

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Vincent Puchalski and Rita Anderson. 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, Al Shedyak, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Dawn McDonald, Pat Benoit, Michael Jette, Mary Lou Stankiewicz, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Sauris, and Linda Choinard.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS NOV. 19 & 20

Envelopes	\$5,025.00
Loose	\$ 591.25
Total collection	\$5,616.25
Number of envelopes	179
Attendance	

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 Cream of Mushroom Soup

Fall Calendar Raffle Winners:

Nov. 18	Maggie Paul	75.00
Nov. 19	Suzanne Hanson	50.00
Nov. 20	Kate Masterson	100.00
Nov. 21	Jill Cote	75.00
Nov. 22	David & Claire Sauvageau	50.00
Nov. 23	Sophie Antas	50.00
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FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

December 3, 2016 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00am. Confessions following mass. Exposition will be starting at the end of mass and continuing throughout the day until 4:00 pm. Confessions 3:00 - 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm. If you wish to participate there is a sign up sheet in the sacristy.

Intensive Training for Catholic Evangelization. "Sent to Share God's Mercy & Message" is open to all who are interested. Develop practical skills for sharing our Catholic faith and the message of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life, organizations, groups, ministries and our parish. Six Saturday training sessions over five months. Begins January 21, 2017 from 9 - 2 at St. Ann Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. \$60.00 per person. Sessions include: prayer, presentations, readings, small group sharing, skills-training, practice and "people" homework. \$60.00 per person. Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization. Registration and payment due by January 6, 2017.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-5:00
Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Schedule this week:

Sunday	9:00 - 10:00 am	Grades K - 6
Sunday	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Grades 9 - 11
Tuesday	7:00 - 8:15 pm	Grades 6 - 8 (Drop-in @ 6:30)

Parent Meeting: for parents of 2nd grade students preparing to receive their first Reconciliation: Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 7:00 pm. Babysitter available upon request.

Experience the Spirit of Advent: [RedeemedOnline](http://RedeemedOnline.com) #ShareJesus offers short video clips for you to reflect and comment on. Look up the RedeemedOnline facebook page, find them on youtube, or at <http://redeemedonline.com/sharejesus/> [Dynamic Catholic](http://DynamicCatholic.com) offers short emails messages to reflect on as you prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Sign up at http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/#bae_sign_up

1st Sunday of Advent we will be having our Annual Spiritual Secret Santa at each mass and the Giving Tree will be up for you to take a tag and buy a gift.

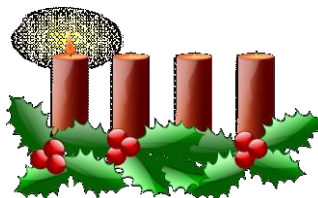
OPERATION UNDERCOVER: Bob & Carol McPherson will again be collecting new packages of adult underwear for homeless shelters. This is the 27th year that they will be delivering these items to Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, Abby's House and Jeremiah's Inn. These donations will be delivered the week before Christmas and may be left at the McPherson's home on 125 Pleasant St., Spencer or left in the box in the sacristy. Thank you!!!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016 9:00 - 3:00

Crafts, Cookies, Meatball Sandwiches, Hot Dogs
Religious Items, Poinsettias

We are looking for donations of Gift baskets to raffle off at the Christmas Bazaar. Please drop them off at the office by Thursday, December 1

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
Matthew 24:42



Pastor's Notes:

What is Advent?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' In the Catholic Church, Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. But the exact origins of Advent are unknown. Since an actual date for celebrating the Nativity was not established until the end of the fourth century, it is very unlikely that Advent was celebrated in any consistent or formal way before that. A Synod held in 590 established that Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from November 11th (Saint Martin's Day) until the Nativity would be offered according to the Lenten rite. This and other traditions, such as fasting, show that the period of time now established as the Advent season was more penitential (similar to Lent) than the liturgical season as we know it today. Why this Lenten theme? The New Catholic Encyclopedia states that, "during Advent, the faithful are asked: to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love; thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace: and, thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world."

As we begin Advent and a new Liturgical Year this Sunday, let us be aware of this season of Advent as a time of preparation and anticipation for the Nativity of our Lord, the moment when God became flesh and dwelled among us, fully human and fully Divine. During this time, many of us will be preparing our homes for Christmas, let us also prepare our minds and hearts as worthy places to receive the Christ Child.

Fr. Bill

Fr. Ralph A DiOrio will be conducting a session of simple Inspirational Messages on Love and Healing, Evangelization and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass on Tuesday, November 29th 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. Please call (508) 832-7890 for more information visit our website: www.rdohealingministry.org.....



Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 26 4:30 pm Pauline Guibord by Jean Wheeler
Sunday, November 27 8:00 am David Petruzzi (25 th Anniv) by his Family 10:15 am Robert Lamoureux (26 th Anniv) by Elaine & Family 7:00 pm Fr. Philip D. McNamara
Monday, November 28 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, November 29 8:00 am For all Holy Souls
Wednesday, November 30 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Kallio Family by Nancy
Thursday, December 1 8:00 am All who are Homeless
Friday, December 2 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, December 3 4:30 pm David & Michael Lapierre by Cynthia & Debbie
Sunday, December 4 8:00 am Therese Johnson by Claire & Don Arsenault 10:15 am Richard & Sheila Grogan by the Family 7:00 pm All Deceased members of our Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 27 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Giving Tree Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Baptism at mass Faith Formation – High School
Monday, November 28 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Food Pantry OPEN Liturgy Meeting
Tuesday, November 29 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, November 30 7:00 pm	Reconciliation Meeting - Parents
Thursday, December 1	
Friday, December 2	
Saturday, December 3 9:00 – 3:00 3:30 pm	First Saturday Eucharistic Exposition CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Confessions
Sunday, December 4 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation – High School

