

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Joanne Emerson. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their family and pray that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Stevie Day, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Dawn McDonald, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS AUGUST 19 & 20

Envelopes
Loose
Total collection
Number of envelopes
Mass Attendance

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 Grape Jelly & Mayonnaise

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION SEPTEMBER 2, 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 4:00pm. Confessions 3:00 – 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm. If you wish to participate there is a sign up sheet in the sacristy.

Mass Schedules are available in the sacristy, on line and have been e-mailed to those of you who have provided the office with your e-mail address.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers please make sure to put down the dates you cannot serve in October; the list is in the Sacristy.....

Outreach Ministry: Carol St. John visits and brings communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. If you know of someone who needs a visit please call her at 508-885-3017 or 508-864-6323

Would you like to pray for those who are ill, those undergoing surgery, people looking for employment, etc.? The PRAYER LINE needs more people to pray. Receive the intentions via computer or telephone. Since its inception the PRAYER LINE has received well over 4,000 calls. To become a member please call Suzanne 508-885-008 or Louise 508-885-4360. If possible respond by Sept. 1.

Copies of "The Word Among us" are available at the doors of the church

The 21ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: 10:00 – 5:00

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00

Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Faith Formation classes begin in September.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!!!!

Schedule for the 2017 – 2018 year will be:

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	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

Catechist Meetings:

Tuesday, Sept 5 th	High School	7:00 PM
Tuesday, Sept 12	K – 8	7:00 PM

Faith Formation information:

Youth Ministry Night, Sunday, Sept. 10 for all High School students each with a parent 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes Begin Sunday, Sept 17th – please register your child/children. 54 Families still need to register....

Catechetical Sunday: Sept. 17th Commissioning of all catechists and all helpers at the 10:15 Mass

Faith Formation Needs for the Fall

- (1) Catechist for 9th grade, (2) for 10th grade 1 Sunday a month 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- (1) Catechist Grade 6, Tuesday evening 7:00 – 8:15
- Someone to organize Home School Students and keep in contact with them
- Someone to organize Prayer Partners for 2nd Grade and Confirmation Classes
- Someone (1 or 2 people) to work with Ken Choquette and the Jr. Youth Group implementing activities throughout the year.
- People to administer our Facebook Page
- Principals who will be present at a set class time to help run those class times. Field parent questions, direct the Secretaries who take attendance and make phone calls, make sure classes get the prepared hand-outs etc. (basically the stuff Mrs. Brennan does when she is there)

PICNIC PICNIC

Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10th 2017

Tickets available after all masses and in the parish office.

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life: A 30 week experience of Directed Prayer and Reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and 3 couples who are trained in Ignatian Prayer, starting October 1, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. Informational nights will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church in Northborough on August 27 at 6:00 pm. For more information visit www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home or email: worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462

August 27, 2017

A message from Fr. Bill

This week's Gospel marks a turning point in Saint Matthew's account of the life of Christ. From this point on, Jesus departs from Galilee and avoids the large crowds of people which He had formerly taught. Jesus asks the disciples who do people say He is? They tell Jesus that some think He is John the Baptist brought back to life or one of the prophets such as Jeremiah or the end time prophet Elijah. Then, Jesus addresses the apostles directly, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, speaking on behalf of the others, says what everyone who believes in Christ must profess, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Faith in the Lord's divinity is professed in words and, recited in the Creed, but those words must be made concrete in how we live and, by means of ongoing faith. This requires a sharing in the sacramental life of the Church which is the corporate work of all. Faith in the Son also demands faith in God: "If you know me, then you will also know my Father" (Jn 14:7). Peter's faith in Christ as the Messiah is the solid foundation upon which the faith of the Church is constructed. Yet, Christ alone is the invisible rock, whereas Peter is the visible stone and unique foundation. Regardless of his slowness to believe, his doubts or denials, Peter was assigned pride-of-place among the Twelve and the guardian of faith in Jesus as the Christ the Messiah.

Fr. Bill

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to their Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester on Sat. & Sun. September 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family. The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima". Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN Hosts. Bishop Robert McManus will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required. Log onto www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information

You will find the two-day EWTN Family Celebration schedule and speakers at the entrances of the Church along with the EWTN Fall Highlights and programming. Take the schedule and flier home. NOTE: Dates for the Family Celebration in Worcester in the fall flier are for the televised date of the event.

"The Alpha Course" at St. Richard in Sterling is being offered to anyone interested: active catholic, inactive Catholic, Protestant, Agnostic, Atheist, Not-Sure. It is made up of three components 1) Meal 2) A 25 minute movie style lesson; 3) A small group discussion. It is a place to talk, to ask questions, to share, about life and God. All opinions are respected, there is no judgement, just a safe place to be honest and consider these big issues. There is no cost, it is free. An informational dinner for anyone interested on Sunday, Sept 17th at 6:00 pm. Please call 978-422-8881 or email strichardsterling@comcast.net to let us know if you are coming.

Sunday, Sept 3 at 2:00 pm all are welcome to join in a celebration of the Twinning relationship between parishes in the Diocese of Worcester and the Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti. Bishop McManus will welcome Cardinal Chibly Langlois for Mass at 2pm at St. Joseph Church, 35 Hamilton St. Worcester with the Haitian Choir of Mattapan. A free dinner reception with a festive meal will follow at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Representatives of many of the parishes who are twinning with parishes and schools in Haiti will be on hand to share their experiences. For more info visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/Hatian-apostolate-1 or call Sr. Judith at 508-929-4328

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 pm in the Benton Room. We always need new members, so if you knit or crochet please consider joining this important ministry. Call Linda at 508-885-6557 for more information.



The 21ST Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 26 4:30 pm Lillian St. Onge (25 th Anniv) by Sylvia Little & Family
Sunday, August 27 8:00 am Carl Chojnacki (23 rd Anniv) by The Family 10:15 am Katherine Kaiser (4 th Anniv) by The Family
Monday, August 28 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Tuesday, August 29 8:00 am Arthur & Mary Lussier by Normand & Alice Vandale
Wednesday, August 30 8:00 am
Thursday, August 31 8:00 am Therese Johnson by Arlene & Ernie LeBeau
Friday, September 1 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 2 4:30 pm Rachel & Albert Gauthier by their Daughter
Sunday, September 3 8:00 am Glenn Martin by Dad, Mom & Sisters 10:15 am Hank Grenier (18 th Anniv) by The Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 27	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, August 28	
10:00 am 12:00 pm	Food Pantry CLOSED Staff Meeting
Tuesday, August 29	
Wednesday, August 30	
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 31	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 1	
Saturday, September 2	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, September 3	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

6th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish, Worcester for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm beginning Sept. 11.



There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care and to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. Homilists are Msgr. Thomas Sullivan, Bishop Robert J. McManus, Fr. Kenneth Cardinale, Fr. Dennis O'Brien, Fr. John Gavin, SJ., Fr. Frederick Fraini, Fr. Jose Rodriguez, Fr. Walter Riley and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. All are welcome to attend this Novena. If you wish to submit the name of a seriously ill person you can email Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"

Romans 11:35

August 27, 2017

Spiritual Support for those with Cancer. St. Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center is offering a support group dedicated to the spiritual and sacramental support that the Catholic faith can provide. The monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month and begins at 11:30 am in the chapel in the Cancer Center located at 1 Eaton Place, the Chapel and the meeting take place on the Garden Level of the Center. Contact Sr. Paula Kelleher or Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at 508-363-6246. Remaining sessions are Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.