

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week, especially Jeremy Hayes. 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, 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 JANUARY 14 & 15

Envelopes	\$ 6,315.00
Loose	\$ 572.00
Total collection	\$ 6,915.00
Number of envelopes	227
Mass Attendance	414

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

Beef Stew

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.

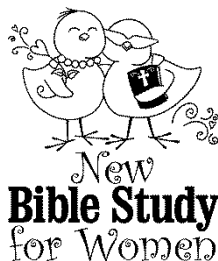
A Call for Lectors

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.

Women's Bible Study "Follow Me, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". Beginning in February, please see insert for information



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)

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.

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 a few more people to pray for the Confirmation students before being confirmed. If you would like to pray for one of these young adults please contact Judi. We have 24 Confirmands who need you 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

Adult Confirmation Information:

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic Adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed? The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 12 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 29 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, Ct. If interested please contact Fr. Bill for more information

Pastoral Council: We will be having a series of Parish Meetings over the next 2 months to further explore starting a Pastoral Council.

There will be a Parish wide meeting next Sunday, January 29th at 4:00 pm in the church hall for anyone interested in gaining more information on what a Pastoral Council is, the requirements and role of a parish council.

Future meetings will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 4:00
Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 pm

We will try very hard to keep this meeting to one hour.

A message from Fr. Bill

To bow or not to bow

Traditionally, there are several times we bow during the liturgy (Mass). The priest and ministers bow when entering the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass, we also bow just before receiving communion. And, as a child I was taught to bow my head anytime I or others spoke the name of Jesus during prayer. Some of this observance has been lost in recent years. There are two types of bows, a profound bow from the waist and a simple bow of just the head. At the entrance to the sanctuary at the beginning of Mass we give a profound bow, but just before receiving communion or at the name of Jesus, we make a simple bow of the head. These bodily gestures are signs of reverence and respect as well as an expression of our internal respect for what we are saying or doing. One other time we bow is during the creed at the words "became flesh and dwelt among us." But why do we bow. We just celebrated Christmas, the event when God became just like one of us, human in our flesh yet also divine. We believe the incarnation (the birth of Christ) is the most important event in human history, and we are deeply thankful, humbled, and respectful of God coming among us to redeem us of our sins by his suffering, death, and resurrection. This is why we bow during the creed and other times during Mass or prayer.

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.

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....

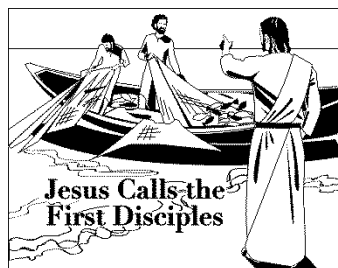
Parade of Soups in Oxford

Parade of Soups event will be held on Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm in the St. Roch Church Hall, 332 Main Street, Oxford. \$8.00 per person includes a bowl to sample and savor a variety of soups, stews and chowders. The meal also includes bread, beverage and dessert. Tickets are available at the door.

Open Houses

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street Worcester, Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm PreK – 7 508-791-6496

Our Lady of the Angels School, 1220 Main Street Worcester Sunday February 2nd from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool – 8 508-752-5609 or www.ourladyoftheangels.us



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 21 4:30 pm David Durgin (1 st Anniv) by his Friends
Sunday, January 22 8:00 am For all homeless people 10:15 am Deceased Members of our Parish 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, January 23 8:00 am
Tuesday, January 24 8:00 am
Wednesday, January 25 8:00 am Jay Gordon by the Food Pantry
Thursday, January 26 8:00 am Elsie Ethier by her daughter Theresa
Friday, January 27 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, January 28 4:30 pm Rena Snow (6 th Anniv) by her Family
Sunday, January 29 8:00 am 10:15 am For the People of the Parish 7:00 pm

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 22 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
Monday, January 23 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, January 24 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, January 25	
Thursday, January 26 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, January 27	
Saturday, January 28 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, January 29 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

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

January 22, 2017