

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Edgar Boisjolie. 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, Jill Cote, Peter Lacroix, Regis Breault, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, 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 APRIL 15 & 16

Envelopes	\$ 4170.00
Loose	\$ 879.00
Total collection	\$ 5049.00
Easter Collection	\$3,537.00
Number of envelopes	259
Mass Attendance	638

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

The Partners in Charity appeal is off to a very good start. We have received \$32,802.00 in gifts and pledges from 140 givers and we are at 76.3% 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 GRAPE JELLY & MAYONNAISE

There will be Eucharistic Minister training, for old and new people, after each mass April 29 & 30. Also, a procedure sheet for Eucharistic Ministers is in the Sacristy for you to go over before then.

Meeting for Lectors on Sunday April 23rd at 6:30 pm. This meeting is for all Lectors, old and new.

Thank you to all who participated in the Mexicali Fundraiser.

Open House: Venerini Academy is holding their Spring Open House on Thursday, April 27 from 9 – 11 am, 27 Edward Street, Worcester 508-753-3210 ext. 7310. Or visit them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

St. Mary's Schools will hold a Spring Open House on May 6 from 10:00 am – noon. Come experience the spirit-filled community of St. Mary's Schools. Tours of the school and informational packets will be provided. For more information please call 508-753-1170 or visit their website at www.stmarysworcester.org. Come be part of their 100 year tradition.

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

Faith Formation is done until the fall.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW !!!!

Schedule for the 2017 – 2018 season will be:

Sunday	9 – 10	Grades K – 5
Sunday	5:30 – 7:00	Grades 9 – 11
Monday	4:45 – 6:00	Grades 2 – 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15	Grades 6 – 8

Grades 2 – 5 will only have 1 class on Sunday morning and one class on Monday afternoon. First Come, First Serve

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 please call the office to volunteer....

Easter Cantata: "The Sacrifice", presented by the Ecumenical Community Choir will take place:

April 15th @ 3:00 pm Masonic Home, Charlton

April 23rd @ 3:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

Pancake Breakfast - fundraiser

We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 23 from 8:30 – 12:00 as a fundraiser for the 6 high school students who will be going to Baltimore, MD for a Mission Trip in June. We will be serving Pancakes (plain, chocolate chip & blueberry), Bacon, Sausage, Fruit Cup, Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea & Cocoa. Cost \$5.00 per person, kids under 2 are Free.....

Career Opportunity: The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. We welcome bi-lingual applicants. For more information, please contact, Thomas Racine, General Agent at 508-346-1303 or thomas/racine@kofc.org "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth". Colossians 3:2

Knights of Columbus Museum recently opened World War I Beyond the Front Lines, an exhibition exploring America's involvement in the "Great War" including the K of C's Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. A series of public lectures is planned throughout the show. The museum, at 1 State Street in New Haven, is open 10 – 5 daily. Admission and parking are free. More information: kofcmuseum.org

The **Worcester Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting** will be honoring outstanding Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America Adult Leaders with a religious emblem for their exemplary service. Social time at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 and award ceremony to follow. All are invited; tickets must be purchased in advance by May 25 at <https://squareup.com/store/worcester-catholic-scouting>. Proceeds support the work of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.



A message from Fr. Bill

THE RISEN CHRIST COMES INTO OUR LIVES

In this week's Gospel Christ appears in the midst of the apostles, totally unexpected and in spite of locked doors and shuttered windows. The apostles, bewildered and confused are at the same time overjoyed to see the Lord. The presence of the Risen Lord gave them courage and strength to come out of a locked room, and change the world. Although this event took place centuries ago, Christ breaks into our lives even today in so many unexpected and inconvenient ways. We see Christ in the face of an orphaned child, or the emptiness of the hungry, and in the sad and confused face of the refugee. Christ also appears in the face of a child or grandchild who is overcome with joy and love when they greet us, and in a friend who gives us a loving hug, or the stranger who has a kind word or a helpful act. The Risen Christ breaks into our lives in so many ways and challenges us to respond with action and gratitude. I pray for you as I pray for myself that together we will see the face of the Risen Christ in the many ways He breaks into our lives and that we will have the courage to respond with action and thankfulness that will also change the world.

Peace, Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

MAY 6, 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 sign-up sheet in the sacristy.

BABY BOTTLE RETURN: Please remember to return the baby bottles you have been filling this Lenten Season for Visitation House. Your sacrifice this Lenten Season will help many women and children in need. Thank you for all you do.

The **2018 Mass Book** is now open for you to book your mass intentions for your loved ones. \$10.00 per mass...Call the office to get the date you want.

Save the Dates: The Spiritual Life Committee will be sponsoring a couple of events:

May 3 Morning of Reflection - Parish Hall

June 14 Pilgrimage to Fatima Shrine in Holliston

St. Thomas Moore Law School Scholarship... Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3,000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. For an application please visit

www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society or mail a request for an application to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester 01609, or call Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345

Divine Mercy Devotion in Auburn: All are invited to attend a Divine Mercy Devotion to be held at St. Joseph Church, 189 Oxford Street North, Auburn today, April 23rd at 3:00 pm. This celebration will include Adoration-Exposition-Evening Prayer-Praying of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary-Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy-Benediction and the Sacrament of Confession. For more information call the rectory at 508-832-2074

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 22

4:30 pm Lisa Burke (Birthday Remembrance) by Mom & Dad

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am Claire Ledoux by the Loftus Family

10:15 am Robert Snow (2nd Anniv) by the Family

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 24

8:00 am Dick Grogan (Birthday Remembrance) by Terry Grogan

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 am

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 am Kathy Lavoie by Nancy

Thursday, April 27

8:00 am

Friday, April 28

8:00 am **No Mass Today**

Saturday, April 29

4:30 pm Robert & Pauline Pecor by the Family

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am Rick (28th Anniv) & Dick (18th Anniv) Daoust by Barbara & Family

10:15 am Marianna, Andy & Jerry Fortin by the Family

7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23	Coffee Shop OPEN
8:00 am	
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm	
Monday, April 24	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, April 25	
Wednesday, April 26	
9:00 – 10:00 am	Morning Bible Study
Thursday, April 27	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, April 28	
Saturday, April 29	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, April 30	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Cemetery Crew and Parish would like to thank members of Boy Scout Troop 201 for volunteering 50 hours of community service doing spring cleanup in the Cemetery

Ever thought about placing your business ad on the bulletin cover? We will have several empty spaces on the next printing. A one square ad is only \$150.00 per year and is on the bulletin every week....call the office at 508-885-3111

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

