

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that they 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, 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

For all students and teachers in the Catholic schools

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JANUARY 23 & 24

Envelopes	\$4,420.00
Loose	\$ 388.00
Total collection	\$4,808.00
Number of envelopes	150
Attendance	424

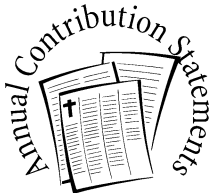
Thank you for your support this past weekend. With the storm on the weekend, the attendance at Mass was way down. If you can make up for last weekend it would really help in meeting the bills. May God's blessings be with you

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Beef Stew

VISITING PRIEST THIS WEEKEND

Today we welcome Father Bernard Olszewski who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and Nuns working overseas in the Caribbean, Asia Africa, Central and South America. It gives us an opportunity to aid in delivering food, shelter and hope for the poorest of the poor. This is in keeping with the works of mercy which we are being urged to practice during this year of mercy. Please be generous to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

STATEMENTS of contributions to the parish for 2015 were mailed out last Thursday. If you did not receive one and are in need of it for tax purposes, please call the office 508-885-3111.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Grades 9, 10 & 11
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. We still need three more prayer partners. If you wish to be part of this special ministry to our children, call Judi at 508 – 885 – 3111 Ext 105 and she will give you more details.

Parish update.....in case you missed it last week

We received a check from the insurance company for the damage done from the fire. Construction has begun on repairing the bathroom that was destroyed by the fire. As a result of this, we have discovered that the pipes in the building are very old and that some are not compatible with the new fixtures which we need to use. We also had a frozen pipe last week that had to be repaired. So as always there is more work to be done than was planned. At the same time, this is also a blessing. To find these problems when the walls and floor are already ripped up make it easier to do this repair job which would have had to be done sooner or later. Again God has taken care of us.

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..

FR. JIM WILL BE ON VACATION from January 26 until February 5. Coverage for emergencies which means sick calls or funerals will be provided by Fr. Don Ouellette at St. John's in E. Brookfield 508-867-3738 or by Fr. George Charland at 508-637-1493. There will be no morning Mass in church while Fr. Jim is gone. There is daily Mass at 8:00 am on Monday, Thursday and Friday at St. Joseph's in N. Brookfield and at 8:30 am on Wednesday and Thursday at St. John's in E. Brookfield. The office will be open at the usual hours and both Sandy and Michele will be willing to help you in any way.

Weekly Lenten Meals will be starting on Ash Wednesday. Ministries, if you could host a week please call Sandy and let her know.

ALTAR SERVERS , LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER Please pick up your schedules for the month of February in the sacristy. If you cannot make an assignment please try to get a substitute.

January 24, 2016

Pastor's Notes:

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Along with the so called corporal works of mercy which were listed in this column last week, the church has traditionally listed seven spiritual works of mercy as well They are:

To instruct the ignorant to counsel the doubtful
 To admonish the sinner..... to comfort the sorrowful
 To forgive all injuries to bear wrongs patiently
 To pray for the living and for the dead.

They do not seem as practical as the corporal works which involve the care of bodily needs, but in the message of the Gospel we are called to care for one another's corporal and spiritual needs. There is a great need for spiritual care in today's world especially the need to encourage and comfort others. Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to practice these works as part of the year of mercy. We who receive mercy are bound to give that same gift to those around us.

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 will be presented at the s 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

Mass Schedule

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
Monday, January 25 8:00 am Elsie Ethier (25 th Anniv) by daughter Theresa
Tuesday, January 26 8:00 am Holy Souls
Wednesday, January 27 8:00 am No Mass
Thursday, January 28 8:00 am No Mass
Friday, January 29 8:00 am No Mass
Saturday, January 30 4:30 pm Rena Snow by her Family
Sunday, January 31 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:15 am Jason Bercume & Zachary Fahey by the Bercume & Fahey Families

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 31 9:00 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm	Coffee Shop – Open Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Class Grades 9, 10 & 11
Monday, February 01 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Pantry - OPEN No Inquiry / RCIA Class this week
Tuesday, February 02 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, February 03 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, February 04 10:00 am	Food Pantry – OPEN
Friday, February 05	
Saturday, February 06 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, February 07 9:00 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Baptism Instruction NO Faith Formation Class Grs.. 9, 10 & 11

