him. In Luke 4:38-39, Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law of a deadly fever. Thus, before Jesus formally called Peter to follow Him, Peter had already had a powerful personal encounter with Jesus which revealed God's love and healing power. This personal experience prepared Peter's heart to receive Christ.

After this experience, St. Luke informs us that Jesus healed many other local people of disease and possession in Luke 4:40-41. It seems, then, that Simon Peter and the other future disciples personally witnessed many miracles in their community which Jesus wrought. This experience also prepared them for receiving Christ.

Finally, in Luke 5:1-11, Jesus calls Simon Peter, James and John to discipleship and they immediately follow Him. This is because they had already established a friendship with the Lord and they had personal knowledge that Jesus was someone that should be followed.

What do we learn about following Jesus from this passage? First, Jesus prepares our hearts to accept Him by working in our lives beforehand. Secondly, it is our personal experience of Jesus which convinces us of the truth of His message and mission. It is through our prayerful reflection upon our lives of faith that we discern the saving actions of God in our lives and we grow in desire to love God in return for the great love He has first shown us. Finally, Jesus personally calls each of us to follow Him in discipleship. Our response to this personal call is our response to Jesus' invitation to holiness and eternal life.

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 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:00pm
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please read Luke 6:17, 20-26
First Saturday Marian Devotion after 4:00pm Mass



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

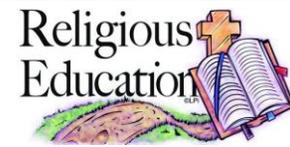
If you are a parishioner and are in need of assistance, please call #508- 987-8892 and leave a message on the SVDP private line and someone from the SVDP will return your call. Maybe you have lost your job and are behind on your utilities or can't afford to have oil delivered. We can help. We also can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



It is never too early to start thinking about our annual yard sale. **The date of this year's yard sale is June 8th & 9th.** We will start **collecting items on Saturday, April 6th** and will close the church hall again this year during the month of May to be able to store the yard sale items. Signup sheets will be available in March for volunteers to help sort and clean the items as they arrive. If you know of someone who is moving and wants to donate items to the parish please contact the rectory. We need many volunteers this year with different gifts and talents to make this fund raiser a success. **Please join us!!**



Please note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 during the normal business hours of 9:30 to 3:30pm due to Fr. Michael and the staff attending a Staff Day Retreat at the Mary House in Spencer.



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



*Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick
Monday, February 11th*

*Please join us for morning Mass at 8:30am
followed by the recitation of the rosary and our
personal re-consecration of ourselves to
Christ through Our Lady.*

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.



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