

*3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT*



Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	4:00 pm	Debra Saucier - Well being by Becky Power
<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	9:00 am	Richard Cooper by his Family
	11:00 am	Lillian (Warren) Power by The Family
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Ann's & St. Roch's
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	8:30 am	Mary Bradshaw by Patty Laliberte
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	8:30 am	Debra Saucier - Well being by David Dumais
<b>Friday, March 17</b>	8:30 am	Catherine Petty by David Dumais
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	4:00 pm	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	9:00 am	Alphonse Vigeant 10th Anniversary by his Family
	11:00 am	Catherine Petty by The Moynahan Family



### 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 9:00 & 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

March 4 & 5

Offertory Envelopes	2,578.00
Online Giving	400.00
Easter Flowers	45.00
Maintenance	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,048.00</b>
Weekly Goal	3,968.00
Result	<i>Negative</i> - 920.00

*Second Collection - Church in Latin America* 241.00

*SVDP* 237.00

**Online Giving Available—So Very Easy!**  
on our website <https://stannschurch.us>

Second collection donations may also be made online.  
Donations for one-time or recurring payments.

### SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE:

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CHURCH IN **LATIN AMERICA - MARCH 18 & 19**



**2023 Partners in Charity Appeal.**

March 25 & 26 is In-Pew Weekend.

St. Ann's Partners In Charity Appeal goal is \$35,000. This appeal is a life-line for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal.

Please visit [partners-charity.net](https://partners-charity.net) to make an online payment or drop your pledge envelope in any collection basket. Thank you.

■ ■ From the  
■ ■ Associate Pastor



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a blessed and holy Lent that we are having so far this year. Already it is the third Sunday in Lent, and God is calling us all to reflect on our lives during this holy season of penance. During Lent we are asked to give up things that we really don't need in life – luxuries that can distract us from God. We are asked to not indulge in food, but to fast and sacrifice so that we are not being led by our desires and passions, but by faith and love. These penitential actions are to help us have more self-control in our lives, and we can also offer these things to God for the conversion of the world, the conversion of souls, the healing of the sick, the return of the lost sheep, for people to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ, or any other intention that we may have.

We are also called to pray even more intently during the Lenten Season. Praying for our enemies, our friends, our families – in other words, for all people. We are also called to pray for the dead, those who's souls are in purgatory and need our prayers to move closer toward their final resting place, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Along with our abstinence (giving up the things that we don't need, the things that we may have an unhealthy attachment to), our fasting, and our increased prayer, we are also asked to be more generous with our money. On Ash Wednesday, Jesus told us in the gospel to give so that your "left hand does not know what your right hand is doing." Be generous and do not count the cost. I have never heard an instance of God not taking care of the joyful and generous giver.

One of the prayers we might want to consider this Lent is for people to return to God and His Church. So many people have left the Church, lost faith, or just got into the habit of not coming anymore. Now is the time to come back. This is a personal invitation to all who may be away, "come and see." Lent is a perfect time to reconcile with God and to start again. Our God is all merciful and loving, He never abandons us, but gives us the freedom to respond. He is always calling us back to Himself, but it is up to us to take that first step to return into the loving arms of our Lord.

The Catholic Church is a community, we cannot do it alone, but only together. Our Catholic Community is the mystical body of Christ. We are in this together. Each of us have special gifts that God has given us, so that we can assist others. Where we might be lacking in one area, another has an abundance. This means that when we are together, we act as different members of a human body that work together as a whole (St. Paul). Each member of the Church is invaluable, and when one is missing, our wholeness is lacking.

Come to Mass to be in community – to worship together in prayer, song, and bodily movements – to receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, which strengthens us – and to listen to His Word is a privileged obligation that God gives us.

Saint Ann and Saint Roch Parishes are working together as members of the one mystical body of Christ. Our mission is to bring people to Christ, to help build up His body so that His people may live faith filled, joy filled, holy and blessed lives.

Now is the time – Jesus is calling you by name. He came to the well just to meet you and invite you to join Him. Come and see, we are saving a seat for you, and can't wait to see you.

May all God's blessings be upon you,

*Fr. Jim*



**NEW**  
**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP**

**Wednesday 3/29 at 4:30 - 5:30 pm**  
**St. Roch Parish Hall**  
**334 Main Street, Oxford, MA**

Connect with other young moms in the area who are seeking authentic, faith-based community!

Children are welcome, but not required to prove you're a mama ;)

More information at [bit.ly/catholic-moms-group](https://bit.ly/catholic-moms-group)

*If you can't make the first meeting but are still interested in the group or if you have any questions, please contact Gina at [gina.hamwey@gmail.com](mailto:gina.hamwey@gmail.com).*




**Rent a table (\$25 each)**

to sell your own things in

St. Roch's Parish Hall.

332 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)

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, March 12, 2023**

**362** Shepherd of Souls (ST. AGNES) 1st Reading; Exodus 17:1-7

**511** Psalm 42 (As the Deer Longs) (O WALY WALY alt.) (TL)

**337** The Supper of the Lord (Rosania) Gospel; John 4

**486** Christian, Let Us Love On another (PICARDY) 1st Reading; Exodus 17:1-7

**SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023**

<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> March 12	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
<b>MONDAY</b> March 13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
<b>TUESDAY</b> March 14	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> March 15	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
<b>THURSDAY</b> March 16	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> March 17	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/ Mk 12:28-34
<b>SATURDAY</b> March 18	<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b> March 19	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



**Stations of the Cross**

*At 6:00 PM*

**Friday March 17**

**Friday March 31**

**Good Friday April 7**

*Days of Abstinence*



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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.**



**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

1. Harry & Doris Jarvis in Memory of Aurele & Jacqueline Pelletier
2. Barbara Kravetz in Memory of Stanley J. Kravetz
3. Mr. & Mrs. William O'Brien in Memory of William O'Brien



**LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

**Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

**DISPENSATION**

The Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, **March 17**, is observed this year, 2023 on a Friday of Lent that the Church prescribes as a Day of Abstinence from meat. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the Diocese of Worcester, I am granting a dispensation from the rule of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023.

I ask that those who take advantage of this dispensation perform another act of penance in its place on that day.

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
 Bishop of Worcester

- ◇ 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.



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)

**PRAISE & POTLUCK !**

**1st Saturday of every month**

The Revitalization of St Ann's Parish Event, which included Mass, Community Rosary, Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe and a pot luck supper, is held at St. Ann's Church hall after the 4:00 Mass. Let's pray as a community and enjoy each other's company with a good a meal after Mass.

**THANK YOU ! TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE REVITALIZATION EFFORTS AT ST. ANN'S.**

**PLEASE ! AS A REMINDER SEND IN YOUR UPDATED CENSUS/REGISTRATION FORMS.** We are hoping to get everyone on board with Flocknote so not only will parishioners receive the weekly bulletin online but also news and notices between time.

Thank you to all that braved the cold and looking forward to getting together each 1st Saturday!

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.**



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| <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 Mala</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>Jane Desy Montigny</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>           | <i>Debra Saucier</i>   |
| <i>Norman Dumais</i>           | <i>Lorraine Dumais</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 .

**James & Carol Denning**  
**Whitney Place - Room 228**  
**C/O Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center**  
**238 West Main St.**  
**Northborough, MA 01532**

**\*\*\*\* 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.



**RESPECT LIFE**