

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



- Saturday, September 14** 4:00pm **David Bourdeau**
requested by Mark Bourdeau
- Sunday, September 15** 9:00am **Walter McCarthy**
requested by his wife.
- 11:00am **Robert Kapurch, Sr.**
requested by the family.
- Monday, September 16** 8:30am **For the well-being of Annette Markel**, req. by St. Ann's
- Tuesday, September 17** 8:30am **Estelle Dandurand**
requested by a friend
- Wednesday, September 18** 8:30am **Steven Prunier**
requested by St. Ann's SVDP
- Thursday, September 19** 8:30am **Patricia King**
req. by the Bible Study Group
- Saturday, September 21** 4:00pm **Estelle, Connie & Jackie Langlois**, req. by Fr. Michael
- Sunday, September 22** 9:00am **Jodi Sheridan 1st Anniv.**
requested by the family
- 11:00am **Abigail**
requested by St. Ann's Parish

Stewardship Corner

"Everything I have is yours." (Luke 15:31) Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Weekly Collection September 7 & 8

Adults	\$ 3,673.00
Children	\$ 36.00
Maintenance	\$ 334.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 7.75
Other sources of Income	\$ 100.00
Religious Education	\$ 515.00
Total of parish support	\$ 4,665.75
Weekly support needed to meet budget expenses	\$ 4,250.00
SVDP	\$ 140.00
Poor Box	\$ 18.00

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we read one of my favorite gospels, The Parable of The Lost Coin. It is located in Chapter 15 of Luke which contains a common theme of lost people and things. The Parable of The Lost Coin teaches us much about God, ourselves and our lives of faith.

Jesus addresses the parable to the Pharisees and scribes who complain that Jesus welcomes sinners. Perhaps, by addressing the parable to them, Jesus hopes that they can see God's perspective on the world which is much different than theirs.

In the parable, a woman loses a valuable silver coin called a *drachma*. Historians tell us that each coin was worth a whole day's wages for a common agricultural worker. Immediately, the woman puts considerable effort into finding the lost money, by lighting a lamp and sweeping her house. She does not stop until she finds the coins.

When her persistence pays off, Jesus tells that the woman "calls together her friends and neighbors" to rejoice with her. Jesus likens the woman's rejoicing to that of God and the angels in Heaven over "one sinner who repents."

There are so many meaningful parts to The Parable of The Lost Coin. One of my favorites is the woman herself. Don't we love being invited to share in another's good news, to be with another in their joy? The woman was so happy that she could not contain herself. Her joy was so strong that she knew that if she shared it that others would benefit from it.

The woman felt joy after much anxiety and persistence. If she is, indeed, a image of God, then she represents how God feels when a sinner returns to God in sincere repentance. How often do we think of God worrying about us when we make bad choices, succumb to temptation and sin? How often do we see God anxiously searching for us, reaching out to us, when we are lost, eagerly wanting us to come home to Him?

The Bible is like a ringing phone. We can do two things when we hear a phone ring: Ignore the call and let the phone ring or pick up the receiver. **If we choose to answer the phone, we will receive a message from someone who wants to get it to us, perhaps urgently, to help us in a significant way.** When we read the Bible, we pick up on God's "phone call" to us and allow a relevant message God has for us to enter our lives. I believe that the Parable of The Lost Coin is God's special message to each one of us today. It teaches us about God, ourselves and our lives of faith. Let's reflect on that message prayerfully. 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, 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 Wednesday at 7:00pm in the hall
Please have read Luke 16:1-13
First Saturday Marian Devotion after 4:00pm Mass



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.

Fall Fair with an Indoor Flea Market

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and work at the Fall Fair & Indoor Flea Market on Saturday, November 16. **A planning meeting will be held on, Monday, September 16 at 6:00pm in the parish hall.**

Items we need for the Fall Fair: New or like new, Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas items such as dishes, ornaments, candles, statues, decorations, and pictures.

Please no lights, trees or garlands.

Items we need for the Indoor Flea Market: Jewelry, women's accessories, dishes, vases, house wares, sporting goods, children's toys, cd's, records and lamps.

Please note: We cannot accept furniture, bedding, pillows, books, electronics, food or personal care items for this Flea Market.

Donations may be dropped off at the Garage on the weekends or at the Rectory during business hours. Please contact Fr. Michael if you have any questions about what is accepted for donations.

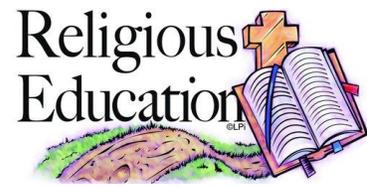


Coffee Shop begins this Sunday, September 15th.

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



Registration forms for the 2019/2020 Religious Education Program have been mailed to all the families that participated in the program last year. Please return the forms and registration fee as soon as possible. We ask families that are registering for the first time to pick up registration forms in the sacristy or please call the Rectory to request a form from Peggy Moynahan, our Religious Education Secretary #508-987-8892.

Classes begin on Monday, September 30th.

If you would like to volunteer in our Religious Education Program please speak to Fr. Michael after Mass.

Adult Education

A new feature has been 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.
Topic: The Early Church, Part 2 & The Acts of the Apostles

The Pro-Life Movie, *Unplanned*, will be shown September 17th at 6:30 PM in the parish hall.
(For adults only)

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she believed in a woman's right to choose. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.



Welcome to our new altar servers

Tara Ethier and Ariella Roure (front).
Tom and Tracie Ethier (Tara's parents), and Kathy Koneczny (Ariella's grandmother) (REAR).