

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially the victims of the Earthquake in Italy. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their families and pray that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Dorothy Choquette, Peter Lacroix, Jean Wheeler, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Al Shedyak, Joyce Sweet, Roberta Bernard, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Yvette Bouvier, Donald Williams, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Paula King, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Judy Wilson, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bill Keyes, Bonnie Sheldon, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Paul Provencher, Michael Jette, David Auger, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Donald Ritchie, Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, 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, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix, Amy Richard, and Thao Li

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS AUGUST 20 & 21

Envelopes	\$4,561.00
Loose	\$ 328.15
Total collection	\$4,889.15
Number of envelopes	167
Attendance	392

Thank you for your support this past weekend. As the summer months roll on please remember your committed support of the parish is even more essential. Making up for the weeks that you are away really helps us to meet our obligations OR CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING, WEEKLY OR MONTHLY. Check out our website to get the link for Online Giving.....

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Toilet Paper

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The Partners in Charity appeal continues as we seek to get closer to our goal of \$47,500.00. So far we have received \$38,635.00 in gifts and pledges from 225 givers. That means we still have \$8,875.00 to go. The needs of the diocese to support the 28 agencies and ministries served by Partners in Charity are great. If any of you have not made a gift to Partners, please consider doing so. Every gift great and small enables the church to continue her works of charity, education and pastoral ministry.

Do you know someone who was thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you come to mass with someone who goes to communion and every wonder what it is all about? Were you baptized and never made your other sacraments? Please join us in September for Inquiry and see what it is all about. Classes are held in the Rectory, time and day to be determined.....More information will follow.



The 22nd 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. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at **508-885-3111 Ext.105**.

Registration is ongoing for the new Faith Formation Season which starts September 18th. Please call Judi if you haven't registered. If you know of a child entering kindergarten or 1st grade who should be registering for classes, please invite their family to register their child. Registration forms can be found at the doors of the church on the back side of the parish and on the Website, or come to the parish office.

Catechist Meeting Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 pm for all Catechist.

Help needed: Principal, crossing guard/ parking lot attendants and substitutes 1st & 10th grade teachers on Sunday mornings. If you are able and willing to help with this important ministry please call

Payments are always being accepted for Faith Formation.

The Spiritual Life Committee welcomes you to their first meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00 am in the church hall. We do need more members to organize spiritual events, e.g. Morning of Reflection, Yearly Pilgrimage, passing out The Word Among Us, etc. Come and see what we are all about! For more information call Suzanne Lamoureux at 508-885-0084 or Louise Ethier at 508-885-4630 or the Parish Office Center. You may also want to help without being a committee member. Please call us.

A few weeks ago we had a special collection for the India Mission we collected \$1,380.00 to help support the good work that they do.. Thank you for your help!

Miramar Retreat Center retreat offerings in Sept & Oct.

Mini Retreat Days for Women: 9:30 – 1:00

Sept 22: "Cultivate the Practice of Contemplative Living"

Oct 19: "Praying When God Seems Distant or Absent"

Healing the Heart, Tending the Emotions

Oct 23: 10:00 – 3:00

Celebrating the Gift of Teresa of Avila

Sept 18: 10:00 – 3:00

Icon Painting Retreat:

Oct 16 – 21

Contact the Miramar Retreat Center at 781-585-2460 or their website at www.miramarretreat.org for more information.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13 – 14

Fr. Bill away next weekend:

Sept 3-4, I plan to travel to Cincinnati to join my brother as our father turns 90 next Sunday. At first I thought I would just Skype, since I have been here such a short time. On further reflection, I realized I would regret it if I didn't see him in person to get and give him a hug and a kiss on his 90th. and thank him for being my dad.

August 28, 2016

Pastor's Notes:

When I arrived in July there were many documents and paperwork items I had to go through as a normal part of the transition process. One piece of data that I was surprised to find was a stack of small sheets of paper, one for each month since June, 2003. On each sheet is written the Mass time and attendance for each Mass. Being who I am, I entered all the data into a spreadsheet. The spreadsheet tells an interesting story. June – September, 2003 average attendance was just under 800 people per weekend. Of course you can imagine that the trend has been in a steady southward direction since then (as it has been for many churches in the northeast.) The past several weeks we have been around 380 to 390 people per weekend, so we have reached a new milestone in Mass attendance. It makes me wonder what the numbers will be in another 13 years. There have been so many joys in these past weeks and I am overwhelmed with how many wonderful, kind, and hardworking people there are in this parish. Nonetheless, I wish I had not found that stack of papers on the pastor's desk.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

ATTENTION: !!!!!

This year's Chicken BBQ has been postponed to Next September, 2017. St. Joseph's in North Brookfield is having a Chicken BBQ on September 11th and we ask that you consider supporting them this year.

Men's Group:

Pick up a flyer if you are interested. I believe there is enough interest that we will have at least one group. If interested email me at: Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message. Fr. Bill

Liturgy Team:

There has been a strong response for the Liturgy Team. I put together a basic outline of what I think the responsibilities would be and you can pick up a copy at the doors if you are interested/need more information. I hope to have our first meeting in early September, probably on a Monday – watch the bulletin for the date and time. If you are interested and for more information email me at: Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com Thanks for considering this, Fr. Bill

Living Everyday With Passion & Purpose

Matthew Kelly invites us all to identify God's voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we've been created. Matthew inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives including prayer & spirituality, work, dating & marriage, personal finances, health & well-being, parenting, and community involvement. Matthew Kelly and musician, Eliot Morris, prepares a unique message inspired by God and the teachings of the Church that promises to radiate in your life. Consider this: most people take more time to plan their annual vacation than they do to discover the voice of God and His plan for their life.

Arrive an hour and a half early to collect your event materials and find a seat. Each participant receives an event bag filled with many great resources including a book, cd, journal and pen. Please pack a snack as no meals will be served. Cost is \$39.00, we can car pool from the church and leave church parking lot at 3:45 pm and arrive back here 12:30 am. **Please contact Judi Brennan 508-885-3111 ext 105 by Sept. 3rd** if you would like to go so that we can order tickets.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 27 4:30 pm Lillian St. Onge (24 th Anniv) by Sylvia Little & Family
Sunday, August 28 8:00 am Carl Chojnacki (22 nd Anniv) by the Family 10:15 am Pat & Rhea Gagne by the Family
Monday, August 29 8:00 am Henry Lacombe by the Family
Tuesday, August 30 8:00 am Joseph Gaucher by Louise & Theresa
Wednesday, August 31 8:00 am Ken Wheeler – Month's Mind by Jean Wheeler
Thursday, September 1 8:00 am
Friday, September 2 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 3 4:30 pm Patrons of the Food Pantry
Sunday, August 28 8:00 am Richard Chabior by his Wife 10:15 am Hank Grenier (17 th Anniv) by his Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 28 10:15 am 8:00 am- 10:30 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN Children's Liturgy of the Word Glow Trip – Lake Compounce
Monday, August 29 10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, August 30 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Vital 3.0 Meeting
Wednesday, September 1	
Thursday, September 2 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 3	
Saturday, September 4 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, September 5 10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

One of our parishioners, Vivian Cantara, is celebrating her 100th Birthday on September 10th. Vivian is very alert and would enjoy receiving cards.....
If you would like to make her 100th Birthday special please send a card to:

Vivian Cantara
Southbridge Health Care Ctr.
84 Chapin Street
Southbridge, MA 01550



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