

MASS INTENTIONS – 2019

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:00pm **Marcelle R. Windward**
1st Anniversary by family
4:00pm **Mahlon Gebhardt**– 3rd Anniversary
by family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30am **Parishioners of St. Richard**
10:00am **Kathleen Gallivan** by Parish Staff

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00am **Communion Service/Quiet Time**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00am **Daily Mass**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00am **Daily Mass**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

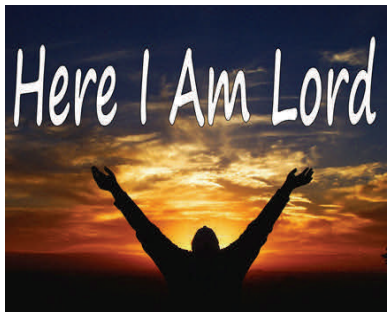
4:00pm **Charlie Capparelli**
by Nancy Capparelli

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30am **Parishioners of St. Richard**
10:00am **Family Mass**
10:00am **Annette Gill** by Alpha Team

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’
‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)*



Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word

of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1.....9:30am-10:45am
Valentine Dinner (Church Hall).....5:00pm-8:00pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am
Gr. 2 Parent Meeting.....9:00am
PreK-K Assigned Classes.....9:30am-10:45am
CCD. Gr.9 (includes Mass).....10:00am-Noon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon
CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm
CCD Assigned Classes.....6:15pm-7:30pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm
CCD Assigned Classes.....6:15pm-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Yoga.....9:30am-10:30am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd.....10:30am-Noon
Grief Support Group (*pre-registration required*)
in downstairs chapel.....6:00pm-7:30pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon
Nar-Anon.....7:15pm
AA Meeting.....8:00pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1.....February Break

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am
Family Mass.....10:00am
No PreK-K Assigned Classes.....February Break
No CCD. Gr.9.....February Break

**ST. RICHARD SCHOLARSHIP
FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE**

Attention graduating high school seniors, St. Richard Scholarship forms are now available at the rectory office, see Father Steuterman for the application.



Dear Parishioners,

Imagine being the head of a large corporation. You have your pick of employee candidates from around the world. You can tap all the talent available, reach into anyone else's territory, and select the plum personnel for your organization. So how do you start? Who do you go after: the smartest, the most skilled, the ones with the most experience?

Chances are you don't place a call to the guy who can't speak well (*Moses*) or shoot an email to the fellow aiming to take down your organization (*Paul*). You don't court a person whose net worth is literally in his nets and the unpredictable daily catch (*Peter, Andrew James, John*). You don't tap candidates with self-eliminating health issues (*Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene*), the inexperienced (*Jeremiah, Mary*), folks with honesty issues (*Abraham, Jacob*), or lacking in basic loyalty (*Saul, David, Peter, Judas*).

Do you really want people representing you who will do absolutely anything to meet their objectives (*Sarah, Tamar, Judith, Simon the Zealot*)?

Do we sense a pattern here??? Name three reasons why God shouldn't hire you. Name three reasons God did.

Keep the Faith, Fr. S.

THANK YOU!

The Parish is grateful to the family of recently deceased parishioner, Getrude P. (Vaillancourt) Thomas. Gert lived in Sterling with her husband Arthur since 1955. They raised nine children. She was very involved at St. Richards, including the Apple Festival, the Choir, Counting the Collection and much more. Last week she died at 95 years old. Her children asked in her obituary that memorial gifts be sent to St. Richard's in lieu of flowers. Even in death, she loved her parish! May she rest in peace!



FYI: CLARIFICATION IN LAST WEEKS BULLETIN

The **Sacrament of the Sick** WILL continue to take place on the first Saturday of the month after the 4:00pm Mass. In addition, **the Mass of Healing** will take place at Noon on the First Wednesday of each month.

CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION

Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **March 3rd – 3:00pm Worcester Railers Hockey Game– contact Mrs. Gallivan for tickets**

WORCESTER RAILERS HOCKEY GAME

Attention all CCD students and family! On March 3rd at 3:00pm there will be a fun filled afternoon at the Worcester Railers Hockey Game, 105 Commercial Street, (DCU Center), Worcester. Tickets are \$16 per person and include a New Railers Hat for each person. This is great family fun at an affordable price. Tickets can be purchased at St. Richard's by contacting Mrs. Susan Gallivan at: 978-422-8881; s.gallivan@strichardsterling.org

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY SHRINES OF ITALY

Fr. Richard Lewandowski will host a pilgrimage to Italy from October 29, 2019 through November 8, 2019. Highlights include: Rome, Assisi, Tomb of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, Vatican City, and a Papal Audience. For more information, call Fr. Lewandowski at 978-833-3354.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY UPDATE

Since our last update in the bulletin, we have received an additional 49 gifts, bringing our total to 163 gifts. The total toward our goal is now \$28,160. We still need another \$13,000 to make our final goal. Please try to send in your gift by March 6th, Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your awesome generosity.

Fr. S.

ST. ANNA GOLF TOURNAMENT



St Anna will host its 17th Annual Tournament on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Townsend Ridge Golf Course. Two Shot Guns 7:30am and 1:00pm. We are offering an Early Bird Rate of \$99 per golfer if you register and pay by February 19, 2019. To register and for tournament details visit: sasgolftournament.com

SCRIPTURE STUDY REIMAGINED

COMING IN LENT 2019

A 4 WEEK PILOT PROGRAM ON THE FIRST FOUR SUNDAYS OF LENT

During the first four Sundays of LENT, **March 10th** and continuing through **March 17, March 24 and March 31 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Church Hall**, St. Richard's will offer a 4-week program on a **Panorama of the Old Testament**. We will explore the sweeping saga of God's people and their sacred journey as we survey the variety of books found in the Old Testament. We will look at the interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan for our salvation.

This program is based on the work of the Diocese of Little Rock, a leader for many years in helping people with scripture study in an easy, prayerful and substantial way to help parish communities unpack the richness of God's word. Since Vatican II, we have been encouraged to read the Bible. That was 50 years ago and we are still just beginning. This method is designed so that all will learn and benefit. No prior study is required. **The Registration fee is \$15 per person.**

Each participant will receive a book and will be asked to prepare for the upcoming lesson. Commentary, study questions and prayer are all in one book! It is very easy to navigate the material. There will also be access to video and audio lectures on-line. Participants will gather in the church hall and sit at tables for group discussion. The session concludes with a 15-20 minute lecture as a wrap-up to the topic. The beauty of this kind of study is that it comes in sessions of 4-6 weeks. You may sign up for one, try it out and perhaps do another, or not. The time frame is very reasonable for today's busy people.

If you are interested in this program, please fill out the registration form below and return it with your **Registration Fee of \$15** to the rectory as soon as possible so that we may order the materials.

Cut out and Return to St. Richard of Chichester: P.O. Box 657, Sterling, MA 01564

SCRIPTURE STUDY REIMAGINED: Panorama of the Old Testament

NAME/NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NO. of PEOPLE ATTENDING: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per person (Please makes checks out to St. Richard Church.)