

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially those who have no one to pray for them. We offer our prayers to their families and pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Sandy Fritze, George Maloney, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Michael Laythe, Karen Willhite, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, 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, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS OCTOBER 7 & 6

Envelopes \$3,730.00
Loose \$ 525.70
Total collection \$4,255.70
Number of envelopes 163
Mass Attendance 370

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

MAPLE SYRUP

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

NOVEMBER 4, 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 sign up sheet in the sacristy.



OPEN HOUSES:

St. Johns High School: Tues. Oct. 24th @ 6:00pm
Entrance exam will be held on Sat. Oct. 28th at 8:30. Go to www.stjohnshigh.org or contact admissions at 508-842-8934 ext. 266

Holy Name Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School - Sunday, October 22 12:00 - 2:00 pm

St. Mary's Schools PreK - 12

Sunday October 29th 1:00 - 3:00 pm or call for a Shadow a student day or a private family tour. www.stmarysworcester.org or 508-753-1170

Prayer Group for Grandparents: All are invited to a Grandparent Prayer Group, from 11:00 am to Noon in the church hall Conference Room at St. George, 40 Brattle St., Worcester, Friday October 20th 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Grades. Rows include Sunday (9:00-10:00 am, Grades K-5), Sunday (5:30-8:30 pm, Grades 9-11), Monday (4:45-6:00 pm, Grades 2-5), Tuesday (7:00-8:15 pm, Grades 6-8).

GLOW: There will be a trip to Century Haunted Hayride & Spooky Walk, at the Century Sportsman's Club, 531 Rochdale St., Auburn on Friday, October 20th we will be leaving at 6:30. PLEASE get your PERMISSION SLIPS signed and turned in.....

RCIA has started on Mondays at 6:00-8:00pm in the Rectory. Do you know someone who was thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you come to mass with someone who goes to communion and wonder what it is all about? Were you baptized and never made your other sacraments? It is not too late to join

Prayer Line:

Would you like to pray for on the prayer line in your own home? Call Louise at 508-885-4360 or Suzanne at 508-885-0084 to find out how.

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

St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield will be holding their annual Harvest Thyme Craft Fair on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Craft tables, raffles, silent auction, lottery tree, soups, meat pies, baked goods and more.....

The Massasoit Art Guild will hold its 14th annual Art Show and Sale. The show will take place on Sunday, October 15 at the Spencer Memorial Town Hall - 157 Main Street, Spencer, 10am to 4pm

Notre Dame Academy's Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 8:30 am Students applying to the 7th, 8th or 9th grade program must take and Entrance Exam. Preregistration is required. Please register at www.nda-worc.org by November 1st. NDA is the only Catholic college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7 - 12 in Massachusetts.

SAVE THE DATE: MORNING OF REFLECTION Wednesday, October 25, 2017 Guest Speaker: Nana Ama Esuah from Visitation House (remember the Lenten Baby Bottles?) SEE TODAY'S INSERT.....

FROM THE CEMETERY:

WE WILL BE BEGINNING FALL CLEANUP ON NOVEMBER 1, PLEASE REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND FLOWER POTS FROM THE CEMETERY BY NOVEMBER 1, IF THEY ARE NOT REMOVED THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.....KEN

The November 1st. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting will NOT be held in the church hall. Please call Linda @ 508-885-6557 for details.



A message from Fr. Bill

For several weeks, now, the Gospel has been a series of parables. Again, this week's passage is known as the Parable of the Wedding Feast when a king, celebrating his son's wedding, invites people to the feast. It is noteworthy that while there are similarities among these parables, there is a dramatic escalation between this week's parable and last week's counterpart. In both, two groups of servants were sent out: to collect the produce of the land and the sending of the royal servants to urge those invited to come to the feast. While the former servants were merely mistreated, the latter received the same treatment and even more — they were murdered! Then, the king's punishment was swift and severe — the murderers were themselves put to death and their city burned. Others are called to replace those original invitees who proved unworthy; yet, one guest was improperly dressed and harshly chastised by the king for it. The fact that the parable is situated within a royal wedding suggests that it should be interpreted along allegorical lines (viz. literal sense of a passage does not exhaust its divinely-inspired meaning which is deeper or higher). Thus, when understood as a parable of the kingdom, the king represents God who, from the beginning, has insistently invited His servants to the messianic wedding. In doing so, God has dispatched innumerable servants throughout every generation. Ultimately, in sending His Son, the kingdom of God is definitively at hand and that constitutes the proclamation of the gospel — the kingdom is already here but not yet fully realized. The Lord's invitation receives a positive response from those who gather around the altar and participate in the supper of the Lord — "the wedding feast of the Lamb. The attitude of those who refused the king's invitation also constitutes a contemporary revelation. Some ignored the invitation—attending to ordinary things like a farm or business. "Many are invited, but few are chosen." Among those who have decided to follow Christ, there will always be "good and bad alike" in the Church and within every individual disciple. Thus, the only sure and certain thing is that when the Lord enters into the banquet hall and looks into the eyes of all His guests, nothing will be hidden from His sight or escape His gaze. Judging by what is in the heart, some disciples will be found to be ill-dressed and be cast outside into the darkness; the others whose deeds match their declaration of faith in Christ will be clothed with the garment of immortality.

Fr. Bill

Morning Bible Study: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". Tuesday mornings beginning October 17th in the Parish Office. All are welcome to join as we dig into the story of God's love and salvation for His people from Creation to the Church.

Morning Retreat – Commission for Women

The Commission for Women invites you to join them on Saturday, October 28 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Main St., Shrewsbury. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:30 (included in the \$15.00 reg fee) and will conclude by 12:00 noon. The facilitator will be Megan Fox-Kelly, chaplain at Holy Cross College and director of the college retreat program. We will explore our search for a deepening relationship with God and our desires for our life of prayer. Reg may be sent to Pat Smith, 11 Raymond St. Worcester by October 22. More information and reg. form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women



The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, October 14 4:30 pm James F. Hoey Jr. (4 th Anniv) by the Family
Sunday, October 15 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:15 am Claire & Anthony Shedyak by their Son
Monday, October 16 8:00 am
Tuesday, October 17 8:00 am The Ethier and Lemieux Families by Theresa
Wednesday, October 18 8:00 am The Daoust Family by Louise
Thursday, October 19 8:00 am Jackie & Barbara by Sylvia
Friday, October 20 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, October 21 4:30 pm Diane Gagan & Terry Fava by the Dymek Family
Sunday, October 22 8:00 am Kathleen Peloquin (10 th Anniv) by her Family 10:15 am Gerard Hicks (15 th Anniv) by Mom & Dad

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 15	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 – 10:00 am	Faith Formation K - 5
5:30 – 8:30 pm	F. F. Youth Ministry Walk to Cure JM
Monday, October 16	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
4:45 – 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday, October 17	
6:00 pm	GLOW Meeting
6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
7:00 – 8:15 pm	Faith Formation Grades 6 - 8
Wednesday, October 18	
Thursday, October 19	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, October 20	
	GLOW Haunted Hay Ride - Auburn
Saturday, October 21	
8:30am – 4:00 pm	Adult Retreat offered by SCLink
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, October 22	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 – 10:00 am	Faith Formation K – 5
11:30	Catechist Meeting
5:30 – 8:30 pm	Faith Formation - Sophomore Class

Interested in becoming a Deacon? Learn more about the Diaconate Program at an upcoming Informational Session. Married and Single men between the ages of 31 and 60 who hold a college degree or equivalent are invited to attend. Spouses are also welcome. Saturday, Oct. 21 10:00am to noon, St. Stephen's Church, 357 Grafton St in Worcester.

October 15, 2017

