

November 1, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

THESE ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE TIME OF GREAT DISTRESS; THEY HAVE WASHED THEIR ROBES AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

REVELATION 7:14



St. Ann's Church

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Deacon James Denning (Retired)

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Peggy Moynahan, Religious Education Secretary

Dennis O'Brien, Maintenance Director

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Michael is able to hear confessions outdoors in the Chapel in the Woods throughout the season. If weather is inclement, he can also meet you in the parish hall for the Sacrament. To schedule an appointment please call him at the Rectory #508-987-8892. Confessions are available by appointment only during this time.

Saturday, Mass 4:00 pm Live streamed directly to our website www.stannschurch.us

Sunday, Mass 9:00am & 11:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We will be holding classes bi-monthly (every other week) at the usual times (Mondays 3:30-4:4 PM, Grades 1-3; Mondays 6-7:15 PM, Grades 4-10). We are accepting registrations for this new year.

This week: Monday, November 2, 2020 Classes - Grades 4-9 (6:00 - 7:15 pm) in the Church Hall.

Parents who have concerns regarding their child's health or well-being during the pandemic and about their child's participation in religious education on-site this year should contact Peggy Moynahan at the religious education office 1-508-987-8892.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



SUNSHINE MINISTRY

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Mark Bourdeau

Theresa Donnelly

Thanksgiving Basket Raffle

donated by St. Ann's SVDP



The Thanksgiving Basket Raffle will begin next weekend November 7 & 8 after all the Masses. Each of the baskets contains a \$50 Market Basket gift card, vegetables, flowers and Thanksgiving Day treats. Each basket is worth over \$100.00. The tickets this year will be **\$1.00 per ticket.**

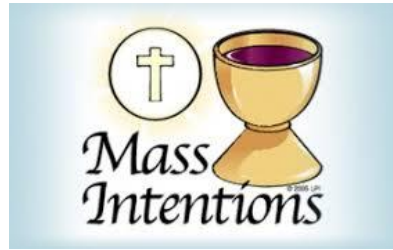
The tickets will be available in the following ways:

Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on November 7/8, 14/15, and 21/22.

Tickets can be purchased by calling or emailing the Rectory to request tickets and then your check can be sent to the Rectory at P.O. Box 488, North Oxford, MA 01537. **The tickets will be entered for you!**

Tickets can be purchased by coming to the Rectory on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning from 9 to 12 and speaking to Mary Lajoie.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, November 22 after the 11:00 am Mass.



Saturday, Oct. 31 4:00 pm Francis Rogers, birthday remembrance, requested by the family.

Sunday, Nov.1 9:00 am Maryann Lavallee, requested by Fr. Michael & Barbara Lavallee.
 11:00 am For the health & well being of Barbara from her friends.

Monday, Nov. 2 8:30am All Souls Intentions of David & Mary Lajoie.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 8:30 am Sr. Claire O'Brien, requested by David Dumais.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 6:00pm Mass for our Nation. This Mass and rosary will be livestreamed.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 8:30 Marie D'Agostino, requested by Patty & James Laliberte

Thursday, Nov. 5 8:30 am Ann Beesley, requested by Deb Cashman.

Saturday, Nov. 7 4:00 pm Ronald Rogers, requested by Patrick Fullen.

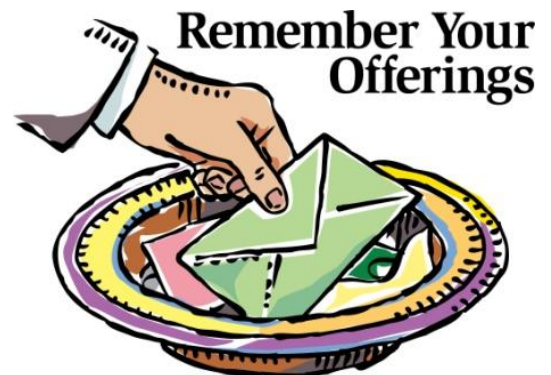
Sunday, Nov. 8 9:00 am Mass of Remembrance
 11:00 am Joseph A. LeClair, Jr., requested by St. Ann's Parish Family.

Offertory for Oct. 22 through October 28

Offertory	\$ 2,164.00
Children's offering	\$ 4.00
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Bottles & Cans	\$ 20.00
Fuel	\$ 50.00
Online Giving	\$ 500.00
Handicap Ramp	\$ 200.00
Other	\$ 37.00
Total	\$3,085.00

SVDP	\$ 35.00
Online	\$ 5.00
Poor Box	\$ 12.00

Online giving can be found on our website stannschurch.us



Announcements

Our Tuesday evening Rosary group will be meeting on alternate Tuesdays, from 6-6:30 PM, as we have before. **A brief calendar of meetings is as follows: Tuesday, November 3, and Tuesday, November 17.** Join us to pray for the needs of the Church, world, nation and community. All are welcome!

- **Office Hours at the Rectory are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-12.** Fr. Michael will be available to meet with parishioners outdoors at this time.
- We need help conducting live streaming for Mass. Volunteers needed to alternate weeks with Mary Lajoie. We are looking for a dependable “tech-savvy” person who is able to help set-up a cell phone on a tripod, turn on necessary lighting, move the cell phone camera throughout Mass, check audio reception and put away tripod and phone after Mass has completed. Currently, this is an essential parish ministry with over 100 parishioners regularly viewing Mass through live stream each week. Help our parish to maintain this service during this very difficult pandemic.
- A sacristan for Monday mornings is needed ASAP. Duties will include setting up for Mass, assisting with bells and helping to put things away after Mass. Training is available. Please see Fr. Michael or contact him at the Rectory if you would like to help your parish in this way.



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.

Dear Everyone,

I want to thank Father Michael, the St Vincent de Paul Society, and all the parishioners who generously donated backpacks and school supplies to the Food Shelf this year. **This year we were able to distribute 100 backpacks complete with school supplies for each student's grade level.**

This year the teachers of Oxford in each grade level provided the town with a list of needed school supplies for their grades. We had volunteers separate all the school supplies that were donated and put them into individual zip lock bags by grade level.

When a family came to us to get a backpack, we were able to give each student a backpack plus a zip-lock bag for that student's appropriate grade level. That way each student was able to get exactly what they needed to start the school year.

While we distributed all the backpacks we had, we still have school supplies left for many of the grade levels. If you know of any student who still needs school supplies please contact me so we can get them what they need.

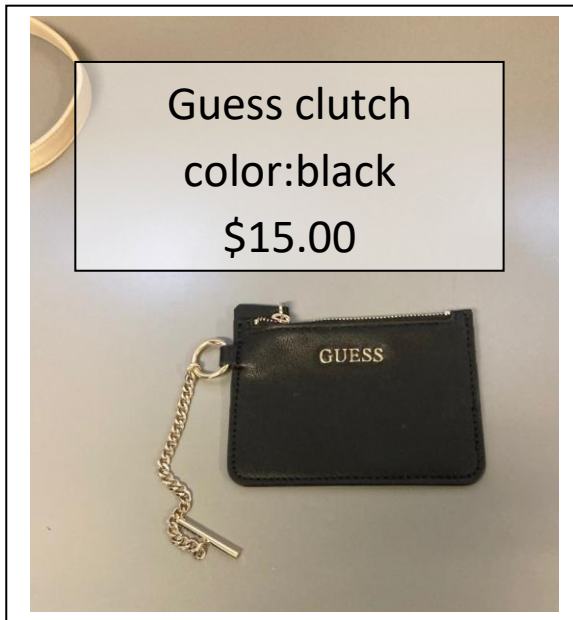
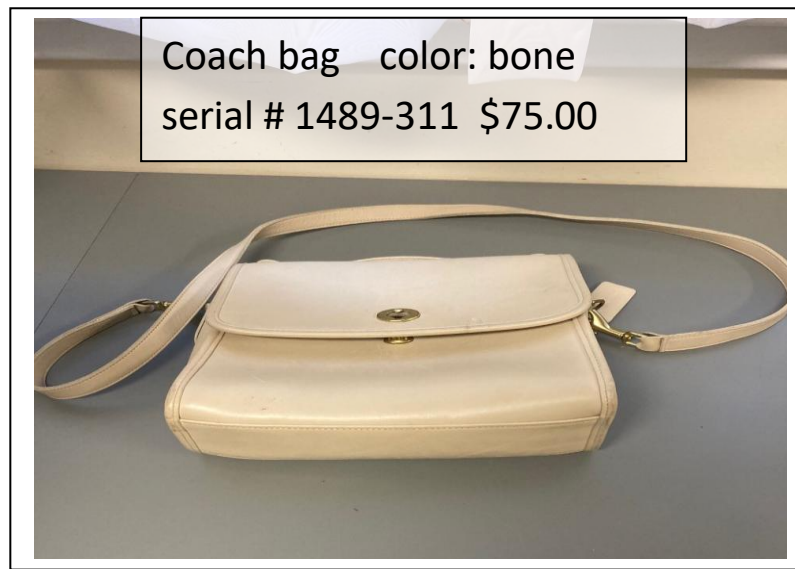
Thank you for all your help,

John Kneeland Jr

Oxford Ecumenical Council & Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf



Thank you
to all the
volunteers that helped at the
Jack & Grace Flynn
Memorial Yard Sale.



Recently, these three beautiful pocketbooks were donated to St. Ann's Parish. We are currently selling them at the above prices. If you are interested in looking at or examining the bags please contact Fr. Michael after Mass. All proceeds benefit St. Ann's Parish.

Scripture Readings

Sunday November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday November 2

Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday November 3

Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday November 4

Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday November 5

Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10

Friday November 6

Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday November 7

Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday November 8

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass & Rosary for our Nation

Please join us on Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm for Mass and the Rosary to pray for our Nation. This Mass and Rosary will be live streamed to our website www.stannschurch.us.

Mass of Remembrance

To honor all the parishioners that have had funeral Masses and services at St. Ann's this year we will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance on **Sunday, November 8, at the 9:00 am.**



Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May their
souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen

Solemnity of All Saints

READING 1 RV 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM..... PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

READING 2 1 JN 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

ALLELUIA MT 11:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MT 5:1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because
of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."



ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

By Dr. Scott Hahn
Solemnity of All Saints

Saints, Here and There

Readings:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalms 24:1-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations. Divinized by baptism, they were already "saints," by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God" — and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as He is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

We do this as share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," he says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for his sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1).

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WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

ANGEL	ROBES	MOURN
EAST	ELDERS	MEEK
SEAL	BLOOD	MERCY
THRONE	LAMB	CLEAN
WHITE	POOR	HEART

Solution to last week's crossword

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