

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,
 In this weekend's gospel, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Rich Fool. In this teaching, Jesus shows the example of a wealthy landowner who seeks to hold on to his bountiful harvest by building larger barns in which to store it. He assures himself that he will have much time to enjoy his excess, telling himself "rest, eat, drink, be merry." God interjects Himself into the man's self-absorbed reflection telling him that that very night his life would be taken from him. This implies that he will not be able to enjoy his excess as he planned and that his attempts to hold on to his wealth were misguided.

Besides greed, the sin of the wealthy man was presumption. The man had a false sense of security, generated by his wealth. This false sense of security kept the man from needing God and from preparing himself for death and judgment. The man assumed that he would have "plenty of time."

Although we may not have much excess wealth, we can also fall into the sin of presumption. We are tempted to believe that we can put off conversion to later because we have plenty of time. The truth is that none of us can predict the day or hour of our death. However, it is certain that we will someday die and face the judgment of God.

The wealthy man in the parable forgot that all the good things in this life that he enjoyed were his "on loan." God was the source of them and the man was the steward of them. This meant that he had a responsibility to share them with others less fortunate. In fact, it was through the man's charity that others would receive the answer to their prayers for God's mercy.

God challenges us to recognize our responsibility to share our bounty with those in need. He also reminds us that we are not in ultimate control of our lives. We do not have plenty of time to think about conversion. Now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of salvation.

In Christ, Fr. Michael



The parish of St. Ann's counts on your regular offertory contributions throughout the summer to pay for our continuing expenses including the air conditioning in the church and the maintenance of our beautiful grounds. As you enjoy vacations away from home please do not forget your generous support of St. Ann's Parish. If you are not receiving offertory envelopes and would like to have them sent to your home, please contact the rectory. Together we can keep our parish fiscally strong, socially active and give support to those in need. Thank you.

- Saturday, August 3** **4:00pm Lawrence & Theresa Casey**
requested by the family
- Sunday, August 4** **9:00am Margaret Rivers**
requested by the family
- 11:00 am Leo Skonick**
requested by St. Ann's Parish
- Monday, August 5** **8:30am Mr & Mrs Robert Korp**
requested by Fr. Michael
- Tuesday, August 6** **8:30am Jeanine Lyon**
requested by Jack Flynn
- Wednesday, August 7** **8:30am Joseph Coombs**
requested by the Moynahans
- Thursday, August 8** **8:30am George Gemme**
requested by DebCashman
- Saturday, August 10** **4:00pm Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, August 11** **9:00am Grace Flynn**
requested by the Flynn Family
- 11:00am Janice Handlin**
requested by St. Ann's Parish



Weekly Collection July 27 & 28	
Adults	\$ 3,231.00
Children	\$ 28.00
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 234.00
Total of parish support	\$ 3,583.00
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	
	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 45.00
Poor Box	\$ 19.00

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday, September 15th 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:00pm
Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the hall
Please have read Luke 12:32-48



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

New Parish Prayer Line

The parish has a new online prayer line Parishioners May use this as a means to reach out to our community for prayer and support. The email address is StAnnParishPrayerLine@hotmail.com. **The requests made through this email will be given to parishioners that will dedicate special prayers for the intentions. The requests will also be remembered during the parish Rosary on Tuesday evenings.**

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.

Adult Education

Starting this week a new feature will be added to our parish website under Faith Formation/ Adult Education
Work sheets from Upper Room lessons will be available for all parishioners with new updates added every two weeks.
First Topic: The Church Parts 1 & 2



SVDP Backpack Challenge 2019

Please help us provide school backpacks and supplies for families in need. We are asking for new backpacks for any school age. A list of school supplies can be found at all the bulletin tables. Backpacks and supplies need to be delivered to St. Ann's by August 11th.
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and kindness.



Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Partners in Charity Appeal. Gifts and pledges have totaled **\$32,621** towards our parish goal of \$40,000. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2019 Appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us reach our goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you.

Volunteer needed



Our church has many beautiful plants that need tender loving care. The indoor plants need to be watered weekly, fertilized and transplanted when needed. Please contact the rectory if you are willing to care for the plants that beautify the sanctuary and halls of our church.

Sunshine Ministry

Birthdays for August

Chuck Walsh

Eulysse Allain

Lorriane Jankowski

Vinnie Rivers



Are you having a picnic or family gathering this Summer?

Please remember to drop off your returnable bottles and cans to the bin near the handicap ramp. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
We also need volunteers to take the donations to the redemption center. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Holy Hour for Priests

On **Friday, August 9** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** a Holy Hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester. It will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction, and will be repeated on the second Friday of each month. All are welcome!