

4:00pm Norma Conway 1st Anniv. Saturday, May 5

requested by the Conway Family

Sunday, May 6 9:00am Beatrice Lavallee

requested by the Lavallee Family

11:00am Shirley Daniel

requested by the family

Monday, May 7 8:30am All Souls Intentions of

Harry & Jody Williams

8:30am All Souls Intentions of Tuesday, May 8

Mr & Mrs Arnold Caplette

Wednesday, May 9 8:30am All Souls Intentions of

Mike & Joanne Marcotte

**Vigil of Ascension** 7:00pm For the Health & wellbeing

of Deacon David Lajoie

Thursday, May 10 8:30am All Souls Intentions of **Feast of the Ascension** George & Anna Gemme

Saturday, May 12 4:00pm Cecelia Rogers

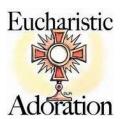
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9:00am Steven Prunier Sunday, May 13

requested by SVDP

11:00am Dennis Ferrante

requested by David Dumais



Tuesday, June 5 at 5:00 to 6:30pm led by **Acolyte Tom Creamer** 





Weekly Collection April 28 & 29		
Adults	\$ 3,110.00	
Children	\$	26.00
Maintenance	\$	35.00
Bottles & Cans	\$	24.55
Other sources of Income	\$	97.00
Shrine Association	\$	35.00
Total of parish support	\$3,	230.55
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses		
	\$ 4,110.00	
SVDP	\$	35.00
Poor Box	\$	27.00



Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us the New Commandment. In John 15:17, Jesus teaches "This I command you: love one another."

What does this New Commandment really ask of us? A careful reading of John 15:9-17 gives us some answers.

First, in verse 9, Jesus explains "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." Jesus goes on to instruct "Remain in my love." Thus, keeping the New Commandment means abiding in the love of God. Another way of expressing 'abiding' is living in the love of God. This means cultivating the conscious awareness that God is love and God lives in us. He is also alive in our brothers and sisters whom we encounter daily.

When we abide in the love of Christ we see the world differently. We recognize that we are all connected and that our actions, or lack thereof, have consequences for ourselves, others and the Church. The New Commandment teaches us that loving one another involves conscious action demonstrating love to others.

Loving one another is not simply being nice to people. It means doing concrete things to make their lives better. living the New Commandment means being willing, like Jesus, to make a gift of ourselves to the Church and to others. This means, like Jesus, sacrificing ourselves, if need be, for others' needs. The New Commandment challenges us each day to put our faith into action. In Christ,

Fr. Michael

The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after all the Masses this weekend to anyone in need.

My Brother's Keeper Food Collection to benefit the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf is held on the first weekend of each month

#### **Meetings**

NA Sundays 7:30 pm in the hall

**K of C** 1st Tuesday of the month 6:45pm in the hall **SVDP** Sunday May 20th following the 9:00am Mass

Rosary Group Tuesday at 6:00pm in the church

**Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:00pm

in the Church Hall

Please have read John 17:11-19





## **May Devotion**

A crowning of the statue of our Lady of Lourdes will take place after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 6th at the shrine. A light reception will follow in the rectory, sponsored by the Shrine Association.

### Divine Mercy The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

A 10 week retreat on Mondays, June 11 to August 20 from 6 to 8pm in the parish hall. \$35.00 per person Registration deadline: May 21

Contact: Joan Hauge @774-415-0117 or Mary Fahey @508-353-5272



We welcome

#### Edmund Thomas Earle V

May God bless him and his family.



# IN PEW COLLECTION Next weekend May 12 & 13

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$40,000. Gifts and pledges have totaled **\$29,226.74**. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net

A Partners Appeal video may be viewed at vimeo.com/255598536 Thank you!



# Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation Class

Kelsey Bates Chad Caracciolo
Peyton Coonan Justin Freeland
Dany Gordon Nicholas Gramache

Benjamin Grniet Ryan Moore Chantal Ravenelle Riley LaPre



Volleyball is starting next month mid May until August. Teens from grades 7-12 and friends are invited to join the team! Signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

## Teen Face painters needed!

During the June 2,3 yard sale, teens will be running a face painting table to earn \$ for future Youth Ministry events. Please sign up at the main entrance or text Ann Marie at #508-335-0138 if you are interested. It will be lots of fun.



## Yard Sale will be held on June 2 & 3, 2018

Items can be dropped off at the church hall on Saturdays, from 10 to 1pm

For a list of items that are accepted please check out the parish website. www.stannschurch.us, <u>under</u> forms or the parish bulletin board.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer for this event.

