

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week, 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, Al Shedyak, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Dawn McDonald, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JANUARY 7 & 8

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| Envelopes | \$ 2853.00 |
| Loose | \$ 340.00 |
| Total collection | \$ 3193.00 |
| Number of envelopes | 123 |
| Mass Attendance | 281 |

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you all. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving. For more info check out our website for the link to online giving.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Hearty Soups

A Call for Alter Servers

If you are 10 years of age or older and would like to be an alter server, please sign up at any door to the church or call the office.

A Call for Lectors

If you are interested in being a Lector at Mass, please sign up at the doors of the church or call the office – any age is welcome and younger members are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

A Call for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are interested in the possibility of being a "Eucharistic Minister" please sign up at the doors of the church or call the office. One must be a regular participant in the Sacraments, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and over the age of 18.

Intensive Training for Catholic Evangelization "Sent to Share God's Mercy & Message" is open to all who are interested.

Six Saturday training sessions over five months. Begins January 21, 2017 from 9 – 2 at St. Ann Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, \$60.00 per person. Sessions include: prayer, presentations, readings, small group sharing, skills-training, practice and "people" homework. \$60.00 per person. Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization. Registration and payment are due by January 6, 2017.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-5:00 Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Schedule this week:

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am Grades K – 6
Sunday 5:00 - 8:00 pm Grades 9 – 11
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:15 pm Grades 6 – 8 (Drop-in @ 6:30)

Youth Ministry Night tonight Sunday, Jan. 15th for all high school classes. **Class will run from 5 – 8:00**

Winter Vacation Bible School: This year Faith Formation will be offering a mini-VBS during February vacation from school. Registration forms are at the doors of the church for anyone interested. Feb. 21st – Feb. 23rd (snow day Feb. 24th)

Winter VBS Scholarships: donations are being taken if anyone would like to help families send their children to our winter VBS, please send a check made out to Mary Queen of the Rosary and mark the note line with VBS Scholarship. \$30 per child for the regular day and \$60 for the extended day.

ILLUMINATE EVENT: join St. Joseph's Parish, Charlton, on Sunday Jan. 29th from 6:30-8:00pm for worship music, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and inspirational speakers from Focus missionary, from UConn. You may also join Mass at 5 and pizza after Mass. If you will be joining for pizza email Deacon Bill Shea at wshea26677@aol.com NO CHARGE!

Prayer Partners: Judi is looking for a few more people to pray for the Confirmation students before being confirmed. If you would like to pray for one of these young adults please contact Judi. We have 24 Confirmands who need you this year.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be happening Jan 20 – 22 in Duxbury, MA and March 12 – 19 South Kingston, RI. For more information please call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org

Adult Confirmation Information:

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic Adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed? The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 12 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 29 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, Ct. If interested please contact Fr. Bill for more information

The Christian Community Choir is made up of singers from many area churches, including 5 of our own parishioners. They are performing the Cantata, "**Christmas is Forever**":

Sunday, Jan 15th 2:00 pm Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton

A message from Fr. Bill

Take Two

Last week with snow and cold weather many parishioners wisely stayed home, so I believe it is worth restating what I said in last week's bulletin. I'll also be talking about this at Mass this weekend.

There are two very important leadership groups that are intended to help a parish nurture its spiritual life and strengthen its financial life, a Finance Committee and a Parish Pastoral Council. Currently we have a successful and dedicated Finance Committee, but I believe our parish will be greatly enhanced by a Parish Pastoral Council. I would like more input and help from the many talented people we have among us, and so I am announcing that over the coming months I would like, with your help, to form a Parish Pastoral Council. I have placed at each door descriptions of both groups so you can see the differences. At this point all I am asking is that you prayerfully look at these documents and think about and talk about whom might be a good member of the Parish Pastoral Council. In the coming weeks we will have more discussions about the importance of a Parish Pastoral Council.

Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION February 4, 2017 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00am. Confessions following mass. Exposition will be starting at the end of mass and continuing throughout the day until 4:00 pm. Confessions 3:00 – 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm. If you wish to participate there is a signup sheet in the sacristy.

The choirs are looking for new members to help proclaim God's word in song.....Just show up at mass and introduce yourself to the choir director and have fun....



Parade of Soups in Oxford

Parade of Soups event will be held on Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm in the St. Roch Church Hall, 332 Main Street, Oxford. \$8.00 per person includes a bowl to sample and savor a variety of soups, stews and chowders. The meal also includes bread, beverage and dessert. Tickets available at the door.

"STUMP THE PRIEST" evening in Charlton, Friday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. Come try and stump the priests at St. Joseph in Charlton. Bring your questions for Fr. Brian Dunkle SJ of the Boston College of Theology and Ministry and Fr. Albert Duggan OP, Catholic chaplain at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design and Fr.. Donato Infante, associate pastor at St. Joseph in Charlton. Special guest moderator Fr. Nick Desimone. Refreshments available, including Wine.



Mass Schedule

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| Saturday, January 14 4:30 pm Emile Lamoureux by his son Paul |
| Sunday, January 15 8:00 am Marie & Steve Natale by the Family 10:15 am For the People of the Parish 7:00 pm Fr. Philip F. Santonoceto |
| Monday, January 16 8:00 am For the Intention of the Priest |
| Tuesday, January 17 8:00 am Rita Comeau by Kathy & Tom |
| Wednesday, January 18 8:00 am Francis Moreau Sr. by his daughter |
| Thursday, January 19 8:00 am For the Intention of the Priest |
| Friday, January 20 8:00 am No Mass Today |
| Saturday, January 21 4:30 pm David Durgin (1 st Anniv) by his Friends |
| Sunday, January 22 8:00 am For all homeless people 10:15 am Deceased Members of our Parish 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish |

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, January 15 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:00 – 8:00 pm | Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation – High School |
| Monday, January 16 10:00 am | Food Pantry CLOSED |
| Tuesday, January 17 6:30 pm 7:00 pm | Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 |
| Wednesday, January 18 8:45 am | Spiritual Life Ministry |
| Thursday, January 19 10:00 am | Food Pantry CLOSED |
| Friday, January 20 | |
| Saturday, January 21 1:15 – 6:30 pm 3:30 pm | GLOW Ice Skating & Papa Gino's Confessions |
| Sunday, January 22 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm | Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Family Mass Faith Formation – High School |

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his
Servant in the womb". ISAIAH 49:5A