

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially **Donna Hilow and Donald Berthiaume, Sr.** who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that she will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Pauline Casavant, Yvette Bouvier, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Bonnie Sheldon, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Fr. William O'Brien, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Louise Guerin, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, David L'Heureux, Dolly Choquette, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Laurie Vickers, Ruth Costa, Thomas Lilley, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, Ernest Tremblay, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Richard Chabior, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

May all people of different races respect one another.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JANUARY 9 & 10

Envelopes	\$5,697.00
Loose	\$ 456.00
Total collection	\$6,153.00
Number of envelopes	227
Attendance	488

Thank you for your generosity this past weekend. We are truly grateful for your generous and faithful support. May God's blessings be with you as we enter into the depths of winter.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Beef Stew

MID WINTER PORK DINNERSaturday January 23

The Parish is hosting a mid-winter roast pork dinner on Saturday evening January 23 beginning at 6:00 pm. This event is for people of all ages. The menu will consist of Roast Pork, Red Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad and Dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 10. They are on sale at the office.

HELP NEEDED

We still need a couple helpers for the Pork Dinner on a Saturday January 23rd. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. Please consider helping. We have fun and fellowship and help build community. Please call Sandy to help with the various tasks namely, set up, cooking, clean up etc. Call her at 508-885-3111. Anyone willing to make a dessert for this meal please call the office and let us know. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 – 5:00 pm. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at 508-885-3111 Ext. 105.

Faith Formation Classes this week

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00 am	Grades K thru 6
	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Grades 9, 10 & 11
		(Youth Ministry Night)
Tuesday	4:15 – 5:30 pm	Grades 2 – 5
	6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
	7:00 – 8:15 pm	Grades 6, 7 & 8

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

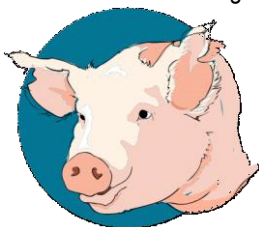
It has been our tradition to ask members of the parish to volunteer to pray for a member of the First Communion class as they prepare for this special encounter with Jesus. The proximate preparation for First Communion begins in a few short weeks. What happens is when you volunteer; Judi Brennan will give you the name of one of the children in the class. You are asked to pray for them each day from now until their first Communion which will be celebrated on May 1. On May 15 we have a special Mass and celebration where your child gets to meet you and spend some time with you. If you are willing to take part in this very special ministry to our children please call Judi at 508 – 885 – 3111 Ext 105 and she will give you more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT, January 17

We begin the second session of High School Faith Formation with a Youth Ministry Night on Sunday evening January 17 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. This is for all those in Grades 9, 10 and 11 and will be an active night of discussion and experience. This is the eve of Martin Luther King Day and so there is no school on Monday. Come and spend some time with your friends, have fun and hopefully learn something as well. We will need some munchies and desserts for a break during this session. All donations welcome.

THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will take place on January 22 in Washington D.C. Again this year the diocese will be sponsoring buses for those who wish to attend this march. The buses leave the Cathedral following the Pro Life Mass on Jan 21 at 7:30 pm and return after the march which is at noon. For more info call the Pro Life office at 508-929-4311. Cost of the bus is \$85.00

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE PROTECTION OF INNOCENT LIFE is celebrated each year on the anniversary of the Rowe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in our land (This year it is Friday, January 22) There are no set rules on how to observe this day but some suggestion are to undertake some sort of fasting on this day, pray a special rosary or other prayer for the protection of innocent life, make a visit to the Eucharist either in the adoration chapel or in the church or perform some life giving act of charity for someone. There is great power in both prayer and fasting.



Pastor's Notes:

The Works of Mercy

One of the requirements for the Holy Year graces is to perform the works of mercy. The specific works that they have in mind are those which we older /Catholics learned when we were children. They find their origin in the Gospel of Matthew in the description of the Last Judgement found in Chapter 25

They are divided into corporal and spiritual works. The Corporal works of Mercy are: To feed the hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty Clothed the Naked

Shelter the Homeless Visit those in prison....

Visit the Sick Bury the dead

There are many ways we can apply these to our modern world and many of these works are already being done in our parish. Which ones will you do?

Year of mercy observance

Some people have asked when the church is open and when there are opportunities for confession.

The church is open every day from 7:30 am until 8:00pm

The Holy Door is located to your left as you enter the vestibule of the church.

Confessions are available on Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00 pm and also at other times by appointment. Call Fr. Jim

The Year of Mercy prayer will be recited at the end of all Masses beginning this weekend. You will find it inside the back cover of the Breaking Bread books.

There will be other special activities announced as we get to Lent.

FREE VALENTINE'S DANCE AND PASTA DINNER for Senior Citizens is being held at the Senior Center on Friday evening February 12 sponsored by Prouty Senior Living and RSSI Home Care. The dinner begins at 5:00 pm followed by dancing from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to music provided by Sounds by Rich. This is a free event but seating is limited. To reserve a seat call Spencer Senior Center at 508-885-7546 or Senior Living at Prouty at 617-431-4937. Deadline is Feb. 5.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Notre Dame Hospice is looking for kind, compassionate people to volunteer one or two hours a week to spend with a hospice patient. Volunteers can wheel patients around in wheelchairs, sit with them and talk, read the newspaper or books to them play games or do puzzles or just sit quietly hold their hand, or pray with them. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year spending time with those at the end of their lives who are often lonely and sometimes frightened. If you think that you would feel comfortable volunteering with patients, please contact Linda Corby, 508-852-5505

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held this year on Saturday March 12 at the DCU Center. As usual, a fine array of speakers has been assembled. There will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass with Bishop McManus. Save the date. More details to follow.

OPEN HOUSES FOR CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

All open houses will be held on Sunday January 31.

Venerini Academy, Grs. Pre K 3 & 4 - Gr. 8, 12:15 to 3:00 pm

St. Peter's Central Catholic, Pre K to Gr 7, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Assumption School in Millbury, Pre K to Gr.8 12:00 to 3:00 pm

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 16 4:30 pm The Cassavant Family by Bernie
Sunday, January 17 8:00 am Nelson (20 th Anniv) & Marion (15 th Anniv) Agnew by Their Family 10:15 am Emile Lamoureux by his son Paul
Monday, January 18 8:00 am Morning Mass
Tuesday, January 19 8:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, January 20 8:00 am For Parishioners
Thursday, January 21 8:00 am Francis Moreau by his daughter Louise
Friday, January 22 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, January 23 4:30 pm Lydia, William B., Constance, Norman & Robert Thibault By Theresa McNally
Sunday, January 24 8:00 am George & Marie White by the Family 10:15 am The People of our Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 17 9:00 am 10:15 am 6:00-8:30 pm	Coffee Shop – Open Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Youth Ministry Night Grades 9, 10 & 11
Monday, January 18 10:00 am 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Holiday – OFFICE CLOSED Pantry - CLOSED GLOW Movie Trip Inquiry / RCIA Class
Tuesday, January 19 2:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Lincoln Hill Mass Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, January 20 7:00 pm	Grade 2 Parent Meeting
Thursday, January 21 10:00 am 7:30 pm	Food Pantry – CLOSED Pro Life Mass at the Cathedral
Friday, January 22	Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life
Saturday, January 23 3:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Parish Family Roast Pork Dinner
Sunday, January 24 9:00 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Class Grades. 9, 10 & 11

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

The GLOW Youth Group will be going to the Movies in Sturbridge on Monday, January 18. We will meet at the church at 3:30 pm and return when the movie is over. Anyone interested in coming speak to Judi Brennan after FF class or at Youth Ministry Night.

January 17, 2016

