

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6<sup>th</sup>

# SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

*“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.” (Sir 15:15-16)*



**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**

**652 MAIN ST. NORTH OXFORD, MA 01537**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday, Feb. 11</b>	4:00 pm	Mary Lajoie by Lajoie Family
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12</b>	9:00 am	Mary Walsh—2nd Anniversary by Pat & Jack Murphy
	11:00 am	Emil Quillia by Brian Quillia
<b>Monday, Feb. 13</b>	8:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Ann's & St. Roch's
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 14</b>	8:30 am	Francis Johnson, Jr. by Brian Quillia
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 15</b>	8:30 am	Steven Prunier by SVDP
<b>Friday, Feb. 17</b>	8:30 am	Aurele Pelletier 15th Ann. by Doris Jarvis & Family
<b>Saturday, Feb. 18</b>	4:00 pm	Warren Kozlowski 11th Ann. by The Family
<b>Sunday, Feb. 19</b>	9:00 am	Ruth Bourdeau by Mark Bourdeau
	11:00 am	Roland & Shirley Quillia by Brian Quillia



### PARISH DIRECTORY

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<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Mr. Roland Gauthier</i>
<i>Maintenance Director</i>	<i>Mr. Dennis O'Brien</i>

### Mass Schedule

Sat 4:00 PM Sun 8:30 & 11:00 AM

No daily Masses held at St. Ann's until April 2023

*Confessions ~ Saturdays 3:00 pm in church or by appointment*

*Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am—3 pm*

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No daily Mass will be said at St. Ann's beginning January 2023 through end of March 2023. All St. Ann's daily Mass intentions can still be acknowledged (booked) but will be said during morning Mass at St. Roch's. Please call 508-987-8892 and leave a message for either Becky or Peggy with your intentions and one of us will get back to you. Weekend Mass will remain the same. Thank you.

### Your Sacrificial Offering

<b>February 4 &amp; 5</b>	
Offertory Envelopes	2,291.00
Online Giving	369.00
Fuel	800.00
Maintenance	80.00
Total	3,540.00
Weekly Budget needed	3,968.00
	<i>Negative - 428.00</i>
<i>SVDP</i>	<i>150.00</i>



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### ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Is a Catholic that has not been practicing and wants to return and be refreshed in the faith.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the a relationship with God, the teachings and experience of Church, and prepares individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the Parish Office at the numbers above.

**Classes begin Tuesday March 14th  
from 7:00 to 8:00pm at  
Saint Roch Parish Center.**

■ ■ From the  
■ ■ Associate Pastor



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

One thing that we notice these days is how loud the world can be. We are all being pulled in so many directions. Distractions are all around us. We go to work, to school, to the grocery store, to sporting events, and there is so much noise around us, that we have a hard time focusing on anything. We get home and we crash in front of the TV, and throughout all of this we are on our cellphones, searching Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Tiktok, or playing games. These are the noises that intrude in our everyday lives, that take away our peace; they distract us and keep us jumping from one noise to another. When we don't have something to do, someone to talk to, or someplace to be, we find ourselves at a loss about who we really are, a beloved child of God.

Jesus also felt the overwhelming stress of the daily hustle and bustle of life. We see this in the Gospels when people were always pursuing Him for one reason or another. They wanted healings, they wanted to hear His preaching, they wanted to talk with Him; they just wanted to have an intimate encounter with the Lord. With constant bombardment from the people, Jesus would go to the mountains, or to the shore of the sea to be alone with the Father and recharge. He wanted the peace of silence, and to be away from everyday life. He needed time to pray, to talk, and to worship His Father and God.

We too become overwhelmed with everything that society throws at us each day. Our screen time (phone, tablet, and computer) can so easily be out of control. We surf social media and are constantly checking for updates, messages, and a constant stream of information that we have become so accustomed to. When we don't have our phones, we panic because we feel that we are out of the loop, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Mass is that time, during the week, when people come to sit in sacred silence. When we come to Mass, we are entering into a divine experience, and it is one of those experiences that should be different from every other experience that we have each day. The Church is that place where people come to be with God, and in His physical presence. It is the place that people come to be able to have that intimate conversation with Jesus about their life, their pains, their sufferings, their losses, their successes, and to give thanks for all the good things that they have had in their life from God.

People flock to Mass to encounter God and to receive Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the Eucharist. While they're in Church, an atmosphere of sacred silence is so important, acknowledging that we are in the physical presence of Jesus Christ. The Church is different from Market Basket, Walmart, or other places that we go during the day. The Church, especially in the context of the Mass, is the place that most people come to get that one and only divine experience that they will have for the whole week. They are separating themselves from the noise of the world to be with God – to pray and recharge.

The Church is also a community, which is very important. We want, and rightly so, to be united with each other, but to bring those conversations outside the main body of the Church – in the Hall or outside – so that people who are praying, preparing themselves to enter into this experience, or giving thanks to God will have the proper space and time to do so.

We all need to be in union with God so that we are strengthened by Him to go about our lives. If we are aware of our surroundings and give people the time and space to enter God's divine presence, we will all be in a better place to be His disciples.

May all God's blessings be upon you,

*Fr. Jim*

## LENTEN SCHEDULE



**February 22**  
**Masses with Distribution of Ashes**  
**Noon & 6:30 PM**  
*Day of Fast and Abstinence*

### Ash Wednesday Collection



This Wednesday we begin Lent, a time of deepened prayer, penance and almsgiving. We ask you to consider supporting the **Ash Wednesday Collection** for the care of our retired diocesan priests as part of your Lenten almsgiving. Our 47 retired priests have faithfully served us in our parishes across the diocese, often until the retirement age of 75 or older. Now, in their later years we can express our thanks and ease their concerns by supporting this Ash Wednesday Collection. On behalf of our retired priests we thank you for your support.



### Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

- Friday February 24
- Friday March 3
- Friday March 10
- Friday March 17
- Friday March 24
- Friday March 31

**Good Friday April 7**  
**Outdoor stations on Main Street from**  
**St. Roch Church at Noon**  
*Days of Abstinence*

St. Roch Church invites all to  
 the  
**ST. ROCH NOVENA**

**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**February 27 — March 27**  
**Mass 6:00 PM**



## HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

February 12, 2023

- 414 Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring (WERDE MUNTER)
- 2nd Reading; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- 399 These Alone Are Enough (Schutte) Gospel
- 473 Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen)
- 2nd Reading; 1 Corinthians 2:9
- 391 The Servant Song (Gillard) Psalm 119:17 (T)

### Community Rosary on First Saturday of every month

The First Revitalization of St Ann's Parish Event, which included Mass, Community Rosary, Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe and a pot luck supper, was held on Saturday, February 4th. There were 22 people who attended despite the cold and were warmed by many delicious dishes. **MARCH 4TH is the next Revival Meeting to be held at St. Ann's Church hall after the 4:00 Mass. Thank you to all that braved the cold and looking forward to getting together each 1st Saturday to pray as a community and enjoy each other's company with a good a meal after Mass.**

### There will be a SECOND COLLECTION February 12 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

For your convenience— **All the SECOND COLLECTIONS** that the Diocese of Worcester has scheduled can also be found online through St. Ann's Church website. Once you are on the website there is an option to select **ON LINE GIVING** and from there it will direct you to fill out your information to either make a one time donation or you may schedule regularly Sunday Offerings along with any **SECOND COLLECTION** appeals.



**INFORMATION ON PARISH RENEWAL**



An invitation to watch together from [FORMED](#), a presentation on how we can be the church together. These very engaging talks are given by Chris Stefanick, who is an internationally known

author and speaker and a TV host. He is a graduate of Franciscan University and founder of Real-life Catholic. This father of six children will guide us through salvation history, the Gospel message and bring you closer to Jesus Christ who solves every problem of the human heart. The final presentation to be viewed in the parish hall at St. Ann's is **February 15** and will be held at 6:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets at the door, front and back of the church.

**22nd Annual Catholic Men's Conference**  
Come and join us on **Saturday, March 25** at Assumption University, Worcester. For information check the new website: [catholicmenworc.com](http://catholicmenworc.com). Looking forward to seeing you in person this year!

Happy **90th** Birthday to Gerald Degnan from all the Parishioners at St. Ann's



**Rent a table (\$25 each) to sell your own things in St. Roch's Parish Hall. 334 Main St. Oxford REUSE...REDUCE...RECYCLE... April 22, 2023, 8 am -2 pm**

Let's limit waste a bit; by selling and buying used in good condition goods to reduce the impact on our planet.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number of Tables (\$25/8ft)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Questions- call 508-987-8892 or Email [stannsrectory@hotmail.com](mailto:stannsrectory@hotmail.com)



**The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf** is supported by eight churches in Oxford. St. Ann's and St. Roch Churches have been very generous members since the Food Shelf was formed many years ago. The Food

Shelf appreciates your continued donations. The Community Centers resembles shopping in a miniature grocery store. People choose the food that they can use on Thursdays from 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. For the safety of everyone, volunteers and clients, including children over the age of two, are required to wear masks when entering the Community Center. The entrance to the Community Center is actually located on Palermo Drive. The Food Shelf phone number is (508) 987-1062.



**"All You Can Eat" Soup Supper**  
**February 25, 2023**  
**5:30 PM**  
**St. Roch Church Hall**

*Keep warm at the Parade of Soups!*

Proceeds will benefit St. Ann & St. Roch Parishes  
 Have a favorite recipe for soup/stew/chili? Why not share a pot with us? Call 508-987-2382. Let us know what you'll bring and order tickets or reserve a table. (only \$8.00 per person over 4 yrs old, so bring the family!) For a great SOUP DINNER, your help is needed:

- ◇ **Bring a crockpot of soup to the parish hall (ready to serve by 3:30 pm Sat. Feb 25)**
- ◇ **Buy \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$8 each available at the door that night or after Masses**
- ◇ **Volunteer for cleanup \_\_\_\_\_ or for setup \_\_\_\_\_**
- ◇ **Volunteer during dinner, serving & ticket taking**
- ◇ **Bring loaf or two of bread / dozen rolls \_\_\_\_\_**
- ◇ **Bring crackers \_\_\_\_\_ butter or butter pats \_\_\_\_\_**
- ◇ **Bring napkins, or paper towels \_\_\_\_\_**
- ◇ **Bring deserts \_\_\_\_\_**
- ◇ **Salt, pepper, grated cheese \_\_\_\_\_**

Please for more information call 508-987-2382 or 508-987-8987, [stroxford@gmail.com](mailto:stroxford@gmail.com) or [stochrectory@gmail.com](mailto:stochrectory@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_



St Ann's is in need of Lector's, Sacristan's, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Adult and Children Servers for all Masses.

If you have any interest in these areas - please contact either Fr. Roy or Fr. Jim anytime after Mass and let them know. You may also email St. Ann's at [stannsrectory@hotmail.com](mailto:stannsrectory@hotmail.com)



James & Carol Denning  
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\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE—NEW ROOM NUMBER \*\*\*\*



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.

St. Ann's Church has been awarded \$2,000.00 in grant money from the Diocese of Worcester through the Partners-In-Charity appeal to assist families who are experiencing difficulty in their heating bills. There will be (ten) \$200.00 checks awarded. This winter is presenting unique hardships to many of our parishioners with fixed or limited incomes. If you are interested in receiving this assistance, please call St. Ann's (508) 987-8892 and leave a message on the Saint Vincent de Paul's voicemail line and someone from SVDP will get back to you. Grant money is on a first come first serve basis.



## PRAY FOR ...

<i>Jim &amp; Carol Denning</i>	<i>Linda J. Harris</i>
<i>Lorna Hennessey</i>	<i>Leona Shaw</i>
<i>Judy Leone</i>	<i>James Malo</i>
<i>Paula C. Bouthillier</i>	<i>Donald Morin</i>
<i>Paula Kapurch</i>	<i>Joel Balsh</i>
<i>Maryann Richard</i>	<i>Pam Jackman</i>
<i>Aline Krasinskas</i>	<i>Jewel Orlando</i>
<i>Mary Bradshaw</i>	<i>Chloe Jones</i>
<i>Leonard Marcotte</i>	<i>Kyle Brodeur</i>
<i>Paul Topalian</i>	<i>Nancy Mott</i>
<i>Adam Yankauskas</i>	<i>Robert Lajoie</i>
<i>Andrea Reeves</i>	

The Daily Prayer acknowledgments need to be updated. If there is anyone that is missing from the daily prayer list please call the St. Ann's office and speak with Becky or leave a message .

- ◇ 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. Roy or Fr. Boulette, after Mass or call St. Ann's Rectory (508)987-8892 or St. Roch's Rectory (508)987-8987 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 remembered weekly at Mass.

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