

## 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, Dorothy Choquette, 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 AUGUST 6 & 7

Envelopes	\$5,261.00
Loose	\$ 421.00
Total collection	\$5,662.00
Number of envelopes	188
Attendance	

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 Snacks for Children

## 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.



The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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**.

Registration is ongoing for the new Faith Formation Season which starts in September. Please call Judi if you haven't registered. If you know of a child entering kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade who should be registering for classes, please invite their family to register their child. Registration forms can be found at the doors of the church on the back side of the parish and on the Website, or come to the office.

Help needed: We are looking for a 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on Tuesday nights. Principal, crossing guard/ parking lot attendants and substitutes catechist/teachers on Sunday mornings. If you are able and willing to help with this important ministry please call Judi

## 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	6:00	Dixieland Stomp
Wednesday:	West Brookfield	7:00	Good to be King
	Leicester	6:30	Changes in Latitude
Thursday:	East Brookfield	6:00	Quabog Choral Society

The Spiritual Life Committee would like to welcome anyone who would like to join their ministry. Please call the Office if you would like to know more. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am....

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

## Concert of Music to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 pm at St. John Church 80 Union St. in Clinton. Renowned local organist Sean Redrow will present a program of hymns, chants and organ music to the Blessed Virgin....A free will offering will be taken to benefit the performers and the parish.



August 14, 2016

**Pastor's Notes:**

This week I have been thinking a lot about how to bring more people together in a loving and supportive way, probably because the Gospel this week talks about division. No doubt, good and faithful people have been hurt by other people in the church be it a Priest, Religious Sister, fellow parishioner, or whomever. I know this was the case for me (non-physical) and it kept me away from the church for many years. Last week, I encouraged everyone to greet people you don't know. Just a smile or a hello, can go such a long way and a more personal greeting with a hand shake goes even further. This week I want to encourage you to pray for anyone you know who feels they have been hurt by someone in the church or have simply "fallen away." Specifically, I encourage you to pray for people by name in the silence of your heart. Don't mention names to others or talk about what might have happened to someone, or who no longer attends church, keep your thoughts and prayers between you and God. Pray for healing. Pray for understanding. Pray for forgiveness.

Peace,

Fr. Bill

**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](mailto:stjohnclinton@parishmail.com) or by phone: 9789-368-0366 ext 208 if you are interested.

**Open House & Information Session at Anna Maria College**

The Admissions Office will be hosting two Open Houses for High School Seniors, Juniors and prospective transfer students on Saturday Oct. 15 and Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about Anna Maria college, meet faculty, current students, coaches and others. Tour the campus and enjoy lunch in the Dining Hall. There will also be an information Session on Sat Sept 10 from 10:30 – 1:00 covering academic programs, student life admission and financial aid processes. Check the website for more info [www.annamaria.edu/visit...](http://www.annamaria.edu/visit...)

**Men's Group:**

I am thinking about starting a men's group that would meet regularly to discuss masculinity/spirituality/sexuality. It would be a group that would discuss the changing face of masculinity and what it means to be a "man" today, how our faith/spirituality is influenced by our masculinity, and ways our spirituality and sexuality are or are not integrated. Such a group would have as it's foundation confidentiality and mutual trust. Ideally there would be a group for men 18-25 and another group for men 26 and older. If interested email me at: [Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com) or call the office and leave a message. If we have enough interest, we'll start a group. Fr. Bill



**Mass Schedule**

<b>Saturday, August 13</b> 4:30 pm Emile Lamoureux by Paul & David
<b>Sunday, August 14</b> 8:00 am Katherine Kaiser (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by her Family 10:15 am Lois Trzcinski (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Vinny & Family
<b>Monday, August 15</b> 8:00 am Etienne Lamoureux (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Suzanne & Family
<b>Tuesday, August 16</b> 8:00 am Joseph Gaucher by Theresa & Tim
<b>Wednesday, August 17</b> 8:00 am Doris & Rita Lussier by Normand & Alice Vandale
<b>Thursday, August 18</b> 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
<b>Friday, August 19</b> 8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday, August 20</b> 4:30 pm For the Intentions of a Parishioner
<b>Sunday, August 21</b> 8:00 am Christine Hanson (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by her Mother, Grandmother & Uncle 10:15 am David & Grace Drake by the Family

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Sunday, August 14</b> 10:15 am	<b>Coffee Shop OPEN</b> <b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>
<b>Monday, August 15</b> 10:00 am	<b>Food Pantry CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 16</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 17</b> 7:00 pm	
<b>Thursday, August 18</b> 10:00 am	<b>Food Pantry OPEN</b>
<b>Friday, August 19</b> 6:00- 8:00 pm	<b>Volleyball practice</b>
<b>Saturday, August 20</b> 3:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday, August 21</b> 10:15 am	<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>

**Liturgy Team:**

I would like to form a "Liturgy Team" to assist and advise me on all things liturgical. This would include how we do certain things during the liturgy as well as planning for big feasts such as Christmas and Easter. We would do some study of the general instructions of the Roman missal as well as to what is "good liturgy." I hope to have a general meeting sometime in the near future, but in the meantime if you are interested and for more information email me at: [Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com) Thanks for considering this, Fr. Bill

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12 : 51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty