

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially those who fall victim to natural disasters. 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, Regis Breault, 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 Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MARCH 11 & 12**

Envelopes	\$4,055.00
Loose	\$ 787.00
Total collection	\$6,308.25
Number of envelopes	176
Mass Attendance	344

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  
TURKEY GRAVEY FOR EASTER**

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 Knights of Columbus. The meal will be Shepherds Pie, 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....

**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**

10	Les & Michelle Holmes	Speedway \$50.00
11	Nancy Barrett	Country Spirits \$100.00
12	Mary Bigwood	Hannaford \$50.00
13	Joe Ledoux	Sunoco \$100.00
14	Stanley Nussey	Yamato \$50.00
15	Kim Bercume	Price Chopper \$50.00
16	Joanne Clough	Walmart \$100.00
17	Brian Bercume	Cumbies \$50.00

**Easter Cantata: "The Sacrifice"**, presented by the Ecumenical Community Choir will take place:  
April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm East Brookfield Baptist Church  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

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.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

## A message from Fr. Bill

This Sunday's Gospel is one of the best-loved passages in the New Testament. The setting and the imagery (water and bread) hold the story together and leads us, along with the Samaritan woman, to a deeper level. Bread and water (hunger and thirst) are simple things in themselves, but very essential to life! We soon realize that Jesus is speaking of a deeper hunger and thirst. Sometimes emptiness of the heart is an even more painful condition than physical hunger. Hunger and thirst will bring even enemies together. "Samaritans came to him and they asked him to stay with them." This is just the opposite of what one would expect; Jews were not welcome in Samaria. Some of us love to cook, and others love to eat (unfortunately I love both!). We might be experts at preparing food and nourishing ourselves and others. Some of us may even trade recipes because we know they will consistently produce a good meal for the body. Do you have any "recipes" that produce good food for the soul (both your own soul and the soul of others)? What might these "recipes" be? Are we willing to perfect them and share them with others?

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 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.

### PARTNER'S IN CHARITY

This weekend is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2017 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. This weekend every member of Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$43,000.00 (this is a reduction from last year's goal). Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

Altar Servers: The 2017 Altar Server Phone list is in the sacristy next to the schedules; please pick one up.....

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Mass Schedule

<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
<b>Monday, March 20</b> 8:00 am The Gordon Family by Jim Gordon
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b> 8:00 am Robert Fecteau (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by his Wife & Family
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b> 8:00 am Fred & Anette O'Coin by the Family 5:30 pm Nelson & Marion Agnew by the Family
<b>Thursday, March 23</b> 8:00 am Francis Moreau Jr. by his sister Louise
<b>Friday, March 24</b> 8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday, March 25</b> 4:30 pm Kaitlyn Langlois by Grama & Grampa
<b>Sunday, March 26</b> 8:00 am Lucas Lacaire (Birthday Remembrance) by his Family 10:15 am Stephen Sweet (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by his Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<b>Coffee Shop OPEN</b>
9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 – 5:00 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Confirmation Retreat Faith Formation – High School
<b>Monday, March 20</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
<b>Tuesday, March 21</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 22</b>	
9:00 – 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Biblical Walk Lenten Mass Lenten Meal – Shepherd's Pie
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
<b>Friday, March 24</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<b>COFFEE SHOP OPEN</b>
9:00 am 3:30 pm	Pierogi Party - Hall Confessions
<b>Sunday, March 26</b>	<b>Coffee Shop Open</b>
9:00 am 10:15 am 2:00 – 4:30 pm 7:00 – 8:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Family Mass 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat Faith Formation Grades 9 & 10

March 19, 2017

