

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks especially Rhea Leahy. We offer our prayers to their family and pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

LuAnn Trigo, Richard Roderick, Fr. Martin Donahue, Carole Caissie, Dorothy Choquette, Noreen Mina, Mary Madden, Michael Girardi, Robert Geoffrion, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Lili MacDonald, 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 Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS January 20 & 21

Envelopes	\$ 5368.00
Loose	\$ 599.00
Total collection	\$5,967.00
Number of envelopes	198
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. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Kleenex

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
FEBRUARY 3, 2018 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

Second Collection this weekend for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next Prayer Shawl Meeting is February 7th. Please contact Linda for details , 508-885-6557.

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 Judi.mqrff@gmail.com

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00 am	Grades K - 5
Sunday	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Grades 9 - 11 *see calendar
Monday	4:45 – 6:00 pm	Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15 pm	Grades 6 - 8

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Woman's Bible Study on Divine Mercy, first meeting on Thursday 1/11 6:30—7:30 pm all women invited to join

Tuesday 1/16 Bible Study on "The Prophets" 10:30—11:30. Come see how the prophets influenced the Jewish people then and how they can still influence us today.

Can't make the study? Do it online. Contact Judi Brennan for more information.

Prayer Partners for the Confirmation Class

There is still need for 10 more parishioners to pray for students in the Confirmation Class. If you would like to do this , please contact Judi Brennan.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT...

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Dioceses of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on March 23 & 24. Retreat begins at 6pm Friday and ends at 6pm Saturday. It is for men high school age and older. The retreat is held at The Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam CT, only 30 minutes from Worcester. There is no cost and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at 508-340-5788 or jmazzone@charter.net to sign up.

Open House– St. Mary's Schools (grades PreK-12) 50 Richland St. Worcester, Will be holding a Winter Open House on Wednesday, January 31st from 9:00am-11:00am. Come and experience the spirit-filled community of St Mary's School's. Tours of the schools and informational packets will be provided. For more information call 508-753-1170 or visit our website at www.stmarysworcester.org Come and be part of our 100 year tradition.

A Message from Fr. Bill

Genuflection Notes

Have you ever watched a movie or TV program with a scene that takes place in a Catholic church? If you have, one thing you might have noticed is that people usually genuflect and sometimes make the sign of the cross when they are in a Catholic church. Have you ever wondered why? Because producers and directors know that this is a distinctly Catholic posture. It is difficult to confuse these actions with any other Christian tradition. Some might be asking what is genuflection and why do they do it in movies? According to the Roman Missal #274 "A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil... If, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is situated in the sanctuary, the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself." In the United States in particular many high altars were removed in the last half of the 20th Century. As a result, the Blessed Sacrament was moved to another location in the church, or even outside of the church. As a result, we have nearly two generations of Catholics who have not been properly instructed in two very important aspects of our faith. One is that the Blessed Sacrament truly is the Body of Christ, not just a symbol. And second, because Christ is truly present in the consecrated hosts reserved in the tabernacle, we give adoration by genuflecting when we enter or leave a Catholic church, no matter where it is reserved or where we enter or stand in the church. More next week on what we can learn from Hollywood about our faith.

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.

Winter VBS is **still accepting registrations**. Flyers are at the doors of the church or contact Judi Brennan at the parish office. We need at least 10 children to run this event.

Men's Group: Next Meeting is Saturday, February 10th 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.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 27	4:30 pm Clients of the Food Pantry
Sunday, January 28	8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:15 am Brian Natale by His Family & Friends
Monday, January 29	8:00am Katherine Kaiser (Birthday Remembrance)By Her Family
Tuesday, January 30	8:00 am Suzanne Thibeault by Diane
Wednesday, January 31	8:00 am Elsie Ethier (26th Anniv) by Theresa
Thursday, February 1	8:00 am The Lamoureux Family by Suzanne
Friday, February 2	8:00 am No Mass
Saturday, February 3	4:30 pm People of the Parish
Sunday, February 4	8:00 am Jason Bercume & Zachary Fahey By Evan & Liz (Birthday Remembrances) 10:15 am

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 28,	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 - 10:00 am 10:15 am 11:30– 1:00pm 5:30-8:30 pm	Faith Formation K ,1,3-5 First Eucharist Enrollment Mass Meeting for First Eucharist parents and students following 10:15 Mass No FF High School
Monday, January 29	
9:30 am 4:45 - 6:00 pm	Food Pantry - OPEN Faith Formation Grades 4 - 5
Tuesday, January 30	
10:30-11:30 am 6:30pm 7:00 - 8:15pm	Prophet Bible Study Drop in Center OPEN Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, January 31	
Thursday, February 1	
9:30 am 6:30– 7:30	Food Pantry -OPEN Woman's Bible Study
Friday, February 2	
Saturday, February 3	
3:30pm	Confessions
Sunday, February 4	
9:00 - 10:00 am 10:15 am 5:30-8:30 pm	Coffee Shop -OPEN Faith Formation K-5 Children's Liturgy FF- NO HIGH SCHOOL