

Please Pray for...

All who have died, especially **Richard Chabior, Vincent Mastro and Lillian Remillard** and for the soul of **Mother Angelica** who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their families that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Yvette Bouvier, , Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Theresa Johnson, Janice Baronoski, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wyne, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Joseph Siaures, Bill Keyes, Bonnie Sheldon, Pauline Casavant, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin, Paul Provencher, Fr. William O'Brien, Michael Jette, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Donald Ritchie, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, John Ahearn, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, John Paul Sribiag, 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 people to continue the works of Mercy during this Easter season.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MARCH 26 & 27

Envelopes	\$5,490.00
Loose	\$ 991.00
Total collection	\$6,481.50
Number of envelopes	176
Attendance	826
Easter Collection	\$3,591.50
Easter Envelopes	180
Good Friday	\$ 367.00

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you all.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Ketchup

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter which this year is on April 3. In observance of this we invite you to join the Spiritual Renewal Committee in reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 8:00 am Mass this morning. This devotion lasts only about 15 minutes and is a good way to celebrate the year of Mercy. All are invited to join in.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING for all volunteers from previous years and for new volunteers will take place on Sunday April 10th after the 10:15 Mass in the hall. At this meeting we will begin to build our team and announce the theme for this year's VBS.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Members of the Confirmation class will be on retreat this Sunday preparing for the Sacrament which they will receive on April 28. We ask you to keep the young people in your prayers today and during the next month as they prepare for this special day.

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week on Monday, 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

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	Grs. K thru 6
	10:30 am 7:30	Confirmation retreat
	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Grades 9 & 10
Tuesday	4:15 – 5:30 pm	Grades 2 – 5
	6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
	7:00 – 8:15 pm	Grades 6, 7 & 8

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT will be taking place live in Ottawa, Canada and will be webcast to host sites across North America. One of those sites is St. Joseph's in Charlton just up Rte. 31 from us. The webcast will be streamed on Friday evening April 15 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm and continue on Saturday April 16 from 8:45 am until 4:30 pm. Some of the very best speakers on the new evangelization will be featured. Tickets to take part in this event need to be purchased in advance. For tickets and information visit newevangelization.ca or call Deacon Bill at 508-248-7862.

MORNING OF REFLECTION The Spiritual Life committee is planning their spring Morning of Reflection on Wednesday April 27. The speaker will be Fr. Michael Broderick who is one the special priests commissioned by Pope Francis to spread the good news of the Year of Mercy. Save the date. More details soon.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND VISITATION:

The Eucharistic Chapel located in the Pastoral Center is open 24 hours a day for adoration. If there is no one else in the chapel when you leave, remember to close the wooden doors in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Because of Holy Week, there is no new report this week. We continue our annual Partners in Charity Appeal this weekend. We have collected **\$26,065.00 representing 142 gifts**, which is **52 %** of our goal. We still have a long way to go to reach this year's goal of **\$47,500.00**. To meet this goal we will need the support of everyone. This money supports the works of the church in our diocese, works of education, charity and pastoral ministry. We encourage you to become partners in the works of mercy carried out by the church.

MONTHLY MEALS Many people commented on how much they enjoyed the Wednesday night Lenten meals. It was evident from your good attendance and great spirit. Even though we can't do this all year, we do offer a monthly parish meal usually on the second Wednesday of the month. The next one will be on April 13 and will be **Breakfast for Supper**. Hope to see you then.

EASTER CANTATA entitled "Raise the Crown" will be presented by the Christian Community Choir on the following dates.
Sunday April 3 at 3:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church
Sunday April 10 at 3:00pm at Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton
All are invited to come and continue the spirit of the Easter Season.

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT next Sunday for grades 9, 10 and 11. From 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Game night, cook out and Youth Mass.

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PASTORS NOTES

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter was established by St. John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday a day to celebrate the mercy that God has shown us in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus. Some parishes in the area celebrate this day with prayers and ceremonies with an emphasis on the sacrament of Reconciliation in which that same mercy is offered to us. Pope Francis has established this Year of Mercy to emphasize this gift of God's love and to invite people back to church. He has added another emphasis namely to practice the works of mercy in our lives by granting forgiveness, acceptance and service to those around us. Mercy that is received needs to be shared. One of the strongest condemnations in the Gospels was the servant whose master had remitted his large debt but who refused in turn to forgive the much smaller debt which a fellow servant owed him. A good way to celebrate this day would be to perform an act of mercy towards someone. Feed, clothe, visit, welcome, forgive, counsel and pray for others. All of these are the works that show forth the mercy of God.

THE WORD AMONG US booklets for the Easter season which lasts until May 15 are available at the doors of the church. These booklets contain the weekday and Sunday Mass readings and reflections to go with each day. They are a free. Take one of these booklets and let the Easter message take root in your heart and mind.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR We held our first meeting for the annual Bazaar on Wednesday evening of this week and discussed what we need for help to make this Bazaar a success. One of our greatest needs is for man and woman power to help transport and set up the various booths and tables necessary for the smooth running of the Bazaar. Set up will be on Sunday June 5 following the 10:15 Mass. Save the date now.

GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING A state wide project to collect gently used, clean children's clothes to be distributed to those in need is being conducted from now until Friday April 8. This includes anything from infants and toddlers to Men's size Medium with emphasis on tops for boys of all ages, girls from 24 months to 3 T, and sneakers up to youth / adult size 5 and new children's underwear. This is a state project sponsored by Project 351 which is a nonprofit focused on community and service. One 8th grade student from each town is chosen to conduct this campaign. The young man from our town is a member of our parish and an altar server. Boxes are at the doors of the church until April 8 to collect your donations.

FOOD AND FUEL RAFFLE WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS!

March 25	Drew Paradis	\$50.00 Price Chopper
March 26	Michael Griffin	\$50.00 Black & White
March 27	Sandy Fritze	\$100.00 Salem Cross
March 28	Mary McLaughlin	\$50.00 308 Lakeside
March 29	Denise Gadbois	\$50.00 Speedway
March 30	Carmine Plumley	\$50.00 Hannaford
March 31	Roger Picard	\$300.00 Walmart

EASTER IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL PROGRAM at St Mary's in Jefferson starting on April 10 at 6:15 pm. This will focus on the Post Resurrection appearances of Jesus and continuing on Sunday evenings until May 15. All welcome

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Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 2 4:30 pm Herve & Margie Steiger by the Family
Sunday, April 3 8:00 am Jennifer McLaughlin by her Family 10:15 am Elizabeth Monfette (90 th Birthday) by her Family
Monday, April 4 8:00 am Betsy Meloche by Charlie Meloche
Tuesday, April 5 8:00 am Costello Gobi by the Family 2:00 am Chris Branham, Skip Pottle, Kevin & Beverly Belair & Janet Lavoie by Cheryl Branham
Wednesday, April 6 8:00 am Loretta Muzzrall (8 th Anniv) by the Family
Thursday, April 7 8:00 am For the Food Pantry & Martha Mary Guild by Sylvia Berthiaume
Friday, April 08 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, April 09 4:30 pm Ronald Jette (4 th Anniv) by the Family
Sunday, April 10 8:00 am Roger & Blanche Archambeault by the Family 10:15 am Alma & Arthur Tatro by their children

Calendar of Events

Sunday , April 03 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 -7:30 pm 6:30 pm	Coffee Shop – Closed Faith Formation Grades K -6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Confirmation Retreat Faith Formation Grades 9 - 10
Monday, April 04 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry - Open RCIA
Tuesday, April 05 2:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Howe Village Mass Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 GLOW Y.G. Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, April 06 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, April 07 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry OPEN Scouts
Friday, April 08 5:00 pm	Wedding. Alan Grant & Megan Craig
Saturday, April 09 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, April 10 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am 6:00 – 8:30 pm	Coffee Shop Open Faith Formation Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word VBS Team Meeting Youth Ministry Night



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