

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially all victims of senseless violence. 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, Mary Madden, Elaine Lamoureux, George Gouin, Jeannette Gebo, Peter Lacroix, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Stevie Day, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Dawn McDonald, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS JULY 8 & 9

Envelopes	\$4,025.00
Loose	\$ 498.00
Total collection	\$5,523.00
Number of envelopes	
Mass Attendance	336

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

We have received \$41,062 in gifts and pledges from 199 givers and we are at 95.5% toward our goal of \$43,000 so only \$1,938 to go, can you help us reach our goal?

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Bars of Soap & Toilet Paper

EWTN Family Celebration in New England on September 9 & 10 at the DCU Center in WORCESTER! Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks, Holy Mass, Confession & Adoration. For more information go to www.ewtn.com/familycelebration.

Adoration Chapel

After prayerful consideration and two Listening Sessions, it has become clear that we do not have sufficient Adorers to keep the Adoration Chapel open in a way that the Blessed Sacrament is respected in accordance with United States Catholic Conference of Bishops guidelines. The Adoration Chapel will be closed around the end of the month. All those present at the Listening Session agreed that the First Saturday Devotion may be a reasonable alternative and that perhaps out of our prayers and devotion at First Saturday we might have a renewed interest in and awareness of the benefits of Eucharistic Adoration.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: 10:00 – 5:00

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00

Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Faith Formation classes will resume in the fall.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!!!

Schedule for the 2017 – 2018 year will be:

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	Grades K – 5
Sunday	5:30 – 7:00	Grades 9 – 11
Monday	4:45 – 6:00	Grades 2 – 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15	Grades 6 – 8

Grades 2 – 5 will only have 1 class on Sunday morning and one class on Monday afternoon. First Come, First Serve

Last Call for the Bravehearts

Family Night at the Bravehearts! Come join in the fun for a "Family Night" this August! We will all be seated together to watch the Bravehearts, a half hour before the game starts families are invited to take part in an Autograph Session with select members of the Worcester Bravehearts...Where: Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field, Worcester. When: August 5th 2017. Time: Gates open at 6:05 pm, Game starts at 7:05pm. Cost: \$8.00 per person ***deadline to purchase tickets is July 17th**, if we get 20 people to go everyone gets a Bravehearts hat. Call the office to sign up.....

Greater Worcester Opera will be presenting concerts this summer at Briarwood Retirement Community, Wednesday July 19 & 26 and August 2. Come relax in the air conditioned hall and listen to talented area singers, you might even know some. Concerts are at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door

"Deja New", Art, Antiques & Collectibles Vendor Marketplace will open on Wednesday, August 2nd from 1:00 to 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph's Rectory building in Leicester for its first season. In addition, a farmers market will be open from 3:00 – 6:00 that day. Stop in and check out our vendor products. All proceeds benefit the non-profit "24-7 Community Partnership" which will provide funds to programs for the needy, including the Leicester Food Pantry.

St. Joseph & St. Pius Church will be holding its Second Annual Estate Sale on August 4- 5th from 9 am to 1pm at the St. Joseph's church hall located at 759 Main Street in Leicester. We have dining room, living room, bedroom and office furniture from several locations plus collectables. Cash only!!



A message from Fr. Bill

A SPECIAL APPEAL

As many of you know, we are very close to making our goal for Partners in Charity. Last year our goal was around \$47,000.00 which was reduced to a much more realistic goal of \$43,000.00 for this year. We are less than \$2,000.00 away from reaching that goal which is fantastic! But we are not there yet! So I am making this special appeal. If everyone at Mass gave \$5.00, we would make our goal, but I know everyone can't do that. Some of you may not be able to give anything, others might be able to give more. Whatever is possible, please consider helping us to make our goal.

Thanks to all who have been so generous thus far, without the generosity of so many we would not be able to make our goal and help our diocese help those who are in need.

Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AUGUST 5, 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.

Outreach Ministry: Carol St. John visits and brings communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. If you know of someone who needs a visit please call her at 508-885-3017 or 508-864-6323

Prayer Shawl Ministry news: Next meeting with be Wed. August 2, 7:00 pm

Catholic Charities' Southbridge Area Office is organizing its annual School Supply/Back Pack drive for local children. This year's goal is to service at least 200 children in grades 1 - 12. We will be leaving boxes out at the doors of the church for the next 4 week if you would like to donate. Items needed include: 3-ring binders, 1-3 subject notebooks, backpacks, book covers, calculators, colored markers, crayons, erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, pencils, pens, pocket folders, rulers and whiteout. There are flyers at the doors of the church for information. Supplies will be picked up by August 5th.



Extra August Calendar Raffles along with return envelopes are available at the doors of the church and in the office.



The 15TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 15 4:30 pm Henry Guibord by Jean Wheeler
Sunday, July 16 8:00 am Richard Gendreau by a Friend 10:15 am Joanne Grandmont (23 rd Anniv) by her loving Daughters
Monday, July 17 8:00 am A "Special" Remembrance
Tuesday, July 18 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Wednesday, July 19 8:00 am
Thursday, July 20 8:00 am Norma & Normand Ledoux by Diane
Friday, July 21 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, July 22 4:30 pm Viola Pizon (5 th Anniv) by Pat
Sunday, July 23 8:00 am Ken Wheeler (1 st Anniv) by Jean & Family 10:15 am Dennis Gilman (3 rd Anniv) by his Daughter Michelle

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 16	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Family Mass
Monday, July 17	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, July 18	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Volleyball Practice
Wednesday, July 19	
Thursday, July 20	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, July 21	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Volleyball Practice
Saturday, July 22	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, July 23	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Zachary Simons, a member of our parish and an Eagle Scout will be accepting monetary donations to put towards his Eagle Scout Project of adding 6 new white boards to the Faith Formation classrooms. Zachary needs to raise \$1,000.00 for this project.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who bears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." Matthew 13:22



July 16, 2017