

January 16, 2022



**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE WEDDING AT CANA

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11

## **St. Ann's Church**

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Please check out our website for live streamed Masses [www.stannschurch.us](http://www.stannschurch.us)

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### CONFESSIONS

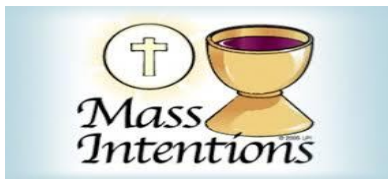
For the month of January 2022, Saturday Confessions at 3 PM will be held in the Parish Hall.

Mass schedule: **Saturday, Mass 4:00 pm & Sunday, Mass 9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**Weekday Masses: Monday through Thursday 8:30am**

**(The 4:00 pm Mass is live streamed directly to our website [www.stannschurch.us](http://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 [ZoomGoodStAnn@outlook.com](mailto:ZoomGoodStAnn@outlook.com)



Dear Friends in Christ,

The first of Jesus' great 'signs' was His changing of water into wine at The Wedding at Cana. This Sunday's gospel presents this miracle to us. The symbolism of this event is that Jesus elevated the natural institution of marriage, present among human beings since the beginning of time, into a sacrament.

What is the difference between the natural institution of marriage and the Sacrament of Marriage? The difference is clear. While the natural institution of marriage is somewhat like a 'contract' between the two parties getting married, the Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant between those being married and God Himself, who is the Third Person in their marriage bond. The Sacrament of Marriage gives grace to the couple, constantly providing them with the ability and strength they need to remain steadfast in committed love with each other for the span of their natural lives.

Grace is God's help which He provides us, out of love, to live well our lives of faith. Grace comes to us through the Sacraments of the Church, prayer, the reading of Scripture, the study of our Faith and through our Baptismal union with the Lord. It is this grace, the most precious gift of God, that perfects us in holiness.

Our society teaches us that love is a feeling that comes and goes. Yet, our Catholic Faith teaches us love's true meaning. Love is action, shown through many daily, concrete decisions to love others in our lives. In marriage, God gives us His grace to love our spouse, children and family as He loves us. Jesus is the ultimate example of love in the universe, revealing this fully on the Cross. Authentic love involves both good feelings and sacrifice for the good of the other. It is constant, faithful and at times challenging.

As we hear the gospel account of The Wedding at Cana, let us pray for all married couples that God may pour our His grace upon them. Let us also pray for the engaged and couples in dating relationships that their Christian faith may inform, inspire, guide and direct them to live authentic love through sacramental commitment to God and one another.

In Christ, Fr. Michael

<b>Saturday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>4:00 pm Gary Soares</b> req. by The Family
<b>Sunday, Jan. 16</b>	<b>9:00 am Thanksgiving for Intention Granted</b> by St. Jude Thaddeus req. by Dee Archambault <b>11:00 am John Listro</b> req. by Donna Freeland
<b>Monday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>8:30 am Fr. Larry Ridgle</b> req. by Dennis and Molly Finn
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 18</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass of Thanksgiving for a Special</b> Intention
<b>Wed, Jan. 19</b>	<b>8:30 am Sandra Solomon</b> req. by The Beesley Family
<b>Thurs, Jan. 20</b>	<b>8:30 am All Souls Intention</b> req. by Anna Maria Gemme
<b>Saturday, Jan. 22</b>	<b>4:00 pm Sr. Lucille Martel</b> req. by The Morrisseys
<b>Sunday, Jan. 23</b>	<b>9:00 am Health &amp; Well-being of Lorraine</b> Renaud req. by Dee Archambault <b>11:00 am Emily Pellirin</b> req. by SVDP

**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



#### Offertory for the weekend January 8 & 9, 2022

Offertory	\$ 1,818.00
Candle	\$ 10.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Online Giving	\$ 740.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,718.00</b>
 Second Collection	 \$ 204.00
 SVDP	 \$ 43.00

## Announcements

We would like to express appreciation to all parishioners who have made pledges or donations to The Legacy of Hope. We have collected **\$100,200.00** towards our goal of \$222,947.00. 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.

**The Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel - Come spend one hour a week with JESUS!**  
**At the Blessed Sacrament Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, 17 E. Main St., Webster, MA**

**All hours are available, but the following hours are in need of dedicated adorers**

**Sunday** - 2-3 am, 8-9 am, 3-4 pm, **Tuesday** 3-4 pm, 10-11 pm, **Wednesday** - 4-5 am,

**Friday** - 11 pm -12 am, **Saturday** -12-1 am, 1-2 am, 4-5 am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm, 3-4 pm.

**We are also in need of substitutes.** Please consider being placed on our Substitute Call List. Please contact: Jeanne Guerin (508) 208-9064, Barbara Avery (508) 943-1489 and Nancy Kudzal (508) 864-6147. Thank you!



Are you or a loved one sick or homebound? Has a loved one moved to a nursing home? Has a loved one been hospitalized? Please speak to Fr. Michael after Mass or call Fr. Michael at the Rectory (508) 987-8892 to let us know. We would like to bring Communion and the Sacrament of The Sick to them and include their names in the Prayers for The Sick offered weekly at Mass.

## *Announcements*

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

1. 190 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid
2. 729 At the Name of Jesus
3. 353 One Love Released
4. 541 O God Beyond All Praising

**Due to the recent coronavirus surge, those coming to the Rectory are kindly asked to wear a mask while in the offices.**

### ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER***

#### **FAMILY MASSES (2022)**

Children's Masses will be held on the **first Sunday of every month**. They will have a homily geared towards young children and will be followed by a gathering in the church hall. We invite all the families with young children to join us! Please mark your calendars:

- Sunday, February 6th
- Sunday, March 6th
- Sunday, April 3rd
- Sunday, May 1st
- Sunday, June 5th

**The mandatory parent meeting for all parents of children currently enrolled in Religious Education has been rescheduled for Monday, March 7th. The meeting will take place in the Church Hall at 6:00 pm.**