

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past 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:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Jean Wheeler, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Al Shedyak, Joyce Sweet, Roberta Bernard, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Yvette Bouvier, Donald Williams, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Paula King, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Judy Wilson, 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, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Donald Ritchie, Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, 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, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix, Amy Richard, and Thao Li

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JULY 30 & 31

Envelopes	\$5,061.50
Loose	\$ 239.25
Total collection	\$5,300.75
Number of envelopes	183
Attendance	399

Thank you for your support this past weekend. As the summer months roll on please remember your committed support of the parish is even more essential. Making up for the weeks that you are away really helps us to meet our obligations OR CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING, WEEKLY OR MONTHLY. Check out our website to get the link for Online Giving.....

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Salad Dressing

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The Partners in Charity appeal continues as we seek to get closer to our goal of \$47,500.00. So far we have received \$38,515.00. in gifts and pledges from 224 givers. That means we still have \$8,985.00 to go. The needs of the diocese to support the 28 agencies and ministries served by Partners in Charity are great. If any of you have not made a gift to Partners, please consider doing so. Every gift great and small enables the church to continue her works of charity, education and pastoral ministry.

Do you know someone who was thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you come to mass with someone who goes to communion and every wonder what it is all about? Were you baptized and never made your other sacraments? Please join us in September for Inquiry and see what it is all about. Classes are held in the Rectory time and day to be determined.....More information will follow.

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**.

BAZAAR REPORT

We finally have the results of the Bazaar!!!! After all bills were paid we were able to realize a profit of \$18,504.90, not the best year we have ever had but we will use the money to pay some unpaid bills to the Diocese. We decided on the following to receive part of our \$1,850.00 tithe:

St. Vincent de Paul	\$400.00
Abbey House	\$400.00
Spencer Sr. Center	\$350.00
Youth Ministry	\$350.00
Giving Tree	\$350.00

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

During the month of August, the Food Pantry will be open on Thursdays each week. We will not be open on Mondays during the summer. Check the schedule posted on the Pantry door for details.

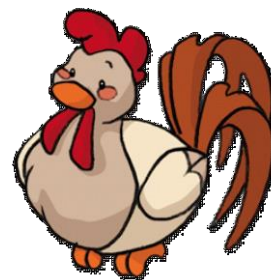
Miramar Retreat Center: Retreat

Chill Out For The Lord: Vacation Days for Women Religious August 21 – 25, come and relax for a few days and relax in the beautiful grounds of Miramar. Meals are included as well as an opportunity to join the religious community for daily Mass. The days are free to plan as you wish and God will be delighted to relax with you and enjoy the precious present moments of summer beauty. For more information call 781-585-2460 or visit our website.

Looking for something to do this summer? Consider going to a free summer concert in the area....

Sunday:	Spencer	5:00	TBD
Wednesday:	West Brookfield	7:00	none
	Leicester	6:30	Wolverine Jazz Band
Thursday:	East Brookfield	6:00	Doolin (Traditional Irish)

Chicken BBQ at St. John the Baptist, East Brookfield on Saturday August 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Call 508-867-3738 for tickets.



Save the Date: Sunday, September 11th **Outdoor Mass & Chicken BBQ** here on the grounds. More information next week....

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."
Luke 12 : 34

Pastor's Notes:

It's hard to believe that one month has passed since I arrived in Spencer. And what a wonderful month it has been! Everyone has been so welcoming and kind, and I am thankful to be here among all of you. As I reflect on this experience I hope that all visitors to our parish feel the same love and welcome. So, by way of suggestion, if you see someone at Mass that you don't know, make a special effort to say hello or give them a welcome smile. They may be a stranger or someone you have been sitting next to for the last six months, in either case, if you don't know their name introduce yourself and say hello. As Saint Paul (Hebrews 13:2) wrote about Abraham (Gen 18:1-15): *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."*

Thanks to everyone for your warm welcome!

Peace,

Fr. Bill

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL continues every Monday evening through the month of August. Games are played at St. Christopher's parish located at 950 W. Boylston St in Worcester.

Practices will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Luther Hill Park. COME SUPPORT OUR TEAM!!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN THE RANKS OF OUR MARTHA/MARY GUILD.

This ministry provides meals for families after a funeral. Duties include set up of hall, cooking food, baking dessert, buying a bag of chips or a bottle of soda, serving the meal and clean up. But most importantly having fun. We are looking to make up teams of people so you don't get called to often.

Our membership is dwindling and we need to keep this most important ministry alive. Please call Sandy for more information. 508-885-3111 ext. 102.

Available Positions:

DRE position(s) available at St. John's Parish in Clinton.

One Fulltime Position or two Part Time DRE positions available for the CCD program with 650 Students in grades K – 10. Please contact Fr. Joseph Nally by email: stjohnclinton@parishmail.com or by phone: 9789-368-0366 ext 208 if you are interested.

Local Pilgrimage on Feast of The Assumption. The Sisters of Mercy are hosting the 115th Annual Mass and Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Grotto at Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester. The procession leaves the parking lot of St. Joseph Church in Leicester on Monday, August 15th at 9:15 am and arrives at the Grotto for Mass at 10:00 am with Fr. James Mazzone. A reception will follow on the grounds of Nazareth. All are welcome. In case of rain Mass will be in the gym.

St. Stephen School, 355 Grafton St. Worcester is accepting applications for students for the 2016/2017 school year for grades K – 8. For more information please call 508-755-3209.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 6 4:30 pm Edward Dobosz by His Family
Sunday, August 7 8:00 am Therese Johnson by Donat & Giselle Houle 10:15 am Robert & Dorothy McGinn by the Family
Monday, August 8 8:00 am For the People of our Parish
Tuesday, August 9 8:00 am For all victims of violence
Wednesday, August 10 8:00 am Gerard & Eva Daoust by their Niece Louise
Thursday, August 11 8:00 am Raymond Fecteau by Pauline
Friday, August 12 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, August 13 4:30 pm Emile Lamoureux by Paul & David
Sunday, August 14 8:00 am Katherine Kaiser (3 rd Anniv) by Her Family 10:15 am Lois Trzcinski (19 th Anniv) by Vinny & Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 7 10:15 am 4:00 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Children's Liturgy of the Word Wedding – Nathan Sears & Ashley Smith
Monday, August 8 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Food Pantry CLOSED Volleyball Games
Tuesday, August 9 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Volleyball practice
Wednesday, August 10 7:00 pm	
Thursday, August 11 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, August 12 6:00- 8:00 pm	Volleyball practice
Saturday, August 13 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, August 14 10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

