

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week, especially Peter Reno. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to his family and pray that he will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, 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, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Penhallow

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JANUARY 21 & 22

Envelopes	\$ 5,071.00
Loose	\$ 480.75
Total collection	\$5,551.75
Number of envelopes	173
Mass Attendance	404

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

Toilet Paper

LAST CALL:

A Call for Alter Servers

If you are 10 years of age or older and would like to be an alter server, please call the office.

A Call for Lectors

If you are interested in being a Lector at Mass, please 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 call the office. One must be a regular participant in the Sacraments, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and over the age of 18.

Women's Bible Study "Follow Me, Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". Beginning in February.



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

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 March 12 – 19 South Kingston, RI. and June 10 – 11 in Medway, MA. 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 12th 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

Pastoral Council: We will be having a series of Parish Meetings over the next 2 months to further explore starting a Pastoral Council.

Meetings will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 4:00
Sunday, March 5th at 4:00 pm

We will try very hard to keep this meeting to one hour.

A message from Fr. Bill

Why does the Priest kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass?

In ancient times the kiss as a sign of greeting was used to show reverence for temples and images of the gods. It seems that the table was likewise honored before the family meal in places where every meal was considered sacred, where the participants in the meal were seen as either hosts or guests of the household gods. By the fourth century Christian worship appropriated this sign of honor since the altar was the "table of the Lord." As the altar came to be constructed of stone, it was looked upon as the symbol of Christ, the cornerstone and spiritual rock of the Church. With the growth of the veneration of the martyrs, relics were placed beneath the altar, and the kiss was seen as greeting the saints and through them the whole Church triumphant. Until the thirteenth century the altar was kissed only three times during Mass: at the beginning, during the Eucharistic Prayer, and before the dismissal. A century later this sign so multiplied that the importance of the original kiss at the beginning and end of the celebration lost its meaning. Today the altar is venerated with a kiss only at the beginning and end of Mass. (From The Mystery of Faith: A Study of the Structural Elements of the order of the Mass)

Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

February 4, 2017 8:30 am - 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....

Open Houses

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, 865 Main Street Worcester, Sunday, January 29 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm PreK – 7 508-791-6496

Our Lady of the Angels School, 1220 Main Street Worcester Sunday February 2nd from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool – 8 508-752-5609 or www.ourladyoftheangels.us

St. Stephen School, 355 Grafton St., Worcester PreK – 7. Saturday, February 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Schools, 50 Richland St., Worcester Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. PreK – 12, 508-753-1170 or www.stmarysworcester.org. Tours & Info packets will be provided.

Interested in becoming a Deacon? If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. Saturday, February 11 10:00 am St. Anne Parish Center, 130 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury. For more info call the Deaconate office: 508-929-4335 or visit www.worcesterdiocese.org.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 28 4:30 pm Rena Snow (6 th Anniv) by her Family
Sunday, January 29 8:00 am 10:15 am Jeremy Hayes 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, January 30 8:00 am
Tuesday, January 31 8:00 am Doe Gosselin by Kathy & Paul LaPerle
Wednesday, February 1 8:00 am
Thursday, February 2 8:00 am The Lamoureux Family by Suzanne & Family
Friday, February 3 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, February 4 4:30 pm Jason Bercume & Zachary Fahey by David, Kim & Evan
Sunday, February 5 8:00 am Antoinette Strand (1 st Anniv) by the Family 10:15 am Timothy Josti Sr. by the Karbowski Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Faith Formation – High School
Monday, January 30 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, January 31 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Drop In Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, February 1	
Thursday, February 2 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, February 3	
Saturday, February 4 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, February 5 9:00 am 10:15 am 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Scout Sunday No Faith Formation – High School

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3

Be
Nourished

