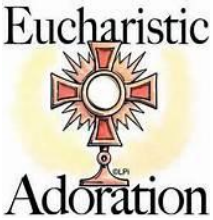
Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 7	**4:00pm Robea Richards** birthday memorial requested by the family
Sunday, January 8	**9:00am Louis Iovieno** requested by the Cichy Family
	11:00am Betty Watson requested by the family
Monday, January 9	**8:30am All Souls Intentions of Robert & Barbara Beauregard**
Tuesday, January 10	**8:30am A Special Intention**
Wednesday, January 11	**8:30am Joseph Hedge, Jr.** requested by Fr. Michael
Thursday, January 12	**8:30am Philip Granville** requested by a friend
Saturday, January 14	**4:00pm Roger & Marie Gladu** requested by Maryann Richard
Sunday, January 15	**9:00am Steven Prunier** requested by SVDP
	11:00am Christmas Memorial Flower Intentions



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament First Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Church

Weekly Collection December 31 & January 1	
Adults & children	$ 3,539.00
Maintenance	$ 37.00
Christmas Offering	$ 5.00
Other sources of income	$ 109.00
Total of parish support	**$3,690.00**
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	**$ 4,348.00**
SVDP	$ 460.00
Poor Box	$ 44.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that the new year has already begun and the Christmas season soon ends with the Baptism of the Lord on January 9. Christmas is such a short season that passes quickly. During it we are often so busy with celebrations and activities that it races by without us really grasping its meaning.

This weekend is our annual open house at the Rectory between the 9 and 11 AM Masses. Join us for community fellowship and celebration of the season. It is in community that we experience the presence of Jesus alive in our midst.

We also formally kick off our youth program at 3:30 on Sunday in the parish hall. For several months now, a group of parishioners has been meeting to talk about youth ministry and organize. We look forward to an exciting year ahead of youth activity and involvement. In this first year we hope to come to know the needs of our youth, to develop a foundation for future development. Parents of students in Grades 5 - 10 religious education are invited to get involved and to encourage their young people to participate.

The Baptism of the Lord on January 9 reminds us of the importance of Baptism in the life of the Church. The sacrament, which Jesus established, makes us an adopted son or daughter of God and incorporates us into the Body of Christ. This year in RCIA, we have two persons seeking Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and a third seeking Eucharist and Confirmation. God willing, they will receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Do you know someone who is 9 or older and has never been Baptized or who is seeking to enter the Church? Reach out to this person and let them know that there is a process for them here at St. Ann's which will lead them to joy through faith in Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael

Meetings

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall
K of C 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall
SVDP Sunday, January 15th 9:45am
Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church
Bible Study
7:00pm in the Church Hall
Please have read John 1:29 -34

Sunshine Ministry

January Birthdays

Pat Foley

Kathy LaCroix

Excerpt from Pope Francis: 50th World Day of Peace Message
Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for "it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come" (*Mk* 7:21). But Christ's message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. *Mt* 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. *Mt* 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. *Jn* 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. *Mt* 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. *Eph* 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: "As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts".

Adopt A Friend Program
Please consider "adopting" one of our Sandalwood residents who have no one.

11 Friends still needed

Everyone deserves someone who cares.
Please contact Drea Holbrook at dreaholbrook@netzero.net or #508-987-2165

PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to attend the Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus on Thursday, January 26th at 7:30PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul 19 Chatham Street, Worcester.

Annual Open House at the Rectory
Sunday, January 8th after the
9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

Religious Education Classes
will resume on Monday,
January 9, 2017
Have a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Event

Sunday, January 8, 2017

3:30 - 7:00 PM

St. Ann's Parish Hall

Pizza & Movie Celebrating the Epiphany

Join Us for A Fun-Filled Afternoon!

Planning meeting for the Annual Yard Sale

Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 pm in the church hall

Thank you to all the parishioners for your generosity and kindness during the Christmas Season. We ask God's blessing upon you and your families in 2017.

Fr. Michael & Deacon Jim

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