

**Please Pray for...**

*All who have died especially all who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that they will rest in peace.*

**Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:**

Yvette Bouvier, Richard Chabior, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bonnie Sheldon, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Paul Provencher, Fr. William O'Brien, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, Ernest Tremblay, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

**PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK**

For the sick and disabled and for their caregivers

**OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 13 & 14**

Envelopes	\$5,309.00
Loose	\$ 327.25
Total collection	\$5,636.25
Number of envelopes	176
Attendance	354

Thank you for your support this past weekend. Because of the cold and wind last weekend many people did not make it to church. We missed you. Glad to have you here today. May God bless you for your support.

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK**

**Canned Pineapple**

**WEEKLY LENTEN MEALS** will be held every Wednesday night during Lent. This week's meal will be **Shepherd's Pie**. This meal will be presented by our parish Spiritual Life Committee Ministry. It will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

**BABY BOTTLES** It is our custom to fill baby bottles with our loose change or the cost of what we have decided to give up for Lent. The money collected goes to Visitation House for the support of women who have chosen life for their unborn child. They are provided with a home during pregnancy and with support after the birth to get started on a new life. Bottles are available at the doors of the church.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL** when you are walking on the parish property. Because of the frequency of the snow storms in the past few weeks we have to plow and sand more often. Sometimes it is difficult for the plow driver to see someone walking behind the truck. So please use extra care. Thank you.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 – 5:00 pm. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at **508-885-3111 Ext. 105**.

**Faith Formation Classes this week**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Grades K thru 6</b>
	<b>6:30 - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Grades 9, 10 &amp; 11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:15 – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Grades 2 – 5</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Drop In Center Open</b>
	<b>7:00 – 8:15 pm</b>	<b>Grades 6, 7 &amp; 8</b>

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** today Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am followed by Family Mass at 10:15 am. Parents are reminded to bring your child's work book so that it can be checked.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

<b>DAILY MASS</b>	Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 am Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Tuesday evenings at 7:00 to 8:00 pm Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm
	At other times by appointment Call Fr. Jim
<b>ROSARY</b>	Recited each morning after Mass at 8:30 am
<b>LENTEN CHARITY</b>	Baby bottles for Visitation House Return on Palm Sunday
<b>FASTING LAWS</b>	Abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent Fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	Friday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. John's in E. Brookfield, Simple Supper served at 6:00 pm
<b>WORD AMONG US</b>	Available at the doors of the church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND VISITATION:**

The Church is open daily from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm  
The Eucharistic Chapel located in the Pastoral Center is open  
24 hours a day for adoration  
**Special Year of Mercy Penitential Service will be announced**

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** will be held this year on Saturday, March 12 at the DCU Center from 8:30 am to 5:00pm. As usual, a fine array of speakers has been assembled including a former NFL player now a priest, a producer of Catholic Films and a father of four who speaks on fathers and sons to name a few. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during lunch and Mass with Bishop McManus will conclude the day. Registration is \$ 45.00 before February 29 and \$ 60.00 after that or at the door which includes lunch and all materials. Brochure and registration forms are at the doors of the church.

**SPECIAL LENTEN MASS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:45 PM. PLEASE JOIN US**

**CONFESSIONS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM 7:00 TO 8:00PM IN CHURCH**

**February 21, 2016**

## Pastor's Notes:

### Masses for our deceased loved ones:

There has been a sharp drop in Masses being requested for our loved ones who have passed away. Many people are opting not to have a funeral Mass for their loved ones. In fact, some of our older parishioners are worried that their children will not have a Mass for them when they die and have expressed their concern to me about it. I've told them to put it in writing. Many feel that since their parents weren't great church goers or that they themselves are not, that to have a Mass would be hypocritical. The opposite is true. In this parish everyone is welcome to be buried from the church. No one would be refused a Mass because they could not pay. The Mass has infinite value and is the way a Catholic should be honored. A Mass offered for a loved one unites them to the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and places them before God in a special way. Remembering them on the anniversary of their death is a fitting way to honor their memory. Masses can also be offered for the living as a spiritual gift on a birthday or to celebrate a special anniversary or to give thanks to God for an answered prayer. We need to bring God back into our lives. The Mass is a wonderful way to do so and may offer us comfort and grace ourselves. If you wish to book a Mass call the office and we will help you.

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY HAS BEGUN

The theme of this year's appeal is "Merciful like the Father". This is in keeping with the year of mercy. Most of the charities that are aided by this appeal are part of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Our In Pew Appeal will be the weekend of March 6/7. Many of you have already received pledge cards from the diocese. Feel free to send those cards in by mail but make sure that the name of our parish is on them so that we will receive credit towards our goal.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOMECARE GIVERS** program is looking for aides to care for elders and the disabled in their homes. Aides provide light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. They offer paid training and a schedule to meet your needs. For more info call 1- 800- 649-4364.

**CATHOLIC FREE PRESS** February is Catholic Press month and the time to renew your subscription to our diocesan newspaper. This is an important year to know the Catholic view on issues, as well as keeping abreast of the words and actions of Pope Francis as he calls us to share God's mercy. Subscription envelopes are in your monthly packet.

**FOOD & FUEL CALENDARS** Thank you for your response to this raffle. There are additional calendars at the doors of the church or at the office if you need more. Please remember to send them in by March 1.

**Jeremiah's Inn** a shelter for homeless men is in need of twin size fitted sheets. For info call 508-755-6403.

**Lent got off to a slow start** this year partly because it began so early, the cold weather last weekend and the school vacation. It is not too late to start your Lenten observances. It is still 5 weeks until Easter.

## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, February 20</b> 4:30 pm Helen Frelick (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Jim & Family
<b>Sunday, February 21</b> 8:00 am For Parishioners 10:15 am Thomas Hicks by Ralph & Tina
<b>Monday, February 22</b> 8:00 am
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b> 8:00 am For the Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b> 8:00 am 6:45 pm The Moreau Family by Diane
<b>Thursday, February 25</b> 8:00 am For the sick of the parish
<b>Friday, February 26</b> 8:00 am No Mass
<b>Saturday, February 27</b> 4:30 pm Edward Dobosz (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Family
<b>Sunday, February 28</b> 8:00 am 10:15 am Dick Pelletier by his Family

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, February 21</b>	<b>Coffee Shop – Open</b>
9:00 am	Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6
9:00 am	First Communion Parent Meeting
10:15 am	Family Mass
1:00 pm	Baptism
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11
<b>Monday, February 22</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry - <b>OPEN</b>
7:00 pm	RCIA Class
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b>	
4:15 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6
6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
7:00 pm	Confessions
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>	
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Lenten Meal – Spiritual Life Committee
6:45 pm	Lenten Mass
7:30pm	Vital 3 Youth Ministry
<b>Thursday, February 25</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Friday, February 25</b>	
<b>Saturday, February 27</b>	
3:30 pm	Confessions
<b>Sunday, February 28</b>	<b>Coffee Shop Open</b>
9:00 am	Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grs 9, 10 & 11

