

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Pauline Penhallow and Claire Ledoux. 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, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Max Sandberg, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, 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, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MARCH 4 & 5**

Envelopes	\$4,848.00
Loose	\$1,603.00
Total collection	\$6,451.00
Number of envelopes	169
Mass Attendance	441

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.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK**  
Stuffing for Easter Food Baskets

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, you can also call Jim Pervier, the parish co-ordinator at 508-885-4517.

Next week's Lenten Meal will be hosted by the Faith Formation. The meal will be Assorted Soups, Dessert and beverage. Meal will be served from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jennifer McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Dinner**

*Favorite dishes from local restaurants*

Saturday, April 1, 2017 6 - 8 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall, Spencer

All proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund in memory of Jen

\$10 Advance tickets only by March 30<sup>th</sup>

Call Mary McLaughlin at 508-885-2256 or purchase using PayPal

At [www.Jam4Jen.com](http://www.Jam4Jen.com)

Catholic Charities Homecare Program is looking for aides to care for individuals in surrounding town to provide light housekeeping, laundry, shopping and personal care to clients. Paid training and a schedule to meet your needs. Please call 1-800-649-4364 for more 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](mailto:jbrennan@parishmail.com)

**Schedule this week:**

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)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be happening 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)

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!** Marth/Mary needs your help, we are looking for a few good people to co-ordinate these meals, make calls for food and volunteers to work. Please consider this amazing ministry....

**PIEROGI PARTY!!!!** We will be having a Pierogi Party on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am so that we will have plenty on hand to sell at this year's Bazaar. **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.....**Come have fun, learn how to make them, help others make them and sample the product. Please bring your rolling pin with you.....

Also the Polish Booth is looking for a Co-Chair to help organize and run the booth and Pierogi party please call the office to volunteer....

This year St. Patrick's Day falls on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Second Week of Lent, a day of abstinence, a dispensation has been granted for that day so that all may enjoy their Corned Beef, you are being asked to do another act of penance either the day before or the day after.

Our Beloved Pauline Penhallow, dedicated Chairman of the Prayer Line went to her God on Sunday, Pauline received hundreds of calls and listened to many of your needs from healing to job searching. She listened as you mourned, as you grieved, as you or your friends were in pain, much of the time while she was in great distress, suffering and in pain herself. She began her Ministry in 2013. Please keep Pauline and her family in your prayers

**PROJECT 351:** Cody Josti is an ambassador for 351 and doing this clothing drive which aids Cradle to Crayons. Donation boxes will be at the doors of the church starting on Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup> for new or gently used clothing for children sizes infant to adult medium.

**Enrichment Program Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent, consists of Videos and Discussion, contact Fr. Bill or Judi for more information.**

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

1	Catherine Kiritsy	Speedway 100.00
2	Ken Choquette	Mexicali 50.00
3	Michael Sliwoski	Walmart 50.00
4	Ed Ball	Speedway 50.00
5	Shannon McGinn	Chef Sau 50.00
6	Victoria Schlegel	Walmart 100.00
7	Norma Cormier	5 Loaves 50.00
8	Andrea Dupell	Cumbies 100.00
9	Blanche Delongchamp	Price Chopper 100.00



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

## A message from Fr. Bill

The Transfiguration of Christ is recorded in the first three Gospels, Mathew, Mark, and Luke. The fourth, John, does not recount the story, but John 1:14 could possibly be a reference to it: "We have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." This voice from heaven was heard before, at his baptism in the Jordan. The words were "You are my Son, the Beloved." In each case a cloud overshadows him. In all three gospels this Transfiguration scene comes just after Jesus predicted his suffering and death for the first time. Death, and even the thought of death brings the whole of one's life into a fine point of focus. But that point is not a fading into extinction; it is a moment of Transfiguration. In this lies the meaning of our own suffering too. Through our Lenten practices and sacrifices, we die to excesses and unneeded pleasure, a sort of death that brings our spiritual life into focus so that we might be transformed into more loving and accepting people.

Peace, Fr. Bill

### FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION APRIL 1, 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.

### Open Houses

Notre Dame Academy is hosting a Spring Open House for prospective students on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm. Students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. Please contact the admissions office 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.

**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 if needed. Visit [worcestervocations.com](http://worcestervocations.com) for more info or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone At [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or phone him at 508-340-5788.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef, Ham, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes, Salad, Desserts and Cash Bar. Dinner served at around 6:00 pm. The IRISH STEP DANCERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ENTERTAIN US.....ADULTS \$12.00, CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$6.00. Tickets available next week.....

**WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**...People to help Cook, Make Irish Soda Bread, Make Desserts, Serve, Set up, Decorate and Clean up. PLEASE call the office and let us know what you are able to help with, 508-885-3111

Please Note: We will begin our Spring Clean-up of the Cemetery soon and need all decorations to be removed from the grave lots by Saturday, April 1, 2017, this will make clean up much easier. We will dispose of decorations if they are not moved.

## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, March 11</b> 4:30 pm Edward Dobosz (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by his Family
<b>Sunday, March 12</b> 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:15 am Constance (Dumais) Holmes by her Children 7:00 pm Raymond W. Champagne by Barbara Mahoney
<b>Monday, March 13</b> 8:00 am The Ledoux Family by Diane
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b> 8:00 am
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b> 8:00 am Alice Benoit by Louise & Theresa Ethier 5:30 pm Laurie Toscano (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) by the LaPrad Family
<b>Thursday, March 16</b> 8:00 am Reginald "Shike" Gobi by the Family Birthday Remembrance
<b>Friday, March 17</b> 8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday, March 18</b> 4:30 pm John "Mike" Boyle (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv) by his Family
<b>Sunday, March 19</b> 8:00 am St. Joseph "Special Intention" by Helen Dobosz 10:15 am Richard Chabior (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) by his Wife 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	<b>Coffee Shop Open</b>
9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation – High School
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	
6:30 pm 6:30 – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Drop In Women's Bible Study Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	
9:00 – 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Biblical Walk Lenten Mass Lenten Meal – Assorted Soups
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
<b>Friday, March 17</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<b>COFFEE SHOP OPEN</b>
3:30 pm 5:30 – 9:00 pm	Confessions St. Patrick's Day Dinner
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>Coffee Shop Open</b>
9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 – 8:00 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Confirmation Retreat Faith Formation Grades 9 & 10



