

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma. We offer our prayers to all families and pray that they will persevere and get the help that they need.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Lucy Kelly, 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 Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

Envelopes \$ 5619.00
Loose \$ 480.00
Total collection \$ 6099.00
Number of envelopes 178
Mass Attendance 369

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
Ketchup & Mayonnaise



FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
OCTOBER 7, 2017 8:30AM - 4:00 PM
Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00 am 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 signup sheet 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

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life: A 30 week experience of Directed Prayer and Reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, starting October 1, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. For more info visit www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home or email: worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462

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 meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 11:30 am in the chapel in the Cancer Center located at 1 Eaton Place, Worcester. The meeting will take place on the Garden Level of the Center. Contact Sr. Paula Kelleher or Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at 508-363-6246. Remaining sessions are Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.



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

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!!!!

Schedule for the 2017 - 2018 year will be:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Grades. Sunday 9:00-10:00 Grades K-5; Sunday 5:30-8:30 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:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Grades, Time. 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 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.
A person to manage our Facebook Page
Principals to be present at a set class time to help run those class times. Field questions, direct the Secretaries, make sure classes get the prepared hand-outs etc.

Holy Cross Church in East Templeton is holding its Family Festival at the Otter River Sportsman's Club, 250 Lord Road, and Templeton. Tom's Famous Chicken will be served from Noon to 2 pm. There will be raffles, bake sale, Chinese auction, Farmer's Marker, 50/50 raffles and children's games. More info and tickets please call 979-632-2121

Saint Stephen Thrift Store is holding a \$1.00 Sale: All clothing just \$1.00 per item, (not valid on coats, shoes and accessories" on Sept 12, 13, 14 & 16. All regular priced merchandise is 25% off.. 20 Hamilton St. Worcester.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

A message from Fr. Bill

Fraternal Correction

In this Sunday's gospel we are told that if someone "sins against us" we should go to them privately and tell them the wrong they have done. If they don't listen, we should take others with us to support us and change the wrongdoers mind. This all sounds very dangerous to me. First of all, I might be very hurt by someone's actions, and as a result I may not be the best person to talk to them and accuse them of doing the wrong. Also, if someone has wronged me, they don't have much respect for me in the first place, and certainly would not be receptive to my correction. They might tell me to remove the log from my own eye before taking the splinter from theirs. Of course all this would be true if I didn't know the person very well or if I had little or no relationship with them. But what if it is my brother, or father, or closest friend? If someone with whom I am very close "sins against me" there is already a foundation of mutual love, trust, and respect. It makes it no easier to approach them if I feel they have wronged me, but it makes it much more important to do so. Otherwise little hurts and offences can build up and become much bigger problems. And we all know that the people who are the closest to us are the people who can hurt us the most. I think that before we can "correct" someone we must first be honest and take stock of how much we trust, love, and respect them. We may find that we need to work on those three aspects of our relationship first before we correct someone else.

Fr. Bill

"The Alpha Course" at St. Richard in Sterling is being offered to anyone interested; active catholic, inactive Catholic, Protestant, Agnostic, Atheist, and Not-Sure. It is made up of three components, a meal, a 25 minute movie style lesson and 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 is 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.

Boy Scout Yard Sale: Boy Scout Troop 201 is accepting donations for their Annual Yard Sale which will take place on September 30th on the church grounds. Their yard sale coincides with the Spencer town wide yard sale that day from 8am-3pm. If you would like to donate something please contact Ken at 774-745-0335.

Taize Prayer at Assumption College: a service of song, silence and contemplation is being celebrated on the Second Friday of every Month at 8:00 pm at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Assumption College 500 Salisbury St. Worcester.

For more information please call 508-791-0808

Prayer Group for Grandparents. All are invited to a Grandparent Prayer Group, which is beginning its 6th year, on Friday, Sept. 15th from 11:00 am to Noon in the church hall Conference Room at St. George, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday each month September through May and includes prayers to Ss. Ann and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. Join them to pray for the safety and well-being of all grandchildren. Contact Ruth Viens, Family Ministry Coordinator, 508-852-5658 or ruthviens@charter.net for more information.



The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 9 4:30 pm Robert Lamoureux (27 th Anniv) by Elaine & Family
Sunday, September 10 8:00 am Roger & Doris Lacaire by The Family 10:15 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin – "Special Intention"
Monday, September 11 8:00 am Raymond Ethier by his Wife Louise
Tuesday, September 12 8:00 am Craig Cournoyer by Dennise & Gerard Smith
Wednesday, September 13 8:00 am Raymond Ethier by His sister Theresa
Thursday, September 14 8:00 am Jeannine Gemme by Sylvia
Friday, September 15 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 16 4:30 pm Michael Lech by The Family
Sunday, September 17 8:00 am Henry Shepard (11 th Anniv) By Lorraine & Family 10:15 am Richard Chabior by His Wife

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 10	Coffee Shop CLOSED
10:15 am 12:00 pm 5:30 – 8:30 pm	Picnic Outdoor Mass Parish Picnic Faith Formation Youth Ministry Family
Monday, September 11	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, September 12	
7:00 pm	Catechist Meeting – K - 8
Wednesday, September 13	
7:00 pm	
Thursday, September 14	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 15	
Saturday, September 16	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, September 17	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am 9:00 – 10:00 am 5:30 – 8:30 pm	Catechetical Sunday Faith Formation K – 5 High School Freshmen & Juniors

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."

EZEKIEL 33:7

Sept. 10, 2017