

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Deborah McNamara. 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, Jill Cote, Peter Lacroix, Regis Breault, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Max Sandberg, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Dawn McDonald, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Hannah Laythe, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS APRIL 1 & 2

Envelopes	\$7,294.00
Loose	\$ 605.90
Total collection	\$7,899.90
Number of envelopes	211
Mass Attendance	371

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The Partners in Charity appeal is off to a very good start. We have received \$26,630.00 in gifts and pledges from 102 givers toward our goal of \$43,000. Every gift great and small enables the church to continue her works of charity, education, and pastoral ministry. THANK YOU for your generosity!

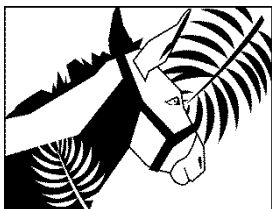
FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Mayonnaise

St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield will hold an International Dinner and Variety Show at North Brookfield Elementary School on Saturday April 22nd at 5:30 pm. Adults \$10.00, children under 12 \$5.00 with a \$20.00 per family max. Please call to reserve tickets or more info 508-867-6811.

There will be Lector and Eucharistic Minister training, for old and new people, after each mass the weekend after Easter. Also, a procedure sheet for Eucharistic Ministers is in the Sacristy for you to go over before then.

Novena to the Divine Mercy at St. John's Church Chapel in Worcester, 44 Temple St. at 5:00 pm April 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Deacon Paul Dacri will be the celebrant each day and servicewill consist of Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.



Palm Sunday



April 9, 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 High School, **Youth Ministry Night**
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:15 pm Grades 6 – 8 (Drop-in @ 6:30)

This is the last week of classes for this year.
PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW !!!!

Annual International Bazaar will be held on Friday, June 9th and Saturday June 10th!!! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Polish Booth is looking for a Co-Chair to help organize and run the booth and please call the office to volunteer....

Easter Cantata: "The Sacrifice", presented by the Ecumenical Community Choir will take place:
April 9th @ 3:00 pm East Brookfield Baptist Church
April 15th @ 3:00 pm Masonic Home, Charlton
April 23rd @ 3:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS:

Wednesday	Lenten Mass	5:30
	Lenten Meal	6:00 – 7:00
Holy Thursday	Mass	7:00
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	3:00
	Service	7:00
Saturday	Confessions	3:30
	Easter Vigil	8:00
Sunday	Masses	8:00 & 10:15

St. John the Baptist will be holding a Self-Guided Meditative Stations of the Cross on Friday April 14 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Wander at your own pace through a series of activities, reflections and scripture.

Next week's Lenten Meal will be hosted by the The Martha/Mary Guild. The meal will be Mexican Night with tacos, taco salad, quesadillas, rice, chips and guacaq mole and dessert. Meal will be served from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

No Wednesday morning Bible Study this week
Wednesday evening Video and Discussion has finished
This Tuesday evening is the last Woman's Bible Study

Open House: Venerini Academy is holding their Spring Open House on Thursday, April 27 from 9 – 11 am, 27 Edward Street, Worcester 508-753-3210 ext. 7310. Or visit them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

Matthew 27:32

A message from Fr. Bill

HOSANNA, HEY SANNA, SANNA SANNA HOSANNA,
HEY SANNA, HOSANNA

The daily Mass readings have intensified during this week as Jesus is coming closer to His final confrontation with the religious leaders of his day. In a few days, Jesus will be arrested, tortured, and killed all in the name of preserving the religious values of His time. But first, the crowds will welcome Him waving palms and singing "Hosanna!!!" in expression of their adoration, praise, and joy of Jesus entering Jerusalem. A few days later they will yell even louder "CRUCIFY HIM!!! CRUCIFY HIM!!!" As we go through the wonderful readings and liturgy of Holy Week, each of us will have the opportunity to reflect on what role we would play if we were present at the first Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning. During this week I ask you to reflect on what is your greatest spiritual need at this point in your life? Where do you see yourself in the readings of Holy Week? And, how will you let the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ enter your heart and purify you so that you can be filled with His love and grace?

Peace, Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION MAY 6, 2017 8:30AM - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00am. Confessions following Mass. Exposition 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.

BABY BOTTLE RETURN: Please remember to return the baby bottles you have been filling this Lenten Season for Visitation House next weekend, Easter. Your sacrifice this Lenten Season will help many women and children in need. Thank you for all you do.

The 2018 Mass Book is now open for you to book your mass intentions for your loved ones. \$10.00 per mass...Call the office to get the date you want.

Fundraising Opportunity:

We will be partnering with Mexicali Mexican Grill here in Spencer to have a fundraiser to benefit our Boy Scout Troop 201. This Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, April 18th from Noon till 10:00 pm. All you have to do is get a coupon from us and go enjoy a good meal. Mexicali will donate 20 % of the **total food sales** to the parish.... **YOU MUST HAVE A COUPON FOR US TO GET THE BENEFIT!!!!**

Coupons are available in the office, at the doors of the church and on the website.....



Save the Dates: The Spiritual Life Committee will be sponsoring a couple of events:

May 3 Morning of Reflection - Parish Hall
June 14 Pilgrimage to Fatima Shrine in Holliston

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 8 4:30 pm Herve and Marjorie Steiger by their Family
Sunday, April 9 8:00 am Loretta Muzzrall by the Family 10:15 am Arthur & Alma Tatro by their Children 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, April 10 8:00 am Juan Miranda by his Wife & Family
Tuesday, April 11 8:00 am Ernestine Berthiaume by Friends of the Chapel
Wednesday, April 12 8:00 am Henry Guibord by Jean Wheeler 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish
Thursday, April 13 7:00 pm Holy Thursday
Friday, April 7 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 15 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 16 8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass 10:15 am Easter Sunday Mass

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 9	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 5:00 – 8:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Youth Ministry Night
Monday, April 10	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, April 11	
6:30 pm 6:30 – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Drop In Women's Bible Study Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
Wednesday, April 12	
5:30 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Lenten Mass Lenten Meal – Mexican Night
Thursday, April 13	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Friday, April 14	
Saturday, April 15	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, April 16	Coffee Shop CLOSED
10:15 am	EASTER SUNDAY



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