

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



- Saturday, March 7** **4:00pm Robert Fields 12th Ann.**
requested by the family.
- Sunday, March 8** **9:00am Margaret Amiot**
requested by SVDP
- 11:00am Eileen Patricia McLaughlin**
req. by Mike & Ann Marie Morrissey
- Monday, March 9** **8:30am James Laren**
req. by Patti & John Rutelonis
- Tuesday, March 10** **8:30am For the Well-Being of Sarah Wilson**
req. by the Degnans
- Wednesday, March 11** **8:30am John F. O'Brien, Sr.**
requested by David Dumais
- Thursday, March 12** **8:30am A special intention for the Paradise Family,** requested by David Dumais
- Saturday, March 14** **4:00pm Valentine & Helen Modzelewski and deceased family members,** req. by Theresa Sarsfield
- Sunday, March 15** **9:00am Steven Prunier**
requested by SVDP
- 11:00am John Medeiros**
requested by Germaine

Stewardship

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” (Genesis 12:1) God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Weekly Collection February 29 & March 1

Adults	\$ 4,474.00
Children	\$ 5.00
Maintenance	\$ 265.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 14.45
Other sources of Income	\$ 103.00
Total	\$ 4,935.45
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$4,012.00
SVDP	\$ 470.00
Poor Box	\$ 29.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Second Sunday of Lent presents to us St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This amazing gospel shows us the Resurrection in advance and reveals God's incredible love for us.

Why would the Church want us to reflect upon the Resurrection in the middle of Lent? It is because without the Resurrection there would be no Lent, no Church, no faith in Jesus. The Resurrection of Christ validates everything Jesus taught and did and shows us our eternal destiny.

Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up Mt. Tabor so that they could experience the Transfiguration. Like this, Jesus is always inviting us to go higher with Him, to grow in faith and to expand our hearts to receive God's graces. We respond to Our Lord's invitation when we give Him more time in prayer, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, study the Word of God, seek out the Sacraments more fervently and engage in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Because Peter, James and John said 'yes' to Jesus' invitation they received special graces that others did not receive. When Jesus was transfigured before them in glory, the three disciples got a most precious gift, the gift of hope. By showing the disciples the Resurrection in advance in His Transfiguration, Jesus was preparing them for the darkness of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Holy Saturday when they would be tempted to lose faith and hope.

More than anything else, the Transfiguration shows us God's incredible love. Through Baptism, we share in Jesus' suffering and death. St. Paul tells us we do this so that we may share later in His Resurrection. As Jesus is raised so we are promised, through Baptism, future resurrection and victory over sin and death. Like Jesus we will share God's new life.

May our Lenten exercises bring us to more fervent hope in God's love and to more steadfast faith in His incredible power to save us.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael



Feeding the Community

My Brother's Keeper

Food Collection to benefit the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf
1st weekend of the month

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, March 15, 9:45 am in the hall
Rosary Group 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Upper Room Ministry 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6PM
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish hall
Please have read John 4:5-42



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.

Choir rehearsals for the Easter week services will begin on Sunday, March 15 after the 9:00 AM Mass. Please join us!



Saturday, March 14th 5:00pm in the parish hall

Tickets: Adult \$8, child \$5
Tickets on Sale after Mass
To volunteer please call
Mike & Sue Vigeant #508-987-1251

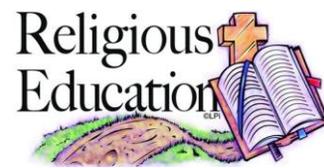


20th Anniversary Chip Hanlon Scholarship Fund

This year St. Ann Parish, through the Chip Hanlon Memorial Scholarship, will be awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing college studies and young parishioners currently attending College. There are two separate applications, one for graduating High School Seniors and one for College students.

The application deadline is April 20, 2020

The Appreciation plaque for the renovation of the Sanctuary will be ordered soon. If you would like to make a donation or a memorial donation to this renovation project please speak to Fr. Michael after Mass this weekend. We deeply appreciate all the planning and volunteer work done by our parishioners and the generous donations that made this renovation possible. The final touch of a beautiful painted design on the wall behind the tabernacle will hopefully be done before Easter. Thank you.



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



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:30pm

Lenten Day of Reflection

led by Fr. Michael & Deacon Tom

Saturday, April 4th 10 to 2

"I thirst"

Enter into the Passion of Christ and accompany Him on His journey into today's world. Experience the suffering, torment, heartbreak, and hope of our Savior as He encounters us in our daily lives. Draw into your "inner room" and hear the voice that cries out "I thirst." The program will offer two engaging presentations accompanied with reflection, contemplation, and interaction, along with periods of Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Confession will be available after the conclusion of the program.

Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

\$10 donation to cover lunch and materials

"An Evening of Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust"

Sponsors: Trinity Catholic Academy & St. John Paul II Parish, Southbridge, MA

Venue: La Salle Reception Center Ball Room 444 Main St.

Date: Saturday, March 21

Evening: Catered Dinner, Entertainment, a Live Auction, a Silent Auction and more.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please call Margaret Farrand at 774-318-8083 for detailed ticket information. Reservation deadline is March 16, 2020