

GO YOUR WAY

your faith has saved you



St. Ann's Church

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To help us to keep in touch with you please email us at stannsrectory@hotmail.com

Please check out our website for live streamed Masses www.stannschurch.us

Please send prayer requests to StAnnParishPrayerline@hotmail.com

Fr. Michael Lavalley, Pastor

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CONFESSIONS

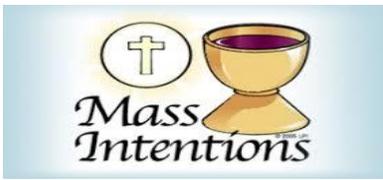
Confessions will be held in the church confessional on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 pm or by appointment.

Our temporary Mass schedule is Saturday, Mass 4:00 pm & Sunday, Mass 10:00 am

Weekday Masses: Monday through Thursday 8:30am

(The 4:00 pm Mass is live streamed directly to our website www.stannschurch.us)

Join us for **weekly Bible Study** lead by Fr. Michael on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the church hall or on-line via Zoom. We gather to reflect upon the gospel readings for the coming Sunday in a group setting. For instructions on how to join by Zoom, please send email to ZoomGoodSt.Ann@outlook.com



Saturday, Oct. 23	4:00 pm Jay Guillette req. by STVDP
Sunday, Oct. 24	10:00 am Doris & Armand Marcotte req. by Michael & Joanne Marcotte
Monday, Oct. 25	8:30 am Fr. Joseph Nally req. by Theresa Topalian
Tuesday, Oct. 26	8:30 am Diane LaFountain req. by Fr. Michael
Wednesday, Oct. 27	8:30 am John Donnelly req. by Theresa Donnelly
Thursday, Oct. 28	8:30 am John Ursoleo req. by Mr. & Mrs. Morrissey
Saturday, Oct. 30	4:00 pm Francis Rogers - Birthday req. by The Family
Sunday, Oct. 31	10:00 am John Heap req. by Mr. & Mrs. Morrissey

SUNSHINE MINISTRY: The Sunshine Ministry is here to brighten up the day for any parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass and would like to receive cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, or just a nice monthly "Hello". **Please contact Gay Thomas @ 508-340-5608**

Birthdays for October 2021 

Marlyce Beaugard
Kathy Bowles



Remember Your Offerings

Offertory for the weekend of October 16 & 17

Offertory	\$ 1,554.00
Maintenance	\$ 31.00
Online Giving	\$ 108.00
Total	\$ 1,693.00
 SVP	 \$ 20.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, a blind beggar cries out to Jesus in faith. This beggar, Bartimaeus of Jericho, persists in his attempts to get Jesus' attention even though others around him discourage him from trying. Eventually, his persistent faith yields the healing from blindness that he needs. After this healing, Jesus instructs Bartimaeus "Go on your way; your faith has saved you."

What motivated Bartimaeus to keep crying out when there were not immediate results? Clearly, Bartimaeus had hope in the Lord. He knew in His heart that, for God, nothing is impossible. He understood Jesus enough to know that He would want to help him and that He had the power to make His life whole.

Our faith in Christ saves us in the same way that it saved Bartimaeus. It gives us hope when there seems to be no reason for it and helps us to believe in God's love for us when, on a human level, we ourselves feel the most unloved and misunderstood. Our faith in the Lord is essential for our lives here on earth and for our life in eternity.

The hope that our faith gives us provides us the persistence that prayer often requires. In Scripture and in the lives of the saints, holy men and women often prayed patiently and in a determined way for important intentions. Sometimes there were immediately observable results to their prayers while at other times, discernable answers came only after time had passed. In any case, the saints trusted in God's love for them and continued persevering in prayer.

Bartimaeus teaches us to confidently cry out to the Lord in faith, telling Him our needs. May his courage and persistence inspire us in our own way of discipleship.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

Announcements

Say "No" ! to Physician Assisted Suicide. Let your voice be heard! The Mass State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize P.A.S.. The bills, [House 2381](#) and [Senate 1384](#) are identical in text and title "**An act relative to end of life options.**" "*The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and dangerous precedent for determining end of life and dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.*"! Call or email you legislators, let them know you are a Mass voter. www.macatholic.org. For individuals without internet access, please call 617-746-5630. Thank you for your support for this prolife initiative.

- **Help 'Missing' Catholics Come Home to Jesus & the Mass** Discover how God wants to use us to open doors for Catholics to come home to Jesus and Sunday Mass through person-centered outreach and singular welcoming. How can we extend concrete, loving, and joyful invitations to our missing brothers and sisters to return—especially with those who have been away for years? Our gathering will include prayer, reflection, talks, and small group sharing. TO be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 6:45 to 9:00 pm via Zoom**. Speaker: Allan F. Wright, MA. Allan is a husband, father, Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University, Orange, NJ, Catholic academy principal, author of 15 books, TV commentator, and radio host. Find out more about him at <http://www.allanwright.org>. **FREE REGISTRATION by Friday, Nov. 5 (limited spaces!)**. To receive the Zoom session link, send your name, email, and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras, prae77group@gmail.com. (Hosted by the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee [PRAE], Diocese of Worcester)
- **World Mission Day 2021** - **Your donations on the weekend of October 24th are critical.** The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. These donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith), in the formation of local clergy (the Pontifical Society of Saint Peter the Apostle), and in raising missionary awareness in children (Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood). **Second Collection on Saturday & Sunday - October 23 & 24.**
- **Eighth Annual Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese Gala** - For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. **On Thursday, October 28, 2021** we are planning an in-person **Taste of the Diocese** event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished Gymnasium and the live Presentations will be Streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the Gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Religious Education has begun at St. Ann's Parish. We are still accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 year. To register, please fill out a registration form in the sacristy after Mass or register in-person on Mondays at the start of religious education classes. Grades 1-3 meet on Mondays from 3:30-4:45 pm and Grades 4-10 meet Mondays from 6:00-7:15 pm. **If you have questions about your child's religious education, call Peggy at the Rectory at 1-508-987-8892. Thank you!**



- 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 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.

Legacy of Hope Campaign - Update

We would like to express appreciation to all parishioners who have made pledges or donations to The Legacy of Hope. We have collected **\$98,633.60** towards our goal of \$222,947.00. Thank you !!



We congratulate the family of Grace Ann Iubiak.

Grace was Baptized at St. Ann's Parish, October 9, 2021