

## Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Mark Sweet. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to his family and pray that he will rest in peace.

### Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, 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, Hannah Laythe, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Penhallow, Pauline Casavant, Judy Wilson

## OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 11 & 12

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| Envelopes           | \$ 4,075.00 |
| Loose               | \$ 424.55   |
| Total collection    | \$ 4,499.55 |
| Number of envelopes | 154         |
| Mass Attendance     | 356         |

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

### Apple Juice

## Women's Bible Study

"Follow Me, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" continues on Tuesday's 6:30-8pm in the church hall.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference at Assumption College.** Men of all ages, including teens and college students are invited to this important annual Conference, being held on Saturday, April 1. Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders:

Starting Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup> (**Ash Wednesday**) we will be holding weekly **Lenten Meals** to be hosted by some of the ministries of our parish. Please join us for dinners. **Ministries, please help us by hosting a meal, call the office to sign up.**

**Contribution Statements** went out, if you did not receive one and need one please call the office and we will get one to you.

**Food and Fuel calendar raffle** went out late this week please remember to send in your entries..Additional calendars at the doors of the church or in the office



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Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family

## 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](mailto:jbrennan@parishmail.com)

### Schedule this week: No Classes this week, Feb. Vacation

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

**Winter Vacation Bible School will begin this Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** Please pray for the success of this program as we play and have fun learning about Jesus! If you did not get a chance to register your child you can do so on the first day. Flyers with more information are at the doors of the church. If anyone would like to help with food/snacks donations please ask Ken or Judi on what we need. Make sure to check out the pictures at the doors of the church.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** will be happening March 12 - 19 South Kingston, RI. and June 10 - 11 in Medway, MA. For more information please call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org)

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

Meeting will be held Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
We will try very hard to keep this meeting to one hour. Meeting in the church hall.

### Boy Scout Troop 201 SPAGHETTI DINNER.....

**Saturday, February 25 in the church hall. 5:30 - 7:30 pm**  
**Tickets ADVANCE PRICE: Adults \$10.00, Sr.'s and 10 and under \$8.00.**  
**Purchase at the door \$2.00 per ticket more. Call Ken @ 774-745-0335**  
For advance tickets.

- Homemade Meatballs
- Choice of Pasta
- Italian Sausage optional
- Dessert & drink
- Cake Auction
- Silent Auction

### Save the Date!!!

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> in the hall.**  
More info to come, tickets on sale beginning in March.....  
We will be looking for people to help cook, decorate, set up, serve and clean up.....please call the office to volunteer...

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!** We are looking to make a list of volunteers that we can call on to help us with some projects in the office during the year. This might include things like stuffing envelopes, putting stamps on things, making copies. Please call the office and let us know if you want to be on this list.

**"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44**

## A message from Fr. Bill

It's not Lent ...yet  
Lent is upon us in just a little over a week, so it's not too early to start thinking about what this Lent will mean to us personally. Some of us have experienced more Lenten seasons than we might like to count, and others of us are just starting to learn what Lent is all about. For myself, sometimes I can focus too much on the process of Lent and not enough on what I want it to mean for me more long term. Saint Benedict tells his monks that they should observe a continuous Lent, but he quickly admits that such expectations are just not practical, and so it is true for us as well. Instead, he recommends we should increase our prayer and service to others, while reducing our food and drink, and idle talk and jesting. He also prescribes that everyone should be given some spiritual reading so as to help nourish the mind and spirit. Over the years, I have found this last suggestion to be the most helpful. As we approach Lent, I recommend giving some thought to what you hope for during this holy season, and what might be most helpful to increase your personal and spiritual growth.

Peace, Fr. Bill

### FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

March 5, 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 sign-up sheet in the sacristy.

### Open Houses

**Notre Dame Academy is inviting all current seventh grade and transfer students to spend an academic day at NDA through May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact the Office of Admissions at 508-757-6200, Ext. 229 or email [admissions@nda-worc.org](mailto:admissions@nda-worc.org). NDA is the only Catholic, college preparatory school for young women in Central Massachusetts. Please visit the website at [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org) to learn more.**

### AREA EVENTS:

**Sterling Theater** will be presenting a **20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Show** highlighting the shows they have done over the last 20 years, on February 24, 25 at 7:30 & 26 at 2:00 at the First Church in Sterling, tickets are \$22.00 in Advance, go to [www.sterlingtheatre.com](http://www.sterlingtheatre.com)..... You might even see a familiar face as part of the show.

**Celtic Celebration with Salisbury Singers** at the Armenian Church of Our Saviour Cultural Center in Worcester, 34 Boynton St. on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. A cabaret-style concert will feature a wide range of Irish folk tunes and tenor Brendan Carroll.. visit [www.salisburysingers.com](http://www.salisburysingers.com) to learn more.

**Discernment Retreat** with Bishop McManus. Have you ever thought of a Vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, will be held on April 7 & 8, Beginning at 6:00 pm Friday and ending at 6:00 pm Saturday. Retreat Held at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost, and transportation is provided is needed. Visit [Worcestervocations.com](http://Worcestervocations.com) for more info or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone At [jmazzone@charter.ner](mailto:jmazzone@charter.ner) or phone him at 508-340-5788.

## Mass Schedule

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| <b>Saturday, February 18</b><br>4:30 pm Memere & Lucille Gobi by the Family  |
| <b>Sunday, February 19</b><br>8:00 am For the People of the Parish<br>10:15 am Helen Frelick (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Jim & Family<br>7:00 pm |
| <b>Monday, February 20</b><br>8:00 am The Moreau Family by Diane   |
| <b>Tuesday, February 21</b><br>8:00 am   |
| <b>Wednesday, February 22</b><br>8:00 am   |
| <b>Thursday, February 23</b><br>8:00 am Elen McCourt by Suzanne  |
| <b>Friday, February 24</b><br>8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>   |
| <b>Saturday, February 25</b><br>4:30 pm Clients of the Food Pantry   |
| <b>Sunday, February 26</b><br>8:00 am For the People of the Parish<br>10:15 am Thomas J. Hicks by Ralph & Tina<br>7:00 pm                        |

## Calendar of Events

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| <b>Sunday, February 19</b>            | <b>Dominican Sister's Bake Sale<br/>Coffee Shop Open</b>   |
| 9:00 am<br>10:15 am<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm | <b>NO Faith Formation Grades K – 6<br/>Children's Liturgy of the Word<br/>NO Faith Formation – High School</b> |
| <b>Monday, February 20</b>            | <b>OFFICE CLOSED – HOLIDAY</b>   |
| 10:00 am<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm            | <b>Food Pantry CLOSED<br/>Altar Server Training</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, February 21</b>           | <b>Vacation Bible School</b>   |
| 6:30 pm<br>6:30 – 8:00 pm<br>7:00 pm  | <b>Drop In<br/>Women's Bible Study<br/>Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, February 22</b>         | <b>VBS</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, February 23</b>          | <b>VBS</b>   |
| 10:00 am                              | <b>Food Pantry CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Friday, February 24</b>            |  |
| <b>Saturday, February 25</b>          | <b>COFFEE SHOP OPEN</b>  |
| 3:30 pm<br>5:30 – 7:30 pm             | <b>Confessions<br/>Boy Scout Troop 201<br/>Pasta Dinner - Hall</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, February 26</b>            | <b>Coffee Shop Open</b>  |
| 9:00 am<br>10:15 am<br>5:30 – 7:00 pm | <b>Faith Formation Grades K – 6<br/>Children's Liturgy of the Word<br/>Faith Formation Grades 9 &amp; 10</b>   |

