

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially **Marie Vandale and Gary McCarl** 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:

Yvette Bouvier, Richard Chabior, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bonnie Sheldon, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Fr. William O'Brien, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, 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, 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, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For the safety of our children during school vacation .

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 6 & 7

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| Envelopes | \$8,071.00 |
| Loose | \$ 433.00 |
| Total collection | \$8,504.00 |
| Number of envelopes | 206 |
| Attendance | 535 |

Thank you for your generous support this past weekend. It is deeply appreciated as we work to keep the parish vibrant. May God bless you for your support.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Woman's Deodorant

WEEKLY LENTEN MEALS will be held every Wednesday night during Lent. The proceeds of these meals will 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 soup and grilled cheese or grilled ham/cheese sandwiches. This meal will be presented by our parish Boy Scout Troop. It will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

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 for those who did not receive them on Ash Wednesday.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL when you are walking on the parish property. Because of the frequency of the snow storms in the past few weeks we have to plow and sand more often. Sometimes it is difficult for the plow driver to see someone walking behind the truck. So please use extra care. Thank you.

1st Sunday of Lent



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on 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

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| Sunday | 9:00 – 10:00 am | NO Grades K thru 6 |
| | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | NO Grades 9, 10 & 11 |
| Tuesday | 4:15 – 5:30 pm | NO Grades 2 – 5 |
| | 6:30 pm | Drop In Center Closed |
| | 7:00 – 8:15 pm | NO Grades 6, 7 & 8 |

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING is next Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am followed by Family Mass at 10:15 am. Parents are reminded to bring your child's work book so that it can be checked.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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| DAILY MASS | Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 am Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm |
| CONFESSIONS | 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 |
| ROSARY | Recited each morning after Mass at 8:30 am |
| LENTEN CHARITY | Baby bottles for Visitation House Return on Palm Sunday |
| FASTING LAWS | Abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent Fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday |
| STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Friday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. John's in E. Brookfield, Simple Supper served at 6:00 pm |
| WORD AMONG US | 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 from 8:30 am to 5:00pm. As usual, a fine array of speakers has been assembled including a former NFL player now a priest, a producer of Catholic Films and a father of four who speaks on fathers and sons to name a few. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during lunch and Mass with Bishop McManus will conclude the day. Registration is \$ 45.00 before February 29 and \$ 60.00 after that or at the door which includes lunch and all materials. Brochure and registration forms are at the doors of the church.

GLOW our parish youth group will go bowling on Monday, February 15th at Bayberry. Meet at the Bowling alley at 11:00 am. Following this, we will go to the Dairy Queen for lunch. Pick up your children at D.Q. at 2:30. All teens are welcome.

February 14, 2016

Pastor's Notes:

At 10:15 Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for our two RCIA candidates. At this Mass, they will be introduced to you by their sponsors and you will be asked to support them by prayer during these final weeks before Easter. This afternoon they will join all the other candidates and catechumens of the diocese for the Rite of Election where Bishop McManus will solemnly declare them to be Candidates for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. This same thing will happen in just about every Cathedral in the world today. It is a beautiful testimony that we truly are a Catholic (universal) church.

In today's bulletin, there is a pastoral letter from Bishop McManus addressed to all of us as we begin the holy season of Lent. This letter is one which the Bishop writes to us as chief pastor of the diocese and as chief teacher as well. In it he exhorts and encourages us to keep the season of Lent and to trust in God's merciful love which God has for us. Take the time to read it over and reflect on the words of our shepherd.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOMECARE GIVERS program is looking for aides to care for elders and the disabled in their homes. Aides provide light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. They offer paid training and a schedule to meet your needs. For more info call 1- 800- 649-4364.

WORD AMONG US booklets for the Lenten season are available at the doors of the church, please take one if you did not get one last weekend.

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

FOOD & FUEL CALENDARS Thank you for your response to this raffle. There are additional calendars at the doors of the church or at the office if you need more. Please remember to send them in by March 1.

Fr. Bernard Olszewski has sent a note thanking you for your warm welcome and generous support of his appeal for the needy of the world. I was told that his presentation of the work of Cross Catholic Ministry was very good and we thank him for sharing his ministry with us.

Jeremiah's Inn a shelter for homeless men is in need of twin size fitted sheets. For info call 508-755-6403.

Mass Schedule

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| Saturday, February 13 4:30 pm Robert Lamoureux by Elaine & Family |
| Sunday, February 14 8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving by Fr. Jim 10:15 am Helen Frelick by Jim and Family |
| Monday, February 15 8:00 am For the Holy Souls |
| Tuesday, February 16 8:00 am For Parishioners |
| Wednesday, February 17 8:00 am Anna Audette by the Family 7:00 pm Dora & Lucille Gobi by the Family |
| Thursday, February 18 8:00 am |
| Friday, February 19 8:00 am No Mass |
| Saturday, February 20 4:30 pm Helen Frelick (11 th Anniv) by Jim & Family |
| Sunday, February 21 8:00 am 10:15 am Thomas Hicks by Ralph & Tina |

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, February 14 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm | Coffee Shop – Open NO Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Rite of Sending (RCIA) Children's Liturgy of the Word NO Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11 |
| Monday, February 15 10:00 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm | Food Pantry - CLOSED GLOW Bowling & D.Q. RCIA Class |
| Tuesday, February 16 2:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm | Lincoln Hill Mass NO Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 NO Drop In Center Open NO Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8 Confessions |
| Wednesday, February 17 5:30 – 6:30 pm 6:45 pm | Lenten Meal - Boy Scouts Lenten Mass |
| Thursday, February 18 10:00 am | Food Pantry Closed |
| Friday, February 19 5:00 pm | |
| Saturday, February 20 3:30 pm | Confessions |
| Sunday, February 21 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm | Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6 First Communion Parent Meeting Family Mass Baptisms Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11 |