Please Pray for…

All who have died, especially ***Pierre Berthiaume and Aaron Sauer*** *who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their families that they will rest in peace.*

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:
Yvette Bouvier, Richard Chabior, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Theresa Johnson, Janice Baronoski, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bonnie Sheldon, Ray Kallio, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Paul Provencher, Fr. William O'Brien, Michael Jette, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Donald Ritchie, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, John Paul Sribiag, Ernest Tremblay, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK
For an increase of vocations to priesthood & religious life

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MARCH 12 & 13

Envelopes	$4,662.50
Loose	$ 362.00
Total collection	$5,124.50
Number of envelopes	195
Attendance	473

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you all.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK
Grape Jelly

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY…Mass of the Lord's Supper, washing of Feet and procession to the Altar of Adoration at 7:00pm. Adoration will continue in church until 10:30 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY …Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 pm. Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm.

HOLY SATURDAY …EASTER VIGIL Mass with the lighting of new fire, blessing of the Easter Water, Eucharist and Confirmation of our RCIA candidates and the Solemn Mass of Easter beginning at 7:30 pm. There will be a reception following Mass to welcome our new members.

EASTER SUNDAY …Masses at 8:00 and 10:15 am. Renewal of Baptismal promises at both Masses. Special music by choir at the 10:15

CONFESSIONS …Tuesday at 7:00pm, Wednesday at 7:15 and Saturday at 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Palm Sunday

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**

SPECIAL LENTEN MASS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:45 PM. PLEASE JOIN US

CONFESSIONS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM 7:00 TO 8:00PM IN CHURCH

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND VISITATION:
The Church is open daily from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm
The Eucharistic Chapel located in the Pastoral Center is open 24 hours a day for adoration.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL
We continue our annual Partners in Charity Appeal this weekend. We have collected **$24,660.00 from 129 gifts,** which represent **52 %** of our goal. We still have a long way to go to reach this year's goal of **$47,500.00**. To meet this goal we will need the support of everyone. Remember, in appeals like this, every gift both large and small is important. Pledging allows you to spread your gift over 10 months and makes it easier to be generous. If you have already sent your gift directly to the diocese, we thank you. If not, gifts can be mailed to the parish, put in the basket or dropped off in person. Please pray for the success of this important appeal.

WEEKLY LENTEN MEALS will be held every Wednesday night during Lent. This week's meal will be Macaroni & Cheese & Hot Dogs. This meal will be provided by the Monthly Meal Ministry. It will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

3rd Annual Jennifer McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Dinner Saturday, April 2, 6 -8 pm Knights of Columbus Hall, Spencer, Favorite dishes from local restaurants. $10.00 Advance ticket sales only Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend or call Mary McLaughlin at 508-885-2256 or purchase with PayPal at www.Jam4Jen.com

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON? Are you a male, college graduate, age 31 to 65? An information session will be held at O.L. Mt. Carmel parish center on Saturday April 2 at 9:00 am. Spouses are invited and urged to attend as well. For details call 508-929-4335.

EASTER CANTATA presented by the Christian Community Choir
Sunday, March 20 at 3:00pm at East Brookfield Baptist Church
Sunday April 3 at 3:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church
Sunday April 10 at 3:00pm at Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton

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PASTORS NOTES

HOLY WEEK

Every religion has its special time when it celebrates major beliefs in a solemn manner. They usually conclude with a solemn celebration which hails a new beginning. The Jewish religion celebrates the High Holidays, ten days of prayer and reflection which climax with the Day of Atonement, a 24 hour fast seeking the forgiveness of sins. In Islam, there is the month of Ramadan, which calls for a 30 days fast from all food from sunrise to sundown and is followed by a solemn to celebrate a new beginning. We have Holy Week which begins today. During this week we are called not only to remember but to relive the major events of salvation, the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We celebrate His gift to us of the Eucharist as the bread of life. We recall his passion on Good Friday by walking the way of the cross with Him as he bears our sins and that by nailing them to the Cross He opens heaven to us. We rise with Him on Easter to share that new life and new hope. With all the preoccupation with Easter, baskets of candy, big Easter dinners, and the latest one which is Easter Brunch in the morning, there is often no time left to celebrate the true meaning of the feast. Don't let that happen to you. Easter wouldn't exist without Jesus and His Resurrection.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS It is not too late to renew your subscription to our diocesan newspaper, Subscription envelopes are in your monthly packet.

IRISH MUSIC CONCERT on Tuesday March 22 at 12:30 pm at the Senior Living at Prouty complex on Main St. There will be songs, stories and jokes with music by Dick Chase. Enter by the Pope St entrance. For more information or to sign up call 617-431-4937. Beverages will be served (no food).

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR It is time to think about getting the Bazaar organized. There will be a meeting for all chairpersons and for all who would like to volunteer on **Wednesday evening March 30 at 7:00 pm** in the hall. We have a few booths which will need new chairs or co-chairs. Current chairpersons let us know if you are returning this year so that we can plan.

GLOW PILGRIMAGE AND MOVIE Today (Sunday) as part of the year of Mercy, GLOW members will make a pilgrimage to St. Paul's Cathedral (the Bishop's church) and then go to see the movie "Risen" at the Worcester North Cinema. We will leave from the church parking lot at 1:30 pm and return about 6:15. The cost is $10.00 to pay for the movie and for snacks.

THANK YOU DAVID… It is with sadness that we announce that our 10:15 am Mass pianist David Berthiaume is leaving us today to pursue higher education. He has been a great asset to the parish and his extraordinary talent has really contributed to our worship for the last several years. We thank you David for sharing your gift of music with us and pray that you will have success in your future.

FOOD & FUEL CALENDAR WINNERS: Congratulations!!!

March 11	Susan Belair	$50.00 Charlies diner
March 12	Paul McLaughlin	$100.00 Country Spirit
March 13	Bob Krukas	$100.00 Sunoco
March 14	Susan Morrison	$50.00 Thai House
March 15	Sandy Fritze	$50.00 Price Chopper
March 16	Riley Laperle	$100.00 Walmart
March 17	Michael Sliwaski	$50.00 Cumb Farms

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 19 4:30 pm Rose M. Kay, Gaetano & Angelina Sposato & Helen Gemme
Sunday, March 20 8:00 am Kaitlyn Langlois by Gramma & Grampa 10:15 am Eva & Eugene Cambell by Richard & Leanne Chabior
Monday, March 21 8:00 am Marie Hamilen by the Family
Tuesday, March 22 8:00 am A Special Intention
Wednesday, March 23 8:00 am Francis Moreau Jr. by Sister Louise 6:45 pm Robert Fecteau by his Wife & Family
Thursday, March 24 7:00 am Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, March 25 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, March 26 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 27 8:00 am Easter Mass 10:15 am Easter Mass

Calendar of Events

Sunday , March 20	**Coffee Shop – Open**
9:00 am **10:15 am** **6:30 pm**	Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11
Monday, March 21	
10:00 am **7:00 pm**	Food Pantry - CLOSED RCIA
Tuesday, March 22	
4:15 pm **6:30 pm** **7:00 pm** **7:00 pm**	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
Wednesday, March 23	
5:30 – 6:30 pm **6:45 pm** **7:15 pm**	Lenten Meal – Monthly Meal Ministry Lenten Mass Confessions
Thursday, March 24	**Holy Thursday**
10:00 am **7:00 pm**	Food Pantry **CLOSED** **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Friday, March 25	**Good Friday**
3:00 pm **7:00 pm**	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday, March 26	**Holy Saturday**
3:30 pm **7:30 pm**	Confessions Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 27	**Easter Sunday**
8:00 am **10:15 am**	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass No Faith Formation Classes today