

## Please Pray for...

*All who have died this past week especially all victims of violence. 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, Mary Lou Stankiewicz, 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, 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 SEPT 3 & 4

Envelopes	\$6,793.50
Loose	\$ 337.00
Total collection	\$7130.50
Number of envelopes	299
Attendance	360

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

### Stuffing Mix

Inquiry/RCIA will be starting on Monday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 60 in the Rectory. 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?

**FYJ:** We will be starting a 7:00 pm Sunday mass beginning on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Boy Scout Rally: Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 4:30 pm in the Parking Lot and Church Hall. This event is open to the public. This carnival like event will highlight what the Boy Scouting Program is all about. If you ever had any questions or are curious about Boy Scouting, come check us out and have some fun.

Please know that we will be updating the Prayer/Sick list listed in the bulletin. Please call the office by Sept 28<sup>th</sup> if you still want/need to be on the list otherwise we will delete the names.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-5:00. 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 September 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 parish office.

Help needed: Principal for Sunday evening, crossing guard and substitutes teachers. If you are able and willing to help with this important ministry please call

Payments are always being accepted for Faith Formation.

**The Spiritual Life Committee** welcomes you to their first meeting on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the church hall. We do need more members to organize spiritual events, e.g. Morning of Reflection, Yearly Pilgrimage, passing out The Word Among Us, etc. Come and see what we are all about! For more information call Suzanne Lamoureux at 508-885-0084 or Louise Ethier at 508-885-4630 or the Parish Office Center. You may also want to help without being a committee member. Please call us.

**Miramar Retreat Center** retreat offerings in Sept & Oct.

Mini Retreat Days for Women: 9:30 – 1:00

Sept 22: "Cultivate the Practice of Contemplative Living"

Oct 19: "Praying When God Seems Distant or Absent"

Healing the Heart, Tending the Emotions

Oct 23: 10:00 – 3:00

Celebrating the Gift of Teresa of Avila

Sept 18: 10:00 – 3:00

Icon Painting Retreat:

Oct 16 – 21

Contact the Miramar Retreat Center at 781-585-2460 or their website at [www.miramarretreat.org](http://www.miramarretreat.org) for more information.

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

St. Mary of the Hills Parish is holding a parish Flea Market on:

Sunday, Sept. 11 9:00 – 1:00

Saturday, Sept. 17 9:00 – 5:00

Sunday, Sept 18 9:00 – 1:00

Fr. Ralph A. DiOrio will be conducting a session of simple Inspirational Messages on Love and Healing. Anointing with Holy Oils, the Laying On of Hands and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. It will take place at Maironis Park Banquet Hall at 52 South Quinsigamond Ave in Shrewsbury, MA. A \$10.00 offering for tickets to help cover expenses would be appreciated, call 508-832-7890 for more information

**Pastor's Notes:**

Fifteen years ago four planes were hijacked and flown with malicious intent. Three of them hit targets in NYC and Washington, D.C. Courageously, passengers of the fourth plane fought the hijackers and brought the plane down in an unpopulated area. At the time American's and the world were stunned, and our world changed for our lifetime, and maybe forever. Fifteen years have passed by quickly, and I sometimes easily forget the intensity of September 11, 2001. This weekend, let us remember and pray for the people who died that day and their families, even the hijackers. Being Catholic Christians is not easy when we are asked to pray for people who hate us and wish us harm, but Christ and His Church call upon us to do so. Praying for and loving those who wish me harm is something that is not easy for me. But it challenges me and stretches me into the kind of person I believe I am called to be. At the same time, let us pray for all the innocent souls who perished that day and those affected by the loss.

Peace,  
Fr. Bill

**Men's Group: Meeting 9:00-10:30am  
Sat, Sept. 16 at the Rectory**

**Breakfast provided** Pick up a flyer if you are interested. Any questions [Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com) or call the office and leave a message. Fr. Bill

**Liturgy Team: Meeting Sept 26, 6:30**

I put together a basic outline of what I think the responsibilities would be and you can pick up a copy at the doors if you are interested/need more information. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 26 @ 6:30pm. Sandwiches will be provided. [Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com) Thanks for considering this, Fr. Bill

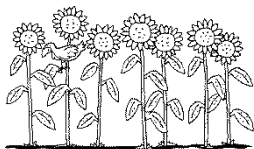
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

New members always welcome. If you can knit or crochet and would like to be a part of this important ministry. Prayers shawls are given upon request, if you know of someone in need, please contact us  
Celeste 508-885-3610 or Linda 508-885-6557

Job Opening: St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Boylston, is looking for a part-time youth minister to develop, coordinate and implement a holistic youth ministry. Degree in religious education or certification in youth ministry with some experience preferred. Application deadline is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Send resume to Parish Director of Religious Education (Anne Downen), St. Mary of the Hills, 630 Cross Street, Boylston MA 01505 or email: [adowen@saintmaryofthehills.com](mailto:adowen@saintmaryofthehills.com)

The Office of Communications/TV Ministry is currently looking for high school and college age young people to train as producers for the Sunday TV Mass from the Cathedral of St. Paul. If you are interested, please contact Steve Kaufman at [tvmass@charter.net](mailto:tvmass@charter.net).

St. Joseph the Good Provider Parish will hold its 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fair on Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 4:00. Food, raffles, craft/vendors Flea Market, Children's Games, Music, Chicken BBQ. 52 West Street, Berlin, MA



## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, September 10</b> 4:30 pm Michelle & Wally Casavant by the Family
<b>Sunday, September 11</b> 8:00 am Roger & Doris Lacaire by the Family 10:15 am Katherine Kaiser (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by the Family
<b>Monday, September 12</b> 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday, September 13</b> 8:00 am Rita Luszey by her Family
<b>Wednesday, September 14</b> 8:00 am Conrad (Joe) Lussier by Normand & Alice Vandale
<b>Thursday, September 15</b> 8:00 am Raymond Ethier by his sister Theresa
<b>Friday, September 16</b> 8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday, September 17</b> 4:30 pm Shirley Quattrucci (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) by Adam Cormier & Family
<b>Sunday, September 18</b> 8:00 am Lizzy Johnson by the de Leon Family 10:15 am Elizabeth Monfette (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) by her Children

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, September 11</b> 10:15 am	<b>Coffee Shop OPEN</b> <b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>
<b>Monday, September 12</b> 10:00 am	<b>Food Pantry</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 13</b>	
<b>Wednesday, September 14</b>	
<b>Thursday, September 15</b> 10:00 am	<b>Food Pantry OPEN</b>
<b>Friday, September 16</b>	
<b>Saturday, September 17</b> 3:30 pm	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday, September 18</b> 10:15 am 1:00 to 5:00 pm	<b>Family Mass/Catechetical Sunday</b> <b>Boy Scout Rally</b>

Bishop McManus will be celebrating the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary mass on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. This liturgy honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Couples should pre-register no later than October 17 so that a commemorative certificate may be issued. To register go to: [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass)

Blessing of Animals: Sunday, October 2 at 1:00, Sacred Heart – St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 600 Cambridge St., Worcester, MA Each pets is blessed and presented with a St. Francis of assisi medal. All are welcome to enjoy treats and refreshments after the ceremony.