

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Sophie Latour and Hannah Laythe. 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, George Gouin, Jill Cote, Peter Lacroix, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Mary Williams, 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 Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MAY 6 & 7

Envelopes	\$5,947.00	
Loose	\$ 530.00	
Total collection	\$6,477.00	
Number of envelopes	218	
Mass Attendance		417

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 \$33,332.00 in gifts and pledges from 142 givers and we are at 76.3% 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 Salad Dressing & Mayonnaise

Ever thought about placing your business ad on the bulletin cover? We will have several empty spaces on the next printing. A one square ad is only \$150.00 per year and is on the bulletin every week....call the office at 508-885-3111

St. Mary's School is proud to present **Mary Poppins** on May 13 at 7:30 pm and May 14 at 2:30 pm in St. Mary's School Auditorium, 50 Richland St. Worcester. General seating tickets are \$10.00 and reserved seating tickets are \$12.00. Please call 508-753-1170 to order tickets and for more information. All proceeds go directly to supporting St. Mary's Drama Program.

One Day Women's Retreat:

A day retreat for women will be held at St. John the Evangelist in Townsend on Saturday, June 3 from 8 am to 8 pm featuring: Allison Gingras: Radio Host, Author and Inspirational Speaker. Come for all or part of the day. Take a look at the unique ways women interact with God and each other. Develop strategies for building or maintaining a relationship with God, No charge for the retreat, lunch or evening social. No formal registration is required however an RSVP is helpful for planning. Sign up on line at www.townsendcatholic.org or call/email to Mary Genova 978-597-1966; Marybpgeva@gmail.com

Happy
Mother's
Day!

5th Sunday of Easter

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours:

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

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

Faith Formation is done until 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

INTERNATIONAL BAZZAR !

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

Workers to help Set Up/ Take Down

Co-Chair for the Polish Booth

Chairperson for Popcorn and Cotton Candy

Chair people for Ring Toss/Lollipop Tree/Duck Pond

Help Needed: Making Baked Goods, Meat Pies

Themed Baskets for Basket Raffle

Workers for Food booths, Games and Raffles

Many hands make light work!!!

Consider helping us have a wonderful BAZAAR!

The Worcester Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting will be honoring outstanding Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America Adult Leaders with a religious emblem for their exemplary service. Social time at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 and award ceremony to follow. All are invited, tickets must be purchased in advance by May 25 at <https://squareup.com/store/worcester-catholic-scouting>. Proceeds support the work of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Knights of Columbus, Spencer Council #118/ East Brookfield, will be at all masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13 & 14 and will have available real "Roses for Life". The purpose is to bring attention to the plight of the unborn. Donations are accepted for each with proceeds going to the Problem Pregnancy of Worcester. This all volunteer agency provides women an alternative to abortion through free counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound scanning, including physical and emotional support. Your prayers and donations for the unborn are needed and greatly appreciated.

Walk for the Homeless at Elm Park in Worcester on Sunday, May 21. The 5k will kick off at 2:00 pm it will benefit Homeless Prevention Programs of Central MA Housing Alliance, Friendly House, Interfaith Hospitality Network and St. Johns food for the Poor program. For more info go to www.walkforthehomeless.org or call Amelia at 774-243-3823

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

May 14, 2017

A message from Fr. Bill

The Marian Apparitions at Fatima and the Virgin's Message

Beginning on 13 May 1917, three illiterate children, Lucia Santos, Francisco Marto and his sister Jacinta, who were between the ages of 10 and 13, saw a vision of a Lady who reappeared to them on five subsequent occasions. These three children often took the few sheep their families had to pasture to two favorite grazing areas some distance beyond Fatima. Apparitions would occur which would eventually change the course of those children's lives and the religious history of the 20th century. The message of Fatima can be summarized into two essential elements. First and foremost is the singular role of the Immaculata in the economy of salvation, coupled with devotion to the Immaculate Heart for the individual's life of faith and for the future of humanity. Three Secrets of Fatima: the first secret was a vision of hell revealed on 13 July 1917. The second was that the world war which was then raging would soon end, though another world war was in the offing. The third secret was about the 20th century persecution of Christians which culminated in the failed assassination attempt on May 13, 1981 of now St. Pope John Paul II, on the 64th anniversary of the first apparition of the Lady at Fatima and not revealed until May 13, 2000, 83 years after the first apparition of the Lady to the children. In the first apparition, the beloved Lady of Fatima declared, "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war" and at her final appearance, she revealed herself as Our Lady of the Rosary.

This weekend we celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the first apparition. Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

JUNE 3, 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.

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston on June 14. The cost is \$48 for the bus and meal. Please reserve your seat by June 1st by calling Suzanne Lamoureux 508-885-0084 or Louise Ethier 508-885-4360

St. Thomas Moore Law School Scholarship... Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3,000 to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. For an application please visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society or mail a request for an application to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester 01609, or call Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345

Worcester County Diapers and Wipes Program is need of donations of diapers, wipes and dollars. Many families are unable to purchase the appropriate number of diapers for their infant children. You may donate online at www.go.jet.com/give-ccworchester. Disposable diapers and wipes can also be donated to the Leominster and Worcester site.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

1 Peter 2:7

5th Sunday of Easter



May 14, 2017

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 13 4:30 pm Mary "Lou" Patriarca by her Friends
Sunday, May 14 8:00 am Pauline Penhallow by Joyce Plainte 10:15 am Betty Grenier (13 th Anniv) by the Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, May 15 8:00 am
Tuesday, May 16 8:00 am Marie Puliafico (1 st Anniv) by Cecile & Robert Phaneuf
Wednesday, May 17 8:00 am Kevin R. Hoey by the Family
Thursday, May 18 8:00 am Stan & Janet by Paul & Linda Angers
Friday, May 19 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, May 20 4:30 pm Timothy Josti Sr. (1 st Anniv) by Jean & Family
Sunday, May 21 8:00 am Louis Muzzrall by his Family 10:15 am Kaityln Langlois (12 th Anniv) by Mom, Dad & Michael 7:00 pm Wesley & Doris Strakosz by their Daughter

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 14 10:15 am	Coffee Shop OPEN Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, May 15 10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, May 16	
Wednesday, May 17	
Thursday, May 18 10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Friday, May 19	
Saturday, May 20 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, May 21 10:15 am	Coffee Shop OPEN Children's Liturgy of the Word

Volunteer Opportunities: Catholic Charities North County and Worcester are looking for volunteers for food pick up at Worcester County Food Bank and distribution, food sorting, clothing sorting and maintaining inventory and client record in the Diapers and Wipes Program. Call Rose Gage, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at rgage@ccworc.org or at 508-860-2211.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is conducting a clothing drive at its Thrift Shop at 507 Park Ave, Worcester. All Clothing and linens accepted no need to sort. Call Alicia at 508-752-4232 for info or a pick up.

