

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



- Saturday, January 11** **4:00pm Robert Beauregard**
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, January 12** **9:00am Anna Grande**
requested by Palmina
- 11:00am Gerald Kelley, Jr.**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- Monday, January 13** **8:30am Patrick Grande**
requested by Palmina
- Tuesday, January 14** **8:30am Leda Dumais Twiss**
requested by David Dumais
- Wednesday, January 15** **8:30am John Morrissey**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- Thursday, January 16** **8:30am Steven Prunier**
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- Saturday, January 18** **4:00pm Barbara Dupsha**
requested by SVDP
- Sunday, January 19** **9:00am For the Health & Wellbeing of Lorraine Renaud**
requested by her daughter Dee
- 11:00am Thomas Mulcahy**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey

Dear Friends in Christ,
This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, with it, the end of the Christmas Season. The gospel for this Sunday tells of Jesus appearing on the banks of the Jordan River, requesting baptism from His cousin, St. John the Baptist. John protests Jesus' request, saying emphatically "I should be baptized by you!" Yet, Jesus explains to John that His baptism by John is part of God's plan.

The baptism that St. John the Baptist offered was not sacramental. It did not have the power to remove sin but instead reflected the inner state of repentance that one receiving it had. St. John was clear that the "One" who followed after him would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire." Through these words, St. John foretold that Jesus would establish the sacramental system of the Church in which all the sacraments, including Baptism, would bear grace and transformative power through the Holy Spirit at work in them.

As we begin this new year 2020, it is a good time to reflect upon the importance of the sacraments. Being a disciple of Jesus means seeking out the sacraments frequently and encouraging others to do the same. Baptism is the foundation of the Christian life and the first sacrament received. Through it we are forgiven of original sin and personal sin, made an adopted child of God, incorporated into the Body of Christ (the Church) and given the promise of future resurrection. Baptism leads to eternal salvation.

May the sacraments of God's Church be for us an endless source of hope, strength and encouragement as they reflect God's abundant mercy and love.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

Stewardship

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Weekly Collection January 4 & 5

Adults	\$ 3,964.00
Children	\$ 24.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Fuel	\$ 516.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 15.15
Catholic Free Press	\$ 137.00
Other sources of Income	\$ 156.00
Total	\$ 4,892.15
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$4,420.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 324.00
SVDP	\$ 411.00
Poor Box	\$ 20.00



Coffee Shop 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

Please join us for donuts & coffee after the 9:00am Mass. Children will receive a donut and juice box for free!! Adults \$1 for a coffee and donut

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:00 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday, January 19, 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry Next meeting: January 14th 6PM
Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the hall
Please have read John 1:29-34 Fellowship at 6:00pm



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.

INDOOR YARD SALE IN PARISH HALL

Saturday, February 1 from 9 to 2

Furniture, lamps & pictures

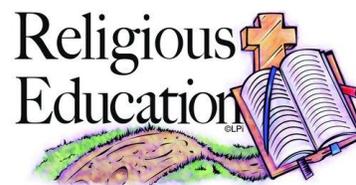
All proceeds to benefit St. Ann's Parish

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2020 dates are: Men's – February 6-9, 2020 & September 10-13, 2020; and Women's May 28-31, 2020 & October 22-25, 2020. All Weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at 774.239.8909 or phamilton1284@gmail.com Or Joan Laracy at 774.239.2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

Please help us to keep in touch with you

We are in the process of updating the telephone and email addresses in our census files. If you have recently had a change in your contact information please let us know. In the future we hope to send out parish wide emails about upcoming events and important information.



Grades 1-3 Monday: 3:30 -4:45 pm
Grades 4-10 Monday: 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Ministers of Communion are needed

One of the joys we have as Catholics is the reception of Communion each time at Mass. We have a growing number of parishioners who are home bound or in nursing facilities. To make sure that these parishioners receive Communion on a regular basis, and to maintain contact with our parish, we need to have more people to act as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who volunteer will be trained. Please consider helping out. It is a great joy and privilege to share the Body of Christ with our fellow parishioners.

Soup, Chili, Chowda' Fest

We are having our very first ALL YOU CAN EAT Soup, Chili, Chowda' Fest

When: Saturday, February 8, starting at 5PM

Where: St. Ann's Church Hall

Why: Social Event and St. Ann's Fund Raiser

How Much: \$8 adults/ \$5 children

Who: Everyone! Invite your friends!

Tickets will be sold after Mass and at the event.



Can you make a crock pot of either soup, chili or chowder for the Fest?

Use your favorite recipe and bring in your crock pot (Hot) between 2-4 PM on Saturday, February 8th to share with the community!

Please sign up on the bulletin board and grab a label to list all your ingredients for your dish to be placed next to your crock pot.

Thank you for your participation!

Questions? Ask Mike: call or text 508-335-1243 or email mike@mjm.bz