

**Please Pray for...**

*All who have died especially Fr. Robert Morhous and David Durgin who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that they will rest in peace.*

**Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:**

Pauline Casavant, Yvette Bouvier, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaure's, Bonnie Sheldon, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Fr. William O'Brien, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, David L'Heureux, Dolly Choquette, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Laurie Vickers, Ruth Costa, Thomas Lilley, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, Ernest Tremblay, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Richard Chabior, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

**PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK**

For all to embrace God's mercy this Lenten Season.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 – 5:00 pm. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at 508-885-3111 Ext. 105.

**Faith Formation Classes this week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Grades K thru 6</b>
	<b>6:30 - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>NO Grades 9, 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:15 – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Grades 2 – 5</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Drop In Center Open</b>
	<b>7:00 – 8:15 pm</b>	<b>Grades 6, 7 &amp; 8</b>

**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY  
ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Masses at 8:00 am, 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Ashes are distributed only during Mass

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. No meat for anyone 14 years and older. No eating between meals for all those between the ages of 18 and 60.

Lenten Meal served between the hours of 5:15 and 6:30 pm.  
Chowder, salad, corn bread and dessert on the menu.

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JANUARY 30 & 31**

Envelopes	\$5,304.00
Loose	\$ 410.50
Total collection	\$5,714.50
Number of envelopes	206
Attendance	474

Thank you for your support this past weekend. May God's blessings be with you all.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK**

**Coffee**

**STATEMENTS** of contributions to the parish for 2015 were mailed out. If you did not receive one and are in need of it for tax purposes please call the office 508-885-3111.

**WEEKLY LENTEN MEALS** will be held every Wednesday night during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday. Sponsored by the various groups in the parish, the proceeds of the meals go to Visitation house. A sacrificial offering of some sort should be made at these meals in the spirit of the Lenten season. This week's meal will be Clam Chowder and Corn Chowder, Salad, Corn Bread and Dessert.

This meal will begin at 5:15 pm for the convenience of those attending the 4:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass.

**BABY BOTTLES**, it is our custom to fill baby bottles with our loose change or the cost of what we have decided to give up for Lent. The money collected goes to Visitation House for the support of women who have chosen life for their unborn child. They are provided with a home during pregnancy and with support after the birth to get started on a new life. Bottles will be given out at the doors today.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 am Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Tuesday evenings at 7:00 to 8:00 pm Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm At other times by appointment. Call Fr. Jim
<b>ROSARY</b>	Recited each morning after Mass at 8:30 am
<b>LENTEN CHARITY</b>	Baby bottles for Visitation House
<b>FASTING LAWS</b>	Abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent Fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Friday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. John's in E. Brookfield. Simple supper served at 6:00 pm
<b>WORD AMONG US</b>	Available at the doors of the church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND VISITATION:**

The Church is open daily from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm  
The Eucharistic Chapel located in the pastoral center is open 24 hours a day for adoration.  
Special Year of Mercy Penitential Service will be announced

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be held this year on Saturday, March 12 at the DCU Center. As usual, a fine array of speakers has been assembled. There will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop McManus. Save the date. More details to follow.



## Pastor's Notes:

### A LENTEN REFLECTION

The holy Season of Lent is a gift given us by God. It is a time to come back to Him if we have wandered away and a time to come closer to Him if we are already near to Him. Lent is really about growing. It is meant to be a positive thing. The traditional Lenten activities of prayer, fasting, and charity are meant to do just this. It is evident how prayer does this. The time we spend in conversation with our God puts us on His wave length and makes us receptive to His ways. Fasting whether it is from food, which is what we traditionally see fasting to mean, or if it is by giving up something that is bad for us, makes room in our lives for His grace and love to act. Charity, whether it is the giving of money or the giving of ourselves, helps us to become less self-centered and more centered on Him and on those who often come to us in His name looking for help or care. All of this helps us to grow closer to Him. In the few days between now and Ash Wednesday take a few minutes to reflect on how you can best grow in faith, hope and love during this Holy season. Then when Ash Wednesday comes we'll be ready to begin anew the journey of coming closer to our loving God.

### Year of mercy observance

Some people have asked when the church is open and when there are opportunities for confession.

The church is open every day from 7:30 am until 8:00pm

The Holy Door is located to your left as you enter the vestibule of the church.

Confessions are available on Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00 pm and also at other times by appointment. Call Fr. Jim.

The Year of Mercy prayer will be recited at the end of all Masses. You will find this prayer inside the back cover of the Breaking Bread books. There will be other special activities announced as we get further into Lent.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for kind, compassionate people to volunteer one or two hours a week to spend with a hospice patient. If you think that you would feel comfortable volunteering with patients, please contact Linda Corby, 508-852-5505

**WORD AMONG US** booklets for the Lenten season will be given out on the way out of church today. They contain the readings for each day of Lent as well as a reflection for you to ponder.

**REDISCOVER JESUS** a book by Matthew Kelly is also available at the doors for you to take home, courtesy of the Faith Formation office.



## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, February 6</b> 4:30 pm Henry & Pauline Guibord by Ken and Jean Wheeler
<b>Sunday, February 7</b> 8:00 am Edith Millward by Barbara Hodgerney 10:15 am Donald Berthiaume by the Family
<b>Monday, February 8</b> 8:00 am The Lamoureux Family by Suzanne
<b>Tuesday, February 9</b> 8:00 am The Gordon Family by Jim
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b> 8:00 am For Souls in Purgatory in Thanksgiving 4:00 pm For the deceased members of our parish 7:00 pm Joanne Shedyak by her Husband
<b>Thursday, February 11</b> 8:00 am Katherine Kaiser (Birthday Anniversary) by her Family
<b>Friday, February 12</b> 8:00 am No Mass
<b>Saturday, February 13</b> 4:30 pm Robert Lamoureux by Elaine & Family
<b>Sunday, February 14</b> 8:00 am Holy Souls 10:15 am Helen Frelick by Jim and Family

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, February 07</b> 9:00 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Coffee Shop – Open</b> Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Scout Sunday Mass Baptism Instruction class NO Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11
<b>Monday, February 08</b> 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Pantry - <b>OPEN</b> RCIA Class
<b>Tuesday, February 09</b> 2:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Howe Village Mass Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b> 8:00 am 4:00 pm 5:15 – 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass Lenten Meal Ash Wednesday Mass
<b>Thursday, February 11</b> 10:00 am	Food Pantry – <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Friday, February 12</b> 5:00 pm	Valentine dance & dinner (Sr Citizens)
<b>Saturday, February 13</b> 3:30 pm	Confessions Coffee Shop <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Sunday, February 14</b> 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm	<b>NO</b> Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6 Rite of Sending ( RCIA Children's Liturgy of the Word <b>NO</b> Faith Formation Class Grs.. 9, 10 & 11



