

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks. 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, Sandy Wilson, Noreen Mina, Mary Madden, Sandy Fritze, Robert Geoffrion, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, Michael Laythe, Dottie Woodward, 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, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 11 & 12

Envelopes \$ 4920.00
Loose \$ 584.25
Total collection \$ 5504.25
Number of envelopes 196
Mass Attendance 433

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK
Christmas Basket Fixings



FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
DECEMBER 2, 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 3:00-3:50pm
Benediction 4:00pm

If you wish to participate there is a signup sheet in the sacristy.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Name, Amount. Rows include Nov.12 (Ken Wilson, \$100.00), Nov.13 (David Dunham, \$50.00), Nov.14 (Jeanne Reilly, \$100.00), Nov.15 (Pat Monfette, \$50.00), Nov.16 (Lorraine Monette, \$50.00), Nov.17 (Jim Letendre, \$75.00), Nov.18 (Bill & Deb Wall, \$50.00).

Spiritual Life Ministry will be selling tickets after all Masses next week for a GIFT TREE decorated with ornaments and gift certificates at the Christmas Bazaar (\$250.00 total value). Tickets will also be sold at the Bazaar. Ticket price is \$5.00 each.

Faith Formation News

Office hours: 10:00 - 5:00
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00
Contact Judi 508-885-3111 ext. 105 or email
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).

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

Coming Soon
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday December 2, 2017

10am -3pm
Crafts, Cookies, Meatball Sandwiches, Hot Dogs
Religious Items, Poinsettias

We are looking for donations of Hand Crafted items to sell and for Gift Baskets to raffle at the Christmas Bazaar.

Please drop them off at the office by Thursday November 30th.

The Parish office will close at 12 noon on November 22nd

Men's Group: Next Meeting is Saturday, December 2, 9:30-11:00 am in the Rectory. If you have any questions or would like to join contact Fr Bill at fr.billschipper@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message.

March For Life Registration information now available!

Plan now to attend the 45th annual March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19, 2018. Cost is \$75 per seat for registrations post marked by Dec.31, and \$90 thereafter. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

The Star, Sony Pictures Animation

A small brave donkey, Bo, Ruth, a sheep, Dave, a dove, three wise cracking camels and some eccentric stable animals follow the star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told-the first Christmas. Great for all ages- now in theaters.

Save the Dates: Winter VBS will be held Tuesday, Feb 20th thru Thursday, Feb 22nd. Half day and full day options will be available again. For more information call Judi at 508-885-3111 ext.105.

A message from Fr. Bill

It is important to note that in the verse which concluded last week's Gospel, Jesus had been addressing His disciples about the future and stressed that "neither the day nor the hour" was identifiable. This inability to know when Christ will return requires a change in attitude, to always be alert and ready when it comes, so as not to be taken by surprise when it happens. This week's parable highlights the fact that there are tasks that must be attended to while waiting. In addition, the Parable of the Talents illustrates the importance of the time between when the Master has left and the Lord's return in glory "after a long time." So, from the Lord's Ascension until His Second Coming or Parousia, waiting is not the only thing necessary, since being entrusted with the Master's goods, we also have things to do. The term talent was a monetary unit used when large sums of money were involved. A single talent was worth six thousand Greek drachmas or the equivalent of seventy-five pounds of gold or one talent represented the salary for around six thousand days of work! Thus, a considerable amount of money was entrusted to these servants, even the third servant who received only one talent! In other words, they were entrusted with an enormous amount of financial capital, each according to their perceived ability. The level of trust exhibited by such philanthropy is not only unheard of but goes far beyond reason or prudential financial management. The master is banking on the reliability of his servants to properly use the wealth he has placed at their disposal. Hence, it is obvious that only God could act in such a manner. When finally the master returns, the first two servants did very well and both of them are congratulated in identical terms that extol what they had done and invite them into the master's joy: "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Realizing the mind-boggling amount of money that they began with and having doubled that amount, you can only begin to imagine the implications when the master promises to "give [them] great responsibilities." The enormity even the impossibility of those responsibilities, reveals that this is no normal business dealing between investor and entrepreneurs; no, this illustrates how God works. He bestows infinite riches upon those servants who have prudently and faithfully used the spiritual capital or grace that He lavishes upon those who love Him. Yet, the fate and terrible punishment meted out to the third servant further illustrates the ultimate fate of humanity. This servant seemingly did nothing overtly wrong; instead, he buried the single talent he had been entrusted with "out of fear" of the master. If this servant was chastised or if the master had decried his lack of initiative and told the servant that he would never receive any future money, we would see that as reasonable and understandable. However, to be labeled as a useless servant, to be thrown out "into the darkness outside, where there [would] be wailing and grinding of teeth" seems like an over-reaction, even an excessive punishment. Don't forget that this is a parable and, so, it entails the use of any everyday occurrence that yields an eternal truth. The matter at hand concerns the Lord's ultimate return in glory after a long and protracted absence. If we frame our faith and the actions which faith in God demand in terms of contractual duties, if religion is merely complying with its minimal demands observed out of fear, we grossly misunderstand who God really is—the time between Christ's return to the Father and His coming again in glory is a time of active waiting but, better yet, a time of generous doing!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 18 4:30 pm Edward(15 th Anniv) & Jeanne Harding Jr.(7 th Anniv) & Patrick Newell (Birthday Remembrance) by Their Families
Sunday, November 19 8:00 am Fr. Arthur Prunier (11 th Anniv) by The St. John Family 10:15 am Timothy Josti Sr. by His Family
Monday, November 20 8:00 am People of the Parish
Tuesday, November 21 8:00 am Robert Bourdon by Jeannette Bourdon
Wednesday, November 22 8:00 am Robert & Rena Snow (Birthday Remembrance) By The Family
Thursday, November 23 8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, November 25 4:30 pm Paul McNeil (3 rd Anniv) by His Wife & Family
Sunday, November 26 8:00 am Pauline Guibord by Jean Wheeler 10:15 am Paulina & Stefan Chabior by Leanne

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 19	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00-10:00 am 10:15 am 5:30- 8:30 pm	Faith Formation K – 5 Children's Liturgy of the Word F.F. - Sophomore
Monday, November 20	
9:30 am 4:45 - 6:00 pm	Food Pantry CLOSED Faith Formation Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday, November 21	
6:30 pm 7:00-8:15pm	No-Drop In Center Open No-Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, November 22	Parish office closes at 12 noon
Thursday, November 23	
9:30 am 12:00 pm	Food Pantry CLOSED Thanksgiving Dinner in Hall
Friday, November 24	
Saturday, November 25	Secret Advent Angel/Giving Tree Tags
3:30pm	Confessions
Sunday, November 26	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am 9:00 - 10:00 am 5:30- 8:30pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation K – 5 No High School F.F.

A second collection will be taken today for the Annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development.