

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks. We offer our prayers to their family and pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Suzanne Lamoureux, Robert Boucher, LuAnn Trigo, Richard Roderick, Fr. Martin Donahue, Carole Caissie, Dorothy Choquette, Noreen Mina, Mary Madden, Michael Girardi, Robert Geoffrion, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Lili MacDonald, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Lucy Kelly, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS February 24 & 25

Envelopes \$ 3926.00

Loose \$ 691.85

Total collection \$ 4617.85

Number of envelopes 138

Mass Attendance

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Canned Pineapple & Cranberry Sauce

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
APRIL 7, 2018 8:30AM - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00 am. Confessions following Mass. Exposition starting at the end of Mass and continuing throughout the day until 4:00pm. Confessions 3:00 – 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm.

If you wish to participate there is a signup sheet in the sacristy.

The Mass book for 2019 is here! Masses can be booked in memory of a deceased loved one or for other special intentions. Call the parish office or stop in to book a mass. The suggested mass stipend is \$10.

Plan to attend a meeting to discuss the International Bazaar on March 12th at 7pm in the parish hall.

The next Pray Shawl Ministry meeting will be held March 7th at 7pm in the Benton Room.

Men's Group: Next Meeting is Saturday, April 7, 9:30-11:00 am in the Rectory. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Fr. Bill at fr.billschipper@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message.

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 Judi.mqrff@gmail.com

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00 am	Grades K - 5
Sunday	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Grades 9 - 11 *see calendar
Monday	4:45 – 6:00 pm	Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15 pm	Grades 6 - 8

Happenings during Lent

Confessions: Tuesdays 7-8pm, Saturdays 3:30-4pm

Lenten Meal: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Lenten Mass: Wednesdays 6:45pm

Baby Bottles for the Visitation House are still available, its not to late help by filling one with your spare change during Lent. Visitation house provides woman with troubled pregnancies a safe place to stay and get care for themselves and their babies.

Food Pantry Easter Needs– The food pantry is looking for donations of Ham, Turkey, Chicken, Vegetables etc. for their pantry prepared Easter Baskets . Please contact the parish office if you would like to help by donating food.

Family to Family Sponsors are also needed. Please contact Kathy Sullivan at 508-885-9828 if you would like to pray for and provide an Easter dinner for a Family in need. All food donations should be dropped off on Saturday, March 24th between 8-9am. Easter Baskets will be distributed the same day starting at 10am for elderly clients and 10:30 for all other clients.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: On March 17th we will celebrate our Annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. Zach is still in need of more volunteers to help with this dinner . If you would like to help please contact Zachary Simons at 508-981-5745. **Tickets can be purchased this weekend after all masses. Adults \$ 15 & children (under 10) \$8.00 Tickets can also be purchased at the parish office.**

Catholic Men's Conference... The 18th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 17th at Assumption College in Worcester. This will be an exceptional day for the men of our Diocese. Brochures with the details can be found at the doors of the church. For more information, contact our parish representative, Jim Pervier at 508-885-4517 or visit www.firstmensconf.org

5th Annual Jennifer McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship Diner will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018 6-8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Spencer Favorite dishes from local restaurants All proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund in memory of Jen \$10 Advance ticket sales only by April 4th Call Mary McLaughlin at 508-885-2256 or purchase using PayPal at www.jam4jen.com

March 4, 2018

Thoughts from Fr. Bill

Recently, we were able to acquire a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at no cost, thanks to Adam Cormier. This statue balances out our sanctuary with the Sacred Heart on the east side and Mary on the west side. For many years blue vigil candles have been burning 24/7 next to Mary, and we will add red vigil candles next to the Sacred Heart. As we open the 2019 intentions calendar, I am pleased to offer our parish something I have seen at other parishes, that is, sponsoring of the candles burning next to these statues. If candles next to a statue are dedicated to a person or an intention, it will be announced in the bulletin and the congregation is encouraged to pray for that person or intention. For example, if I sponsor candles for my Grandparents, Louis and Philomena Schipper, Sr., it might be mentioned in the bulletin "Mary's Candles this week are sponsored by Fr. Bill in remembrance of his grandparents, please pray for them." The suggested donation for two candles for one week is \$10.00, which is the cost of the candles. Also, I might mention that Mass intentions might be for the Faithful Departed, as well intentions for living persons or other intentions. For example, "for prayers answered, for all pregnant women, for all mothers, for my grandparents on their 50 anniversary, etc. There are many dates open for the remainder of this year.

Special thanks to long time friends of Fr. Bill who have donated \$35,000.00 to be used at Fr. Bill's discretion, they would like to remain anonymous. Please pray for these generous people and for all our benefactors.

Next weekend March 10 & 11, is the In Pew Commitment Weekend for the **2018 Partners in Charity Appeal**. With your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of the new priestly vocations; to many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the appeal video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. Thank you.

March Calendar Raffle Winners

March 1	Kristen Shogren	\$50.00
March 2	John Dailida	\$75.00
March 3	Theresa Kowal	\$50.00

Diocesan Youth Ministry Ski Night

March 23rd 4-8pm at Mount Wachusett– Do you like to ski or snowboard? Come join the fun. Any youth from our parish that would like to attend will go as a group. Discounted tickets are available through the diocese. If you would like to attend this event please contact Judi by March 16th to register and get the details. Any adult wishing to attend as a MQR representative must complete all diocesan CORI requirements if they have not already done so.

Attn: Altar Servers, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

The sign-up sheets for April -August are in the sacristy. Each sheet states the deadline for you to let us know that you are unavailable for that month. If you miss the deadline and are scheduled, we ask that you find a replacement. You will soon receive a letter asking you to provide some basic information to update our files. Please return your response by March 8th. This information will assist us in creating a master list of all Ministers with contact information so you can more easily find a substitute if you need one.

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 3	4:30 pm William Gablaski (19th Anniv)& Helen Siplas (12th Anniv) by Ann & Family
Sunday, March 4	8:00 am Pauline Penhallow (1st Anniv) by The Family 10:15 am Christina Wilson (36th Anniv) by Her Parents
Monday, March 5	8:00 am
Tuesday, March 6	8:00 am People of the Parish
Wednesday, March 7	8:00 am Gloria O'Coin (25th Anniv) by The Family 6:45 pm Lenten Mass
Thursday, March 8	8:00 am Raymond Ethier (18th Anniv) by His Wife Louise
Friday, March 9	8:00 am No Mass
Saturday, March 10	4:30 pm John "Mike" Boyle (3rd Anniv) by His Wife & Family
Sunday, March 11	8:00 am 10:15 am George Gouin by His Wife Marilyn

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 4	9:00 - 10:00 am 10:15 am 5:30-8:30 pm	Coffee Shop OPEN FF Grades K-5 Children's Liturgy of the Word FF High School Grade 9 & Confirmation
Monday, March 5	9:30 am 4:45 - 6:00 pm	Food Pantry - OPEN FF Grades 4 - 5
Tuesday, March 6	10:30-11:30 am 6:30pm 7:00 - 8:15pm 7:00-8:00pm	Prophet Bible Study Drop in Center FF Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
Wednesday, March 7	5:30-6:30 pm 7:00pm	Lenten Meal–by Faith Formation Assorted Soups & Salad Prayer Shawl Meeting –Benton Room
Thursday, March 8	9:30 am 6:30– 7:30 pm	Food Pantry –OPEN Woman's Bible Study
Friday, March 9		
Saturday, March 10	3:30pm	Confessions
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