

Please Pray for...

All who have died, especially **Cheryl Foley** and **John Seguin** who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their families and pray that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Yvette Bouvier, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Theresa Johnson, Janice Baronoski, Tim Josti Sr., Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bill Keyes, Bonnie Sheldon, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Paul Provencher, Michael Jette, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Donald Ritchie, Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, John Ahearn, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, John Paul Sribiag, 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, Thao Li

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For the members of the Confirmation class

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS APRIL 16 & 17

Envelopes	\$5,428.00
Loose	\$ 287.50
Total collection	\$5,715.50
Number of envelopes	199
Attendance	423

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May the Spirit of the risen Christ continue to lift our spirits during this holy season.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Toilet Paper and Bar Soap

Mass Book: The 2017 Mass Book is now open for you to book masses for your loved ones. Please call the office or stop in to reserve your dates. Mass stipend is \$10.00.

Website: Our new website is up and running, please visit us at www.maryqueenoftherosary.org. We welcome input on this website and welcome thoughts as to what you would like to see on it. Please call the office and let Sandy know.

MORNING OF REFLECTION THIS WEDNESDAY the Spiritual Life Committee is planning their Spring Morning of Reflection on Wednesday April 27. The speaker will be Fr. Michael Broderick who is one the special priests commissioned by Pope Francis to spread the good news of the Year of Mercy. Fr. Michael was the Associate here at our parish from 1987 until 1990. He is now the Pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Rutland and so he will not be a stranger to many of you. The day will start with Mass at 8:00 am followed by Rosary, a light breakfast, confessions and the presentation which will begin about 10:00 am. You are welcome to attend any part or this entire event.

5th Sunday of Easter Sunday

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 have ended for the year. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this year a fruitful time for our children and our teenagers. You are the backbone of this most important ministry. May God continue to bless all of you.

SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 pm...Rehearsal for Confirmation followed by Light Service Mass. Parents and sponsors should attend.

Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm... Confirmation Mass, Students must be present at 6:30 pm in the hall. Don't forget to pay for your robes that will be worn at Confirmation.

SCHEDULE FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, April 24 at 10:15 am...Grade 2 Family Mass

First Communion Retreat for parents and students will take place on Sunday, April 24 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a very important part of the first communion preparation and all students are required to attend.

Sunday, May 01 at 2:00 pm...First Communion Mass

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

We continue our annual Partners in Charity Appeal. This past weekend, we collected \$760.00 more raising our total to **\$ 32,760.00 representing 179 gifts**, which is **69 %** of our goal. We still need to raise **\$14,740.00** to reach this year's goal of **\$47,500.00**. Again, let me remind you that these funds support the needs of real people. A gift to this campaign is certainly a work of mercy in keeping with the theme of the Holy Year. We encourage you to become partners in the works of mercy carried out by the church.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR the date for this year's International Bazaar has been set for **Friday June 10 and Saturday 11**. One of our greatest needs is for men and women power to help transport and set up the various booths and tables necessary for the smooth running of the Bazaar. Set up will be on Sunday, June 5 following the 10:15 Mass. We will also be looking for people to cook the international delicacies for which the Bazaar has become famous, namely French Meat Pies, Polish foods etc. Also we need desserts, crafts etc. It's not too early to be looking for ingredients that may be on sale that could help feed the hungry who come to our annual event. Save the date now. We will also be looking for people willing to work a two hour shift on the various booths. Set this time aside now to make this our biggest and best Bazaar.

ROSES FOR LIFE on the weekend of May 7 & 8, the Knights of Columbus will be offering fresh cut roses to support the work of Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. This all volunteer organization offers to women alternatives to abortion through free counselling, ultrasound scanning etc. The suggested offering for the roses are \$2.00.



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PASTORS NOTES

THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

We had a delightful experience on Wednesday afternoon here in the parish. A group of pilgrims from the Notre Dame du Lac assisted living community came to our church to visit the Holy Door and to pray with us. Many of them with walkers and wheelchairs were an inspiration with their faith and their joy of coming to a church they had never seen before. They commented on the windows especially, something we often take for granted. The spiritual renewal committee provided refreshments in the hall afterwards and we are grateful to them for this ministry. The special graces of the Jubilee Year are offered to all of us. Perhaps we should think of taking advantage of them.

EASTER IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM at St Mary's in Jefferson continues on Sundays following the 5:00 pm Mass (approx. 6:15 pm). All are welcome

PARISH MINISTRIES Most of the parish ministries are looking for new members as we are headed for the summer and the coming year. Special needs are the Martha Mary Ministry which provides meals for families following a funeral celebrated in our parish. We need people willing to cook and also those willing to help to serve and clean up. If you can help call Sandy at the office or Cheryl Benoit at 508-882-3072

DINNER THEATER IN SOUTHBRIDGE will present Josee Vachon, a dedicated singer and entertainer who will entertain with traditional and original French songs and with engaging humor and upbeat music representing the Franco American heritage. It will take place on Saturday evening, April 30th at the LaSalle Center (old Notre Dame School). Dinner (chicken pie, etc.) at 6:00 pm and performance at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$29.00. Call Ted Bartlett 508-764-7909 or parish office 765-3701 for tickets.

Boy Scout Troop 201 would like to thank all who attended or donated to the silent auction for their annual Spaghetti Dinner, it was a great success.

RETIRED..? HABITAT FOR HUMANITY needs you. If you are looking for a meaningful way to spend your time and you have building skills of some kind or just a willingness to help others consider volunteering once a month or once a week. For more info call 508-799-9259 and ask for Molly.

THANK YOU On behalf of "From Cradles to Crayons" and Project 351, I would like to thank you for your donations of clothes. In Spencer and E. Brookfield, we were able to collect 42 bags of clothing which will be given to children across the state. I want you to know that you have helped to change the life of a child in need. Signed by, Zachary Bergeron, Project 351 Ambassador

ST MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will take place on Saturday morning May 7 from 10:00 to noon at the school on 50 Richland St in Worcester. St. Mary's is a pre-K thru grade 12 Catholic School. For more info please call 508-753-1170 or visit the website. www.stmarysworcester.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 23 4:30 pm Robert Snow by his Family
Sunday, April 24 8:00 am Rick (27 th Anniv) & Dick (17 th Anniv) Daoust by Barbara and Family 10:15 am Marianna, Andy & Jerry Fortin by the Family
Monday, April 25 8:00 am Dick Grogan (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife Terry
Tuesday, April 26 8:00 am Evelyn & Ernest Ethier by their Nieces
Wednesday, April 27 8:00 am Shirley & Joe Quattrucci by Tom & Kathy Sullivan
Thursday, April 28 8:00 am For Parishioners 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass
Friday, April 29 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, April 30 4:30 pm Stan Figurski & Janet Romanoff by Paul & Linda
Sunday, May 01 8:00 am For all Parishioners 10:15 am Pauline Kallio by Ray Kallio 2:00 pm First Communion Mass

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 24	Coffee Shop – Open
10:15 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Family Liturgy (Grade 2) Baptism First Communion Retreat Confirmation Rehearsal & Light Service Mass
Monday, April 25	
10:00 am	Food Pantry - Open
Tuesday, April 26	
Wednesday, April 27	
9:00 pm	Morning of Reflection
Thursday, April 28	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Open Confirmation
Friday, April 29	
6:30 pm	First Communion Rehearsal
Saturday, April 30	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, May 01	Coffee Shop Open
10:15 am 2:00 pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word First Communion Mass

