

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Michael Jette and Pierre Beford, Sr.. 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, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, and Linda Choinard.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS DEC 3 & 4

Envelopes	\$6,324.00
Loose	\$ 618.20
Total collection	\$6,942.20
Number of envelopes	
Attendance	475

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 Canned Onions for Green Bean Casserole

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

January 7, 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.

The Christian Community Choir is made up of singers from many area churches, including 5 of our own parishioners. They will be performing the Cantata, "**Christmas is Forever**":

Sunday, Dec 18th 4:00 pm East Brookfield Baptist Church
Sunday, Jan 8th 2:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield
Sunday, Jan 15th 2:00 pm Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton

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)

GLOW Babysitting Fundraiser Sunday December 18th 1 - 5 pm
\$15.00 per child - \$40.00 for a family of 3 or more. Games, snacks, Santa & more.....Please call Judi at 508-885-3111 ext 105 to reserve a spot by Dec. 14th.....

Grandparents Day, Sunday December 18th. 1st grade students are inviting their grandparents (and parents) to come for a Christmas Celebration. Come for class at 9:00 to hear the kids sing, do a craft & tell stories then join them for Mass at 10:15 & Coffee shop after.....

Experience the Spirit of Advent: [RedeemedOnline #ShareJesus](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/best-advent-ever/#bae_sign_up) 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

Spiritual Secret Santa, remember to pray for your family during Advent and the week of Christmas send a card to let the family know who has been praying for them.

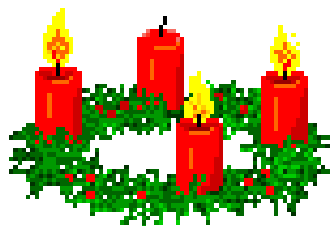
OPERATION UNDERCOVER: Bob & Carol McPherson will again be collecting new packages of adult underwear for homeless shelters. This is the 27th year that they will be delivering these items to Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, Abby's House and Jeremiah's Inn. These donations will be delivered the week before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

Giving Tree: 12:00 noon today!

ALSO: IF YOU HAVE TAKEN A BLUE STOCKING TAG PLEASE DO NOT WRAP IT, JUST ATTACH THE TAG TO THE GIFT. THANK YOU.

All other tags should be wrapped with the tag securely attached. Gifts need to be brought back no later than 12:00 noon TODAY, Sunday, December 11. Gift distribution begins at 3:00if you do not bring back your gift on time, we have to go out and purchase a replacement.....

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8





With the hustle and bustle of the Season, don't forget to take time to relax, take some time for yourself, spend time with family and friends, spend time in quiet reflection and remember to enjoy this Advent Season.

The choirs are looking for new members to help proclaim God's word in song.....Just show up at mass and introduce yourself to the choir director and have fun....

This weekend we will be having a second collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift to the Fund helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous to next week's second collection

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be happening Jan 20 – 22 and March 12 – 19, 2017 for more information please call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org

"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will be open to the youth of our parish, there are 3 age divisions; 5 – 7, 8 – 10 and 11 – 14. Please see Judi Brennan for the Contest Entry Form and rules.

Volunteer to help those in need. Would you like a rewarding experience assisting families in need? If so Catholic Charities is looking for you... Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple projects throughout the year. Contact Maydee Morales, Emergency Stabilization Services/ Homeless Prevention Coordinator at mmorales@ccworc.org or call 508-862-2206

Christmas Food Baskets: The Food Pantry is looking for people to help provide food for the food baskets given out at Christmas. They are looking for Turkey, Turkey Breast, Roasting Chickens, Ham, Potatoes, Vegetables, Stuffing, Etc. please call the office and let us know what you are able to bring. Basket distribution is Saturday, Dec 17th

Cleaning the church for Christmas. We will be polishing up the church for Christmas on Friday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. Please consider helping with this task. Bring your rags and elbow grease. Thank you in advance!!!!



Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 10 4:30 pm Barbara McKeon by the Family
Sunday, December 11 8:00 am Fr. James Mayo (8 th Anniv) by his Family 10:15 am Gerturde Stevens by Al & Mimi Shedyak 7:00 pm For Victims of Tragic Fires
Monday, December 12 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, December 13 8:00 am All the homeless
Wednesday, December 14 8:00 am Richard Berthiaume by Sylvia & Family
Thursday, December 15 8:00 am George & Elsie Ethier by their daughter Theresa
Friday, December 16 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, December 17 4:30 pm Paul Grandmont (11 th Anniv) by his loving Daughters
Sunday, December 18 8:00 am Deceased Members of the King Family by Mark & Teresa Doray 10:15 am Joshua Hicks by Ralph & Tina Hicks 7:00 pm Fr. Philip D. McNamara

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 11 9:00 am 10:15 am 3:00 – 5:00 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Giving Tree Pick up Faith Formation – High School
Monday, December 12 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, December 13 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, December 14 5:30 – 6:30 pm	Monthly Meal – Assorted Soups
Thursday, December 15	
Friday, December 26	
Saturday, December 17 8:00 – 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm	Christmas Basket food drop off Basket Pick up – Elderly Basket Pick up – All Others Confessions
Sunday, December 18 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Family Mass Faith Formation – High School