

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, Mary Lou Stankiewicz, Peter Lacroix, Jean Wheeler, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Al Shedyak, Joyce Sweet, Bob Peluso, Roberta Bernard, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Donald Williams, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Paula King, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, 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, 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 17 & 18

Envelopes	\$4,832.00
Loose	\$ 717.25
Total collection	\$5,549.25
Number of envelopes	191
Attendance	485

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

Muffin Mix

Inquiry/RCIA 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?

ƿƿ: We will be starting a 7:00 pm Sunday mass beginning on Sunday, October 2nd.

First Saturday Eucharistic Exposition Schedule, October 1,

MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 8:00AM. CONFESSIONS FOLLOWING MASS. EXPOSITION THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CONFESSIONS 3:00 PM. BENEDICTION 4:00PM. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A TIME TO PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The 26th 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. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at **508-885-3111 Ext.105**.

Faith Formation has started. 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.

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.

Spiritual Life Ministry Committee

- Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Grace, after mass on Sunday, Oct 2 (located on the upper campus next to our Parish offices). The procession will start immediately after 10:15am mass.
- Morning of Reflection, Wednesday, October 26, Speaker will be Fr. Peter Joyce, Missionary of Mercy more information to follow
- EWTN Fall Schedule (Charter, Channel 18) is available at the Church entrances or call 1-205-271-2900 and request the 4-page complete schedule or go to www.ewtn.com
- We welcome anyone to attend our meeting. Volunteers are needed for different projects or events. Please call Suzanne Lamoureux at 508-885-0084 or Louise Ethier at 508-885-4630.

Miramar Retreat Center retreat offerings in Oct.

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.

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

Next Weekend, October 1 & 2, we will be taking up a second collection for the Flood Victims in Louisiana. Please consider a donation to this worthy cause



September 25, 2016

Pastor's Notes:

How does one measure the spiritual health of a parish? Or, how does one measure their own spiritual health? There is no easy answer to these questions. I believe Saint Augustine said something like "The only one who knows a person's relationship with God, is God and the person himself/herself. And then only God knows for sure." I believe the spiritual health of our parish is very good, we have so many good and kind people, we have good outreach, and above all we have a good worshiping community. But, nonetheless it is worthwhile for each of us to ask ourselves, "What is my spiritual health?" For me, I find that my spirituality is always stronger when I am faithful to regular personal prayer. Unfortunately, I can allow so many things to distract me from my prayer, meetings, preparing a homily, etc., etc. And I know each of you has as many and even more distractions. It is with this reality in mind that I encourage you (and myself) to be faithful to regular private prayer.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

Liturgy Team: Meeting Monday Sept 26, 6:30

Our first meeting will be this Monday, September 26 @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Sandwiches will be provided.

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 please join us. Prayers shawls are given upon request, if you know of someone in need, please contact 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.

Blessing of Animals: Sunday, October 2 at 1:00, Sacred Heart – St. Catherine of Sweden Church, 600 Cambridge St., Worcester, MA. Each pet 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 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
Monday, September 19 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, September 20 8:00 am Abraham & Naomi St. John by Elaine & Family
Wednesday, September 21 8:00 am Helen Frelick by her Family
Thursday, September 22 8:00 am Alberta Richard by Roland & Robert Richard
Friday, September 23 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 24 4:30 pm Fr. James Mayo (Birthday Remembrance) by his Family
Sunday, September 25 8:00 am Pamela Sanborn (17 th Anniv) by her Family 10:15 am Mark & Teresa Doray (35 th Wedding Anniversary)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 25	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am	Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, September 26	
10:00 am 6:30 pm	Food Pantry OPEN Liturgy Team Meeting
Tuesday, September 27	
9:30 am 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Letter Writing Ministry Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 - 8
Wednesday, September 28	
Thursday, September 29	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 30	
Saturday, October 01	
8:00 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm	First Saturday Mass/Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Confessions Benediction
Sunday, October 02	
10:15 am 11:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word Rosary Procession

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

