

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Leatrice Derosier and Sandra Bluyus. 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, Donald Williams, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Paula King, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Joseph Siauxes, 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, 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, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix, Amy Richard, and Thao Li

WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST

Starting October 1st, we will update our prayer list. Please call the office to let us know if your family member should remain on the list above or if the condition of the person on the list has changed. We will only keep/add names of those from whom we have heard.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS SEPT 10 & 11

Envelopes	\$4,938.50
Loose	\$ 365.75
Total collection	\$5304.25
Number of envelopes	180
Attendance	431

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you all. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving. For more info check out our website for the link to online giving.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Brownie Mix

Inquiry/RCA will be starting on Monday, Oct 3rd at 6:30 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 2nd.

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**.

Faith Formation starts September 18th. Please call Judi if you haven't registered. If you know of a child entering kindergarten or 1st grade who should be registering for classes, please invite their family to register their child.

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday at the 10:15 Mass. Please join us in praying for all those involved in the ministry of catechesis and for all our families.

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

Payments are always being accepted for Faith Formation.

Sunday, October 2, after the 10:15 mass

The Spiritual Life Committee will host a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Grace, (located on the upper campus next to our Parish offices). The procession will start immediately after 10:15am mass. 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 for more information.

St. Mary of the Hills Parish is holding a parish Flea Market on:
Sunday, Sept 18 9:00 – 1:00

The Respect Life Committee of Holy Cross Church in E. Templeton will host a presentation on Physician- Assisted Suicide by former parishioner Matthew Valliere of the Patients Right Action Council on Tues, Sept 20 at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Q&A will follow presentation and light refreshments will be served.

Polish Fall Festival at our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. Saturday, October 1 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday Oct 2 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, hall under the church at 34 Ward St. Worc. Homemade Polish Food & Baked Goods, Raffles, Games of Chance, Crafts, Attic Treasure and much more. Sunday am All you can eat pancake breakfast 7 – 10. Rain or shine, free admission. More info call 508-755-5959

Pastor's Notes:

This week I want to draw your attention to a few liturgical updates in progress. First, you might have noticed the vigil light hanging in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The light originally hung in Saint Mary's church and was donated by parishioners some years ago. Second, I plan to have the marble baptismal font that is currently in storage, moved to the church and placed in front of Our Lady. It might be moved to another location later, but I want us to see how it looks and get your input first. Also, I would like to draw your attention to our tower. If you have a chance in the coming weeks, check it out from Church Street, and from Prospect Street. –once you look at it, I am sure you will know where this is going. As in all things, I welcome feedback, positive, negative, or neutral.

Peace,
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 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

Annual Life Chain: Sunday, October 2 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm. This prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations: Elm Park, Worcester, Denny's on Lincoln St., Worcester, and White City, Shrewsbury. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Louise at 508-756-1150.

Woman's Retreat: The Ladies' Guild of Sacred Heart/St. Catherine of Sweden is hosting their annual Women's Retreat on Sat. Oct 22 from 9:00 am – noon concluding with lunch. The presenter will be Martha Tower on "Knowing who we were created to be." A donation of \$10.00 is requested. Reservations can be made by calling the rectory at 508-752-1608 or Jo Luikey at 508-755-2300 by Monday, Oct 17.

Boy Scout Rally: Sunday, Sept 18th 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.

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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 17 4:30 pm Shirley Quattrucci (1 st Anniv) by Adam Cormier & Family
Sunday, September 18 8:00 am Lizzy Johnson by the de Leon Family 10:15 am Elizabeth Monfette(1 st Anniv) by her Children
Monday, September 19 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, September 20 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Class of 1957 by Classmates
Wednesday, September 21 8:00 am Blanche & Francis Hemenway by their Children
Thursday, September 22 8:00 am Raymond Ethier by his wife Louise
Friday, September 23 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 24 4:30 pm Rita Lamoureux by Paul & David
Sunday, September 25 8:00 am Edward Delongchamp by his Wife & Children 10:15 am Ann Docwra by Al & Mimi Shedyak

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 18	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Family Mass/Catechetical Sunday
1:00 to 5:00 pm	Boy Scout Rally
Monday, September 19	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, September 20	
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, September 21	
Thursday, September 22	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 23	
Saturday, September 24	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, September 25	

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 (25th, 50th, 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