

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Harold Dennis. 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, Simon Kibe, 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 18 & 19

Envelopes	\$3,838.00
Loose	\$ 584.85
Total collection	\$4,419.85
Number of envelopes	155
Mass Attendance	326

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

In the first week of the Partners in Charity appeal we are off to a very good start. We have received \$15,625 in gifts and pledges from 53 givers toward our goal of \$43,000. Every gift great and small enables the church to continue her works of charity, education, and pastoral ministry. THANK YOU for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK
Green Bean Casserole fixings, green beans, cream of mushroom soup and canned onions.

17th 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 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 Monthly Meal Ministry. The meal will be Baked Potatoes and Chili, Dessert and Beverage. Meal will be served from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

4th 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 30th
Call Mary McLaughlin at 508-885-2256 or purchase using PayPal
Tickets on sale after Masses this week
At www.Jam4Jen.com

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 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

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....

It is OFFICIAL our Annual International Bazaar will be held on Friday, June 9th and Saturday June 10th!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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 25th until April 2nd for new or gently used clothing for children sizes infant to adult medium.

RAFFLE WINNERS - Congratulations

18	Paul Burke	\$300.00
19	Bryan Bercume	Charlies Diner \$50.00
20	Terry Sullivan	Cumbies \$100.00
21	Bob & Sue Hanson	Country Inn \$50.00
22	Donna D'Amato	Sunoco \$50.00
23	Ryan Gauvin	Big Y \$100.00

Easter Cantata: "The Sacrifice", presented by the Ecumenical Community Choir will take place:
April 9th @ 3:00 pm East Brookfield Baptist Church
April 15th @ 3:00 pm Masonic Home, Charlton
April 23rd @ 3:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

WE will be having a Penance Service on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, there will be several priests including Msgr. John Doran and Fr. George Charland, available for you to go to confession to. Please join us for Supper before the service.

Fundraising Opportunity:

We will be partnering with Mexicali Mexican Grill here in Spencer to have a fundraiser to benefit our Boy Scout Troop 201. This Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, April 18th from Noon till 10:00 pm. All you have to do is get a coupon from us and go enjoy a good meal. Mexicali will donate 20 % of the total food sales to the parish....YOU MUST HAVE

A COUPON FOR US TO GET THE BENEFIT!!!!

Coupons will be available in the office and at the doors of the church next week.



A message from Fr. Bill

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the story that recounts Jesus giving sight to a man who was born blind. It is interesting to note that Jesus doesn't just give the man sight; rather He performs an action of putting mud on the man's eyes, and then gives the man the task of washing in a certain pool of water. So, there is a process that both Jesus and the man take part in. There also seems to be a process in the way the man comes to understand who Jesus is. The man who gained his sight is repeatedly questioned by the Pharisees. At first the man can only tell the Pharisees that it was a man named Jesus who opened his eyes, but slowly through the repeated process of questioning, the man comes to understand that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. There are many things to which we are blind in this life, both physical and spiritual. This time of Lent gives us a process by which we can gain more spiritual insight through the process of additional prayer, sacrifice, and fasting. It is a process that helps us to grow spiritually and "see" God's activity in our lives more clearly. Let us pray for one another that over these remain days of Lent we may grow in our awareness of Christ's activity in our lives and prepare ourselves to receive Him more fully at the Easter feast.

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.

Discernment Retreat with Bishop McManus

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. Visit worcestervocations.com for more info or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone

At jmazzone@charter.net or phone him at 508-340-5788.

Friday, April 7 has been announced as the official **GO BLUE DAY** for 2017 Child Abuse Prevention, and thousands of people will wear blue to show their support for children. Consider wearing blue to emphasize the critical importance of preventing child abuse and neglect and keeping children safe in our Diocese

FOOD PANTRY EASTER NEEDS:

Family to Family...Are you looking to sponsor a family for Easter? You can call Kathy Sullivan at 508-885-9828 and pick a family to sponsor.... Do you want to donate food? Please call the office at 508-885-3111 and let us know if you are able to bring, ham, turkey, chicken, vegetables, etc.....this is important as we need to go out and buy what doesn't come in.....

Please remember to pray for your family and all those in need.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday April 5th at 7:00 pm in the Benton Room.



LENT

4TH Sunday in Lev

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 25 4:30 pm Kaitlyn Langlois by Grama & Grampa
Sunday, March 26 8:00 am Lucas Lacaire (Birthday Remembrance) by his Family 10:15 am Stephen Sweet (18 th Anniv) by his Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, March 27 8:00 am Richard Chabior by Barbara & Rich Braney
Tuesday, March 28 8:00 am
Wednesday, March 29 8:00 am 5:30 pm All Victims of senseless violence
Thursday, March 30 8:00 am
Friday, March 31 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, April 1 4:30 pm Eida Dupras (1 st Anniv) by her Family
Sunday, April 2 8:00 am Jennifer McLaughlin by her Family 10:15 am Ronald Jette (5 th Anniv) by his Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 26	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 2:00 - 4:30 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Family Mass 1st Communion Retreat Faith Formation – High School
Monday, March 27	
10:00 am 6:30 pm	Food Pantry OPEN Liturgy Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 28	
12:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Drop In Women's Bible Study Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
Wednesday, March 29	
9:00 – 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Biblical Walk Lenten Mass Lenten Meal – Baked Potatoes and Chili
Thursday, March 30	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, March 31	
6:30 – 8:00 pm	1st Communion Rehearsal
Saturday, April 1	COFEE SHOP OPEN
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, April 2	Coffee Shop Open
9:00 am 5:30-7:00 pm 2:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Faith Formation- High School First Communion

March 26, 2017

