

# SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough, MA 01772

## Parish Contact Information

### Office Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Friday ~ 9:30 am to noon

Telephone 508-485-0141

Fax 508-460-0181

### E-mail:

stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Web: www.stannesouthborough.org

### Pastor

Fr. Albert Irudayasamy

fralbert@stannesouthborough.org

### Parish Council

Monica Shay ~ Chair

### Finance Committee

Rich Flathers ~ Chair

### Religious Education

Director of Religious Education:

Rachelle Carmony

rachelle@stannesouthborough.org

Office hours available by appointment

Monday to Friday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

plus Sundays 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Parish Office Manager

George Stagno

stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

### Bookkeeper

Bridgitte Morgan

bridgitte@stannesouthborough.org

### Music Ministry

Choir Director:

Paul Crivello 508-366-0821

pcrivello04@gmail.com

Saturday 5:00: John Arnold

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30: Paul Crivello

Sunday 5:30: Kathy & Matt Bernier

### Maintenance

Matt Bernier

mbern@stannesouthborough.org

### Amy Buttiglieri ~ Webmaster

webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish.

If you would like to join our faith community, please call the Parish Office to register: 508-485-0141

*Would you like to receive a copy of the bulletin via email every week?*

*Please send an email to:*

*stanne403@stannesouthborough.org with "St. Anne Bulletin List" in the subject line.*



## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

February 27, 2022

***"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."***

*(Luke 6:43)*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended?

Have you asked God how He would like you to use them?

Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have?

God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan.

Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

## Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the early spring.

## Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am

First Fridays: 9:00 am

## Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

## Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,

First Wednesday of each month ~ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., or anytime on request

## Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

## Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. For the time being, baptisms are will be celebrated outside of Masses, rather than during a scheduled Mass.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

## Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

## ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

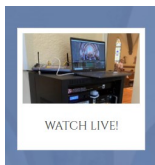
# PARISH MASS INFORMATION AND MINISTRIES

## St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

### Livestreamed St. Anne Masses (subject to change):

ALL St. Anne Mass offerings will now be livestreamed:  
5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through website!

- Go to parish webpage:  
[www.stannesouthborough.org](http://www.stannesouthborough.org).
- Scroll down and click on "Watch Live!" box.
- Scroll down to "eCatholic Live" box.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

*To be trained, please call the Parish Office*

### February 26 & 27 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Debbie Simon
	Communion Ministers	Laura Schroeder
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Communion Ministers	Fran Schiebe
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Communion Ministers	Joanne Flathers
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	Middle/High School RE Students
	Communion Ministers	Middle/High School RE Students
	Collection Counting	J. Flathers/P. Draper

### March 2 - Ash Wednesday, C

Wed 7:00 pm	Lector	Marybeth Philbin
	Communion Ministers	Elaine Yetman

### March 5 & 6 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Sat 5:00 pm	Lector	Charlotte Zarkarian
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
Sun 8:30 am	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Communion Ministers	Fran Shiebe
Sun 10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Communion Ministers	Joanne Flathers
Sun 5:30 pm	Lector	Middle/High School RE Students
	Communion Ministers	Middle/High School RE Students
	Collection Counting	P. Draper/M. Raymond



## Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals run every Sunday after the 8:30 Mass, through to and including Palm Sunday (April 10). As always, all are welcome.



## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Part-Time Bookkeeper Position Available

Saint Anne is looking to hire a part time Bookkeeper to perform normal accounting functions including payroll and tax reporting.

The individual should be very familiar with "QuickBooks" and its interaction with other software packages. Additional duties are ordering supplies for the church and office production.

Days are flexible for reporting to work but would be the same for every week.



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

with MASS INTENTIONS (February 26 to March 6)

*To request a Mass Intention, stop in Parish Office or call 508-485-0141.*

SATURDAY 26	5:00 pm	For Dick Castelda (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his wife, Jeanette
SUNDAY 27	8:30 am	For Geraldine Malloy by the Garden family
	10:30 am	For Fr. Robert E. Garipey, priest of Worcester Diocese
	5:30 pm	For Katie Borreani By Philbin-Hannigan family
MONDAY 28	9:00 am	For Noe Longoria by Maria Socorro Martin
TUESDAY 1	9:00 am	For Michael Allain by Malloy family
WEDNESDAY 2	9:00 am	For St. Joseph by Garden family (Ashes distributed)
	7:00 pm	For St. Anne parishioners (Ashes distributed)
THURSDAY 3	9:00 am	For Nancy Carol Lund by Pat Richard
FRIDAY 4	9:00 am	For Anthony Mavilia by Pat Richard
SATURDAY 5	5:00 pm	For Fr. Robert E. Garipey, priest of Worcester Diocese
SUNDAY 6	8:30 am	For Mary Furtado by Livingstone family
	10:30 am	For Norine Slawson by Buhsmer family
	5:30 pm	For Paul Brodeur by family

# PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## FEBRUARY/MARCH RE CLASSES

### Grade 1-2, 2+ (FC Prep), 3-4, 5

- Sunday, February 27, March 6 & 20
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5 in Parish Hall, Grade 2+ in Rectory



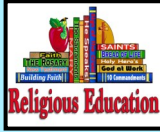
Rachelle Carmony  
DRE

### Grade 6, 7-8

- Sunday, February 27, March 6 & 20
- 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (includes 5:30 Mass)
- Classes in Parish Hall

### Grades 9-10 (Confirmation Prep)

- Sunday, February 27, March 6 & 20
- 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. (includes 5:30 Mass)
- Class in Parish Hall



## Lenten Gourmet Pretzel Fundraiser

Did you know that the world's first pretzel was created by a 7<sup>th</sup> century Catholic monk to promote prayer during Lent?

St. Anne youth will be selling gourmet pretzel gift packages to support community *Works of Mercy* charity projects.

To learn more, please contact: [worksofmercyclub@gmail.com](mailto:worksofmercyclub@gmail.com).

## Faith Formation Parent Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, March 13

Open to parents during the children's classes:

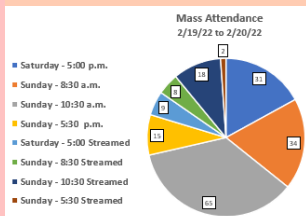
- \* Either during the morning classes: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- \* Or during the afternoon classes: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To sign-up, or to learn more, please contact Faith Formation Office: [rachelle@stannesouthborough.org](mailto:rachelle@stannesouthborough.org)



## Mass Attendance

2/20/2022



Saturday - 5:00 p.m.	31
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.	34
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.	65
Sunday - 5:30 p.m.	15
Saturday - 5:00 Streamed	9
Sunday - 8:30 Streamed	8
Sunday - 10:30 Streamed	18
Sunday - 5:30 Streamed	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>

## Capital Campaign Update

Phase One



Total Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges to Date:	\$1,918,782.00
Payments Received to Date:	\$ 637,467.00
Number of Families Pledging:	138 families (30%)

*Thank you again for your ongoing support!*

## 2021 Tax Statements

Need a 2021 tax statement? Contact the Parish Office during office hours.



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR through February 20, 2022

Regular Weekly Offering: .....	\$2,099.00
Capital Improvement: .....	\$ 65.00
Fuel & Maintenance: .....	\$ 520.00
Holy Day (Solemnity of Mary): .....	\$ 10.00
Latin America: .....	\$ 260.00
Catholic University: .....	\$ 10.00

Blue Pay: Regular thru 2/20: ..... \$ 475.00

WeShare: Regular thru 2/20: ..... \$ 252.85

**Online Giving:** WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website [www.stannesouthborough.org](http://www.stannesouthborough.org) for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

**St. Anne's Website:** We have an **additional resource for online giving and online CE registration.** St. Anne Parish partners with **eCatholic and BluePay** for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website [www.stannesouthborough.org](http://www.stannesouthborough.org) and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

*Thank you for your continued and generous parish support!*



## Parish Council Member Openings

Four Parish Council members have completed their terms and we would like to fill their seats. Are you interested in being a Council member or would you like to nominate someone?



Members of the Parish Council are asked to serve in voluntary leadership positions in the various ministries and committees that support the function of the parish, and the spiritual and physical needs of the parish and the community at large.

By serving as a leader in the parish community, the Parish Council shares in the pastor's vision, care and concern for the needs of the parish.

- Helping the pastor to work through the planning, and the implementation of the tenets of our Catholic faith through the various ministries, maintenance needs, community events and any directives from the Bishop McManus.
- Working together, in the fellowship of faith, to build up the Body of Christ by supporting the Pastor in his efforts to execute the office of his priesthood, and to cooperate with the administrative authority given to him as Pastor and Priest.
- Bringing any concerns or issues to the Pastor's attention.

The term that a Parish Council member serves is for three years and may serve up to a maximum of two terms, or six years.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Three (3) Scholarships will be awarded by the Knights of Columbus, Council #119 Scholarship Committee based upon essay submission and completed application.

*Applications are available in the parish website bulletin.*





# PARISH INFORMATION AND EVENTS



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirbuse F. Millot, Tom Livingstone, Bob Seariac, Pat Fitzgerald, Annie Lonzoria, Janet Mattioli, Jane & Miles Gray, Zara Daniel, Julie Flanders, Fr. Ed, Mrs. Wallace (*Holly Spicer's Mom*), Reverend Deogratias Rwegassima, Colby Morgan, Jeannine Godbout, Sr. Ann Regan, Thomas Chemmanur, Tim and Diane Higgins, Eamon Connaughton, Trudy DiBello, Dave Lemoine, Declan O'Conner, Frances Robertson, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Jason MacKenzie, Kelley, Brandon, and Nia Houston, Carol Bailey, Bill Phalon, Peter Falconi, Anne Meek, Marie Martin, those who tested positive for Covid

**United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry**  
**c/o Pilgrim Church**  
**P.O. Box 281, 15 Common Street**  
**Southborough, MA 01772**  
[southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com)  
**508-485-4847**

Thank you so very much for your support of the Southborough Food Pantry. You make it possible for us to help our clients.

### Drinks

- Cranberry juice
- Tea
- Coffee (*regular, unflavored*)

### Food Items

- Corn beef hash
- Mayonnaise
- Vegetable & Olive oil
- Pet Food (dog/cat)

Donations may be left in the foyer of St. Anne Parish Hall. As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry.

Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS are Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Pat Draper, St. Anne Coordinator**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer shawl members meet Mondays from 10:00 to noon **in the Parish Hall** to knit/crochet for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Stop by the Parish Office anytime during office hours.

Free will donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

**The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl Monday meetings is live streamed via the parish website starting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Password: shawls**



## Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff and volunteers.

## Fasting and Abstinence

**March 2 to April 15**

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:



- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

## Lenten Season 2022

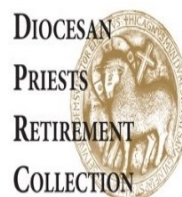
- Ash Wednesday: there will be Mass in the morning at 9:00 a.m. and in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.
- Friday weekday Mass throughout the Lenten season
- Confessions on every Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Confessions on every Wednesday between 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 12 noon - *No soup following*
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. soon after the Benediction at 6:55pm
- Lenten Meditation conducted by Three Hearts apostolate in the Parish Hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass. Soup will be provided.

## Ash Wednesday Collection for Priest Retirement

Please help us support our retired priests this Ash Wednesday (March 2).

A recent review of the benefits and expenses of priest retirement for our diocesan priests recommended a number of changes in benefits for those priests who have not yet retired. Bishop McManus accepted those recommendations after receiving the input and agreement of our diocesan priests. These changes are projected to save up to \$12 million through the year 2050.

Even with these changes, It will require a variety of funding sources including this collection, Celebrate Priesthood, Partners in Charity, and Legacy of Hope.



Please consider a donation to this Ash Wednesday Collection as a way to express your appreciation of the dedicated service of our retired priests to the people of our diocese.

# DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS, AND EVENTS

## Diocesan YOUTH Events

### Amplify Night for High School Students St. Mary, Shrewsbury

All high school youth are invited to the next Amplify Night on **Saturday, March 5** at St. Mary in Shrewsbury!

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. following the 4:30 p.m. parish vigil Mass with dinner and a board game night (with prizes!). **Prizes include Dunkin' gift cards, Chick-Fil-A gift cards, and much more!**

The night concludes with praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions.

There is NO COST to attend! However, if you are attending please sign up at [neworchester.org/amplify-march-5th-st-mary](http://neworchester.org/amplify-march-5th-st-mary) for food planning.

**Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, March 1.**



### Save the Date – Diocesan Youth Rally

Save the date for the Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally !

The Middle School Rally will take place on **Sunday, March 20, 2022** from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at North American Martyrs in Auburn.

Information at [neworchester.org](http://neworchester.org).



### Diocesan Youth Retreat

All high school youth and current eighth graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22** at Anna Maria College!

The theme for the retreat is *Verso L'Alto* (Into the Heights). This theme is based on the motto of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The retreat will aim to capture this motto as we journey into the heights through fun & games, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and ultimately into the spiritual heights through an encounter with Jesus in the Sacraments.

The weekend will include experiences of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass!

Cost is \$75 if registered before Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1 the cost is \$100. Final deadline to register is **Wednesday, April 27**.

To sign up or to get more information, go to [neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat](http://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat).

If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org).



## Diocesan Support Groups

### "At the Foot of the Cross" Bereavement Ministry Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Worcester

If you are grieving the loss of someone by death, you are cordially invited to join us for sharing, prayer and mutual support. We meet the last Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

The next meeting is **March 24**.



### Alzheimer's Support Group St. Denis Church, Douglas

The **Alzheimer's Support Group** sponsored by the Alzheimer's Support Network of South Central MA will meet the second Monday of the month at St. Denis Church in Douglas, at 23 Manchaug Street.

**Meetings will resume in April. The next meeting will be April 11, 2022.**



Caregivers and family members cannot only obtain information about Alzheimer's Disease, but also to learn many techniques in caring for a person with dementia at all stages.

New caregivers can learn from experienced caregivers and support group leaders, so they leave each meeting feeling more supported.

## Diocesan Vocation Events

### Wondering About a Priestly Vocation?

The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, March 3** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois Street, Worcester.

These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 p.m. Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7:00 p.m. social.

An RSVP is not needed, but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.

Email: [director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).



### Boy Scout Visit to St. John Seminary

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Office for Vocations are hosting a visit to Saint John's Seminary in Brighton on **Sunday, March 6**.

This visit includes Sunday morning Mass at 10:30 a.m., lunch, and a tour and is open to boys from the Diocese of Worcester in scouting ages 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Registration deadline is February 25. Boys in the Scouts-BSA interested in attending should sign up at <https://www.worcestervocations.com/scout>.





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## Diocesan YOUNG ADULT Events

### World Youth Day 2023

All young adults are invited to join the Diocese of Worcester for World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal in the summer of 2023!



The trip is open to **young adults ages 18+ (at the time of the trip in 2023)**. Youth ages 16 and 17 (at the time of the trip in 2023) are welcome, but must attend with a parent.

Our Diocesan trip will run from **Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, August 7, 2023** (optional 2-day extension available) and will include the World Youth Day festivities as well as a trip to Fatima and a couple free days to explore Lisbon!

For all the details and to sign up, go to [neworchester.org/world-youth-day-2023](http://neworchester.org/world-youth-day-2023).

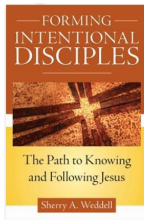
## Youth Ministry Training

### Youth Minister Book Study & Discipleship Training

All youth ministry leaders, priests, deacons, parish religious education coordinators, campus ministers, adult volunteers, and anyone who works with youth are invited join a book study and discipleship training series using the book *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell.

The series will take place over 4 sessions on the following dates: **2/23, 3/16, 4/6, 4/20**. Sessions will be on Zoom and each session will have 2 options – 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

To sign up: [neworchester.org/youth-minister-book-study](http://neworchester.org/youth-minister-book-study)



## Adult Faith Formation

### The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University** (500 Salisbury Street, Worcester) on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**.

Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle.



Adult tickets are \$45 until March 18<sup>th</sup>, afterward \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere.

For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345.

## Diocesan Job Opportunities

### Job Openings

#### **St. Rose of Lima, Northborough**

St. Rose of Lima Parish is looking for a Director of Youth Ministry (full-time position) and a Maintenance person (part-time position).

Please send resumes to Fr. Juan Escudero at [jescudero@saintroseoflima.com](mailto:jescudero@saintroseoflima.com).



### Maintenance Position

#### **St. Anne Church, Shrewsbury**

St. Anne Church, Shrewsbury, is seeking someone for the part-time paid position of Custodian. Summary responsibilities include ensuring that all publicly accessible areas of the parish properties are properly maintained for use in parish activities and special events. As the need arises, the custodian may also perform minor maintenance functions, such as making minor repairs, and assisting with preparations for events, such as weddings or funerals. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact Ellie Smith at 508-757-5154, ext. 12, or at [ellie@stannesparish.org](mailto:ellie@stannesparish.org).



### Maintenance Position

#### **St. Mary's Parish, North Grafton**

St. Mary Parish in North Grafton is seeking a part-time to possibly full time maintenance person for church facilities and grounds maintenance. The position requires a highly organized individual with experience in all building maintenance trades - basic carpentry, plumbing, electrical and technical skills are desirable. Maintenance as well as some custodial work is expected. (Ideal for a recently retired homeowner.) Experience preferred. This person must be able to determine the need for repair or maintenance of buildings, inspect the work of contractors and work in consultation with the business manager, and buildings & grounds committee. For application, please call Lisa Stewart St. Mary Parish's business manager at 508-839-3993 x11.



### Pope Francis' Intention for February 2022

## RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new response to the challenges of our times.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2022		
MONTH	Prayer Intention	Theme
JANUARY	We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution, may they have rights and dignity, and may they be able to live their faith in peace and harmony.	True Human Fraternity
FEBRUARY	We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, may they continue to find new response to the challenges of our times.	Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women
MARCH	We pray for Christians living in situations of religious persecution, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges
APRIL	We pray for health care workers, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Health Care Workers
MAY	We pray for young people, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Faith-filled Young People
JUNE	We pray for families, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Families
JULY	We pray for the elderly, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	The Elderly
AUGUST	We pray for small businesses, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Small Businesses
SEPTEMBER	We pray for the death penalty, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	The Abolition of the Death Penalty
OCTOBER	We pray for the Church's unity, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	A Church Open to Everyone
NOVEMBER	We pray for children who suffer, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Children who Suffer
DECEMBER	We pray for volunteer non-profit organizations, may they continue to live their faith in peace and harmony.	Volunteer Non-Profit Organizations



Diocese of Worcester  
Office of the Bishop  
49 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

February 24, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

It is always a joy for me to gather with our retired priests as they reminisce about cherished moments in their lives when they were in active ministry. It is equally edifying for me to witness the admiration our parishioners have for the retired priests who served them and their loved ones over the years, particularly at the annual gathering for *Celebrate Priesthood*.

I write today to ask for your support for the **Ash Wednesday Collection** that assists in the care of retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the annual December collection for the Retired Religious priests, sisters and brothers who are members of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Recent changes were made for future retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. While *Partners in Charity*, *Celebrate Priesthood* and the endowments from *Forward in Faith* and *Legacy of Hope* are critical sources of support for priests' retirement, it took the addition of this Ash Wednesday collection last year for the Priests Retirement program to experience a more balanced budget.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning the Season of Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on March 2 to support our retired priests.

Please be assured of my prayerful gratitude for your support of all our various Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



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**Application Form for the  
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*Awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of the Southborough Catholic Community (St. Matthew or St. Anne Parish) who plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2022.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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2 or 4 year College or University you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

*Three scholarships awarded each worth: \$500*

*Choose and answer one of the following questions in a **double spaced, one page** response. Please note which question you chose at the top of your essay.*

1. How has your involvement with the Catholic Church changed the lives of yourself and others?
2. Who in your life inspires you to put your Catholic faith into practice and what examples can you provide?
3. How do you plan to serve God and the Catholic Church both in college and beyond?

*In addition to the application and essay, please also submit the following:*

- One letter of recommendation from an adult regarding the applicant's character.

*To receive this award the student must:*

1. Be an active member of St. Matthew or St. Anne Parish in Southborough, MA.
2. Be accepted at and plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2021.
3. Submit a completed application form with essay and letter of recommendation by the deadline below.

*Completed application must be received by **Friday, April 29, 2022.***

*Please mail to:* Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee  
1 Main Street Southborough, MA 01772

*Or email a scanned copy to:* SouthboroughKofC@gmail.com

## READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, C

### READING I Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;  
so do one's faults when one speaks.  
As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,  
so in tribulation is the test of the just.  
The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;  
so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.

Praise no one before he speaks,  
for it is then that people are tested.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

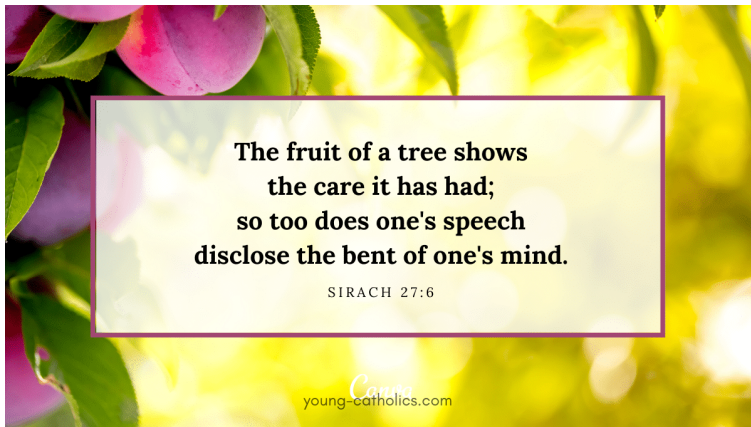
**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age;  
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,  
Declaring how just is the LORD,  
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**



### READING II 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

From the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.  
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,  
be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*The Word of the Lord.*



**2 Timothy 1:10**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**





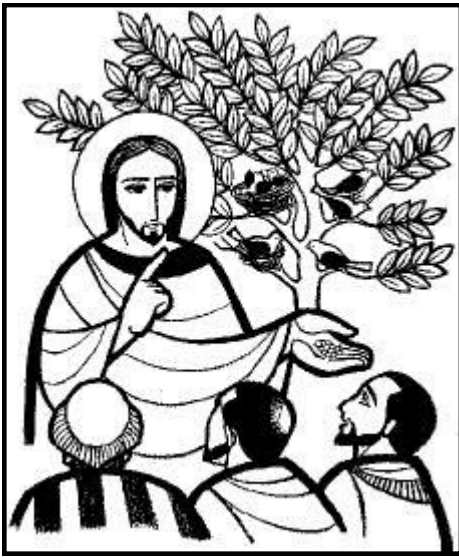
**GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told his disciples a parable,  
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?  
No disciple is superior to the teacher;  
but when fully trained,  
every disciple will be like his teacher.  
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?  
How can you say to your brother,  
‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?  
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;  
then you will see clearly  
to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,  
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,  
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;  
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



## **Judge It By Its Fruit**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C**

**February 27, 2022**

**Ann Naffziger**

Reading I: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

As is often the case, the first reading and the Gospel reading are connected in theme. The first encourages us to judge people by their words, not their physical appearance, because their speech reveals their interior life. Just as good fruit grows

from a tree well-cared for, someone who cultivates a good character will speak from that place of goodness. Two centuries later, Jesus echoes the same theme, expanding on it with further examples.

Jesus' teachings today give a very concrete challenge to all his disciples down through the ages that is often hard for us to hear. Rather than point out the faults of another - "the speck in your neighbor's eye" - we are asked to notice the wooden beam in our own eye. Of course, we may want to believe that our neighbor has the beam in his eye, while we either have only a speck or may be even think we are completely clear-sighted!

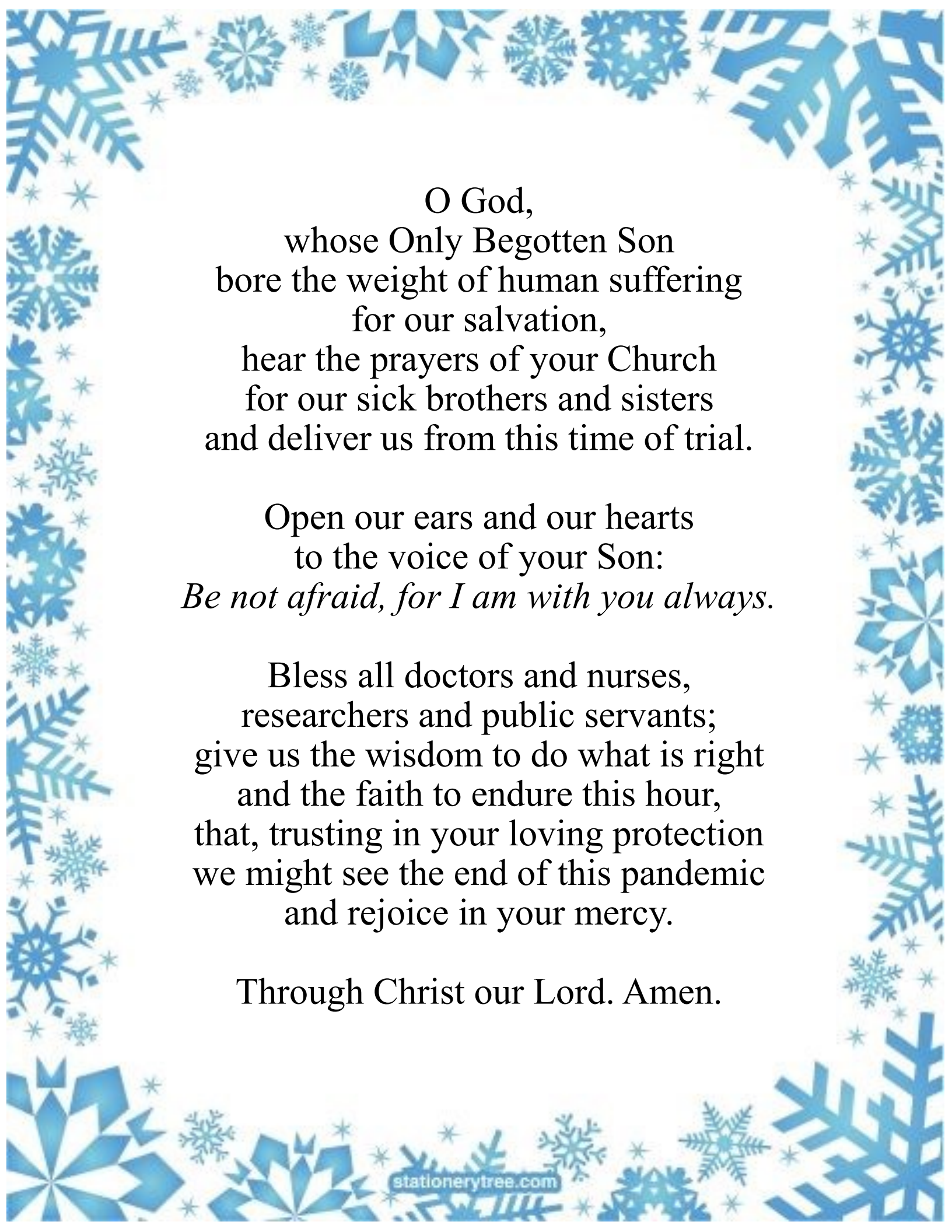
The paradox is that when we quit focusing on someone else's faults to remedy our own, we will probably no longer feel the need to stand in judgment of anyone else. Just before this passage, Jesus stated, "Stop judging and you will not be judged." That statement might seem almost impossible, but if we concentrate on taking the wooden beam out of our own eye that might naturally lead to more compassion and understanding of others' shortcomings.

The Gospel passage ends with Jesus picking up on a theme in the first reading from the Book of Sirach. Both remind us that we can know a tree by its fruits - good trees will produce good fruit, but rotten trees will not. Though the world may judge people by their "appearance" (their skin color, manner of dress, sexual orientation, language, or religion), Jesus asks us to look deeper to what is in a person's heart. Ultimately, their words and their actions will reveal what is there.

### **Questions of the Week**

1. In what kinds of situations do you find yourself getting caught up in focusing on the specks in other people's eyes?
2. What good fruits have you seen produced by someone who is genuinely a "good tree"?



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O God,  
whose Only Begotten Son  
bore the weight of human suffering  
for our salvation,  
hear the prayers of your Church  
for our sick brothers and sisters  
and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts  
to the voice of your Son:  
*Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses,  
researchers and public servants;  
give us the wisdom to do what is right  
and the faith to endure this hour,  
that, trusting in your loving protection  
we might see the end of this pandemic  
and rejoice in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Then Jesus finished the lesson.  
What did He say?

In each heart, circle the word that does not rhyme with the others. Write the circled words on the numbered blanks below.

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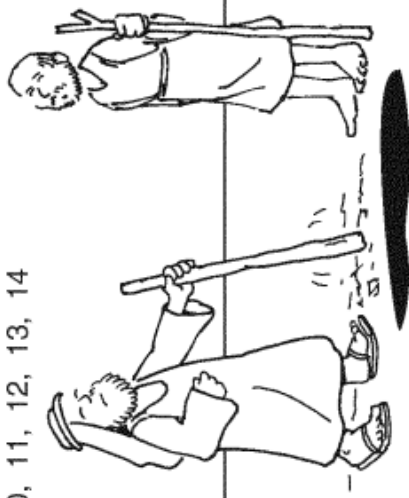
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out of the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> up in his \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>.  
For the mouth speaks what the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> is full of."

# Jesus Tells a Parable

Jesus told this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind?"

Shade in the boxes below to form a word.  
Write the word on the blank to finish the verse.

A: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
B: 1, 4, 7, 12  
C: 1, 4, 7, 12  
D: 1, 2, 3, 7, 12  
E: 1, 7, 12  
F: 1, 6, 7, 8, 12



"Will they not  
both fall into a  
\_\_\_\_\_?"

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Jesus continued, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in another's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

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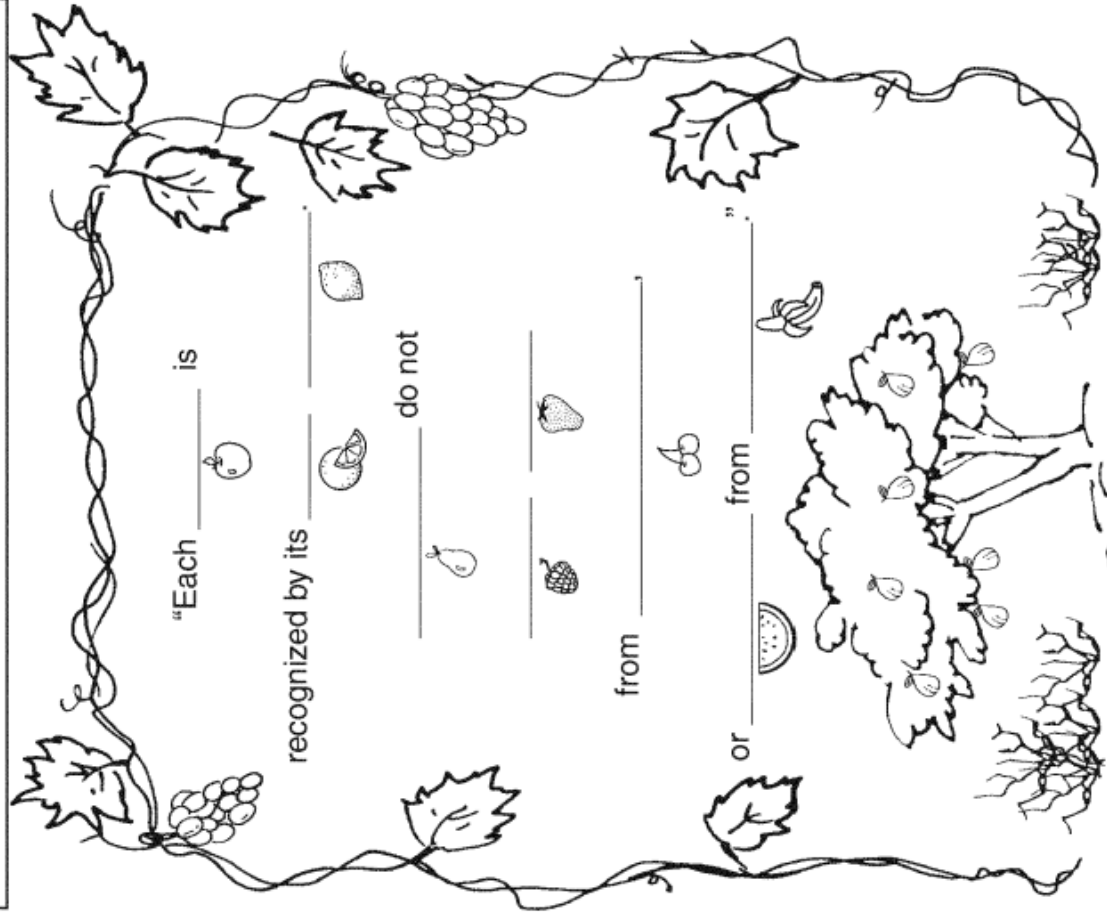
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Then Jesus said, "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit."

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

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	= fruit		= People		= tree



"Each \_ \_ \_ is \_ \_ \_"

recognized by its \_ \_ \_

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Jesus said good people bring good things out of the good stored up in their hearts.  
Evil people bring evil things out of the evil stored up in their hearts.

Match the shapes.



“For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of,” said Jesus.

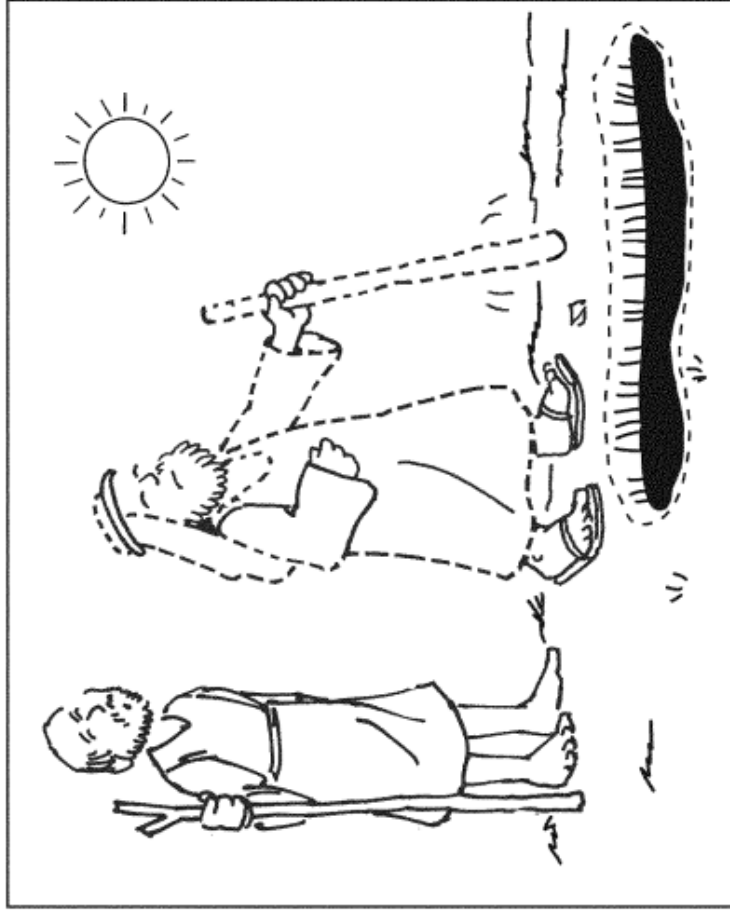
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## Jesus Tells a Parable

Jesus asked: “Can the blind lead the blind?  
Will they not both fall into a pit?”

Trace the lines to finish the picture.



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2.

Jesus asked, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in another person's eye and pay no attention to the stick in your own eye?"

Circle these eyes in the picture.

































"First take the stick out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from the other person's eye."

3.

"No good tree produces bad fruit, and a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit," said Jesus. He said each tree is known for its own fruit.

Circle the picture that completes the pattern in each row.

"People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars," He said.