

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially all victims of senseless 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, 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

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS DEC 31 & JAN 1

Envelopes	\$3,888.00
Loose	\$ 461.40
Total collection	\$4349.40
Number of envelopes	134
Attendance	355

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 Hearty Soups

A Call for Alter Servers

If you are 10 years of age or older and would like to be an alter server, please sign up at any door to the church or call the office.

A Call for Lectors

If you are interested in being a Lector at Mass, please sign up at the doors of the church or call the office – any age is welcome and younger members are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

A Call for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are interested in the possibility of being a "Eucharistic Minister" please sign up at the doors of the church or call the office. One must be a regular participant in the Sacraments, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and over the age of 18.

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 are 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:

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES.
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 15, 2017**

Catechist Meetings this week during regular class times.

Youth Ministry Night next Sunday, Jan. 15th for all high school classes.
Class will run from 5 – 8:00

Winter Vacation Bible School: This year Faith Formation will be offering a mini-VBS during February vacation from school. Registration forms are at the doors of the church for anyone interested. Feb. 21st – Feb. 23rd (snow day Feb. 24th)

Winter VBS Scholarships: donations are being taken if anyone would like to help families send their children to our winter VBS, please send a check made out to Mary Queen of the Rosary and mark the note line with VBS Scholarship. \$30 per child for the regular day and \$60 for the extended day.

Meeting for VBS helpers: who will be helping at the Winter VBS – Monday, Jan. 9th in the hall from 7-8:00 pm.

Vital 3.0 Meeting: Wed., Jan. 11th, 6:30-8:00. Come for the dinner and we'll meet right after. Bring your binders with you.

ILLUMINATE EVENT: join St. Joseph's Parish, Charlton, on Sunday Jan. 29th from 6:30-8:00pm for worship music, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and inspirational speakers from Focus missionary, from UConn. You may also join Mass at 5 and pizza after Mass. If you will be joining for pizza email Deacon Bill Shea at wshea26677@aol.com NO CHARGE!

Prayer Partners: Judi is looking for people to pray for the Confirmation class as they begin their final preparations before being confirmed. If you would like to offer your prayers for one of these young adults please contact Judi. We have 24 Confirmands who need prayer partners for this year.

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

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

A message from Fr. Bill

Happy New Year

I hope and pray that this year will be filled with many blessings for our Parish and for each and every one of you. January 1, marks six months since my arrival at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish. During that time I have had the joy of meeting many of you, and I have learned a great deal about the spiritual and practical life of the parish. There is still much for me to learn, but one thing I am sure of at this point is that a parish of this size and complexity needs many talented people to help it function and grow, a pastor (or administrator) cannot and should not do it all on his own. There are two very important leadership groups that are intended to help a parish nurture its spiritual life and strengthen its financial life, A Finance Committee and a Parish Pastoral Council. Currently we have a successful and dedicated Finance Committee, but I believe our parish will be greatly enhanced by a Parish Pastoral Council. I would like more input and help from the many talented people we have among us, and so I am announcing that over the coming months I would like, with your help, to form a Parish Pastoral Council. I have placed at each door descriptions of both groups so you can see the differences. At this point all I am asking is that you prayerfully look at these documents and think about and talk about whom might be a good member of the Parish Pastoral Council. In the coming weeks we will have more discussions about the importance of a Parish Pastoral Council.

Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION February 4, 2017 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 signup sheet in the sacristy.

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

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....

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" Matthew 2:11 B



The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 7 4:30 pm Lucille Gilman (3 rd Anniv) by her daughter Michelle
Sunday, January 8 8:00 am Therese Johnson Birthday Remembrance by Celine Benoit 10:15 am Eva & Eugene Campbell by their Daughter 7:00 pm Ernestine Berthiaume by George & Marilyn Gouin
Monday, January 9 8:00 am Leon & Loretta Goodreau by their Family
Tuesday, January 10 8:00 am Michelle Casavant (2 nd Anniv) by Mom
Wednesday, January 11 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Thursday, January 12 8:00 am For the homeless
Friday, January 13 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, January 14 4:30 pm Emile Lamoureux by his Paul
Sunday, January 15 8:00 am Marie & Steve Natale by the Family 10:15 am For the People of Parish 7:00 pm Fr. Philip F. Santonoceto

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 8 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop Open NO Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Catechist Meeting Children's Liturgy of the Word NO Faith Formation – High School
Monday, January 9 10:00 am	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, January 10 4:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Catechist Meeting NO Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6 NO Drop In NO Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 Catechist Meeting
Wednesday, January 11 8:45 am 5:30 – 6:30 pm	Spiritual Life Ministry Monthly Meal
Thursday, January 12 10:00 am	Food Pantry Open
Friday, January 13	
Saturday, January 14 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, January 15 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:00 – 8:00 pm	Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation – Youth Ministry Night

January 8, 2017