


**Please Pray for...** All who have died these past weeks especially Elinor Gordon. We pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

**Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering...**  
 LuAnn Trigo, Sr. Helena Burns, Laura Wyne, Kathleen Bowen, Bill McComas, Mike Luszey, Amy Fritze, Brenda Dragon, Jackie Gablaski, Whitney Fritze, Harry Hodgerney Jr., Everette Blodgett, Freya Holmes, Pauline Dupuis, Bridget Sonnier, Ann Gillis, Denis Cote, Harold Ormsbee, Richard Leveille, Richard Campbell, Jane Kwiatkowski, Timothy Lacroix, Russel Sadusky, Michelle Marini, Renate Perry, Jeannette Boisvert, Theresa Berthiaume, Wayne Malpass, Charles Gablaski, William Gablaski Jr., Red Burdette

**Weekly Collection**

December 18 & 19	\$ 4,968.00
Income YTD	\$ 92,366.50
Budget YTD	\$ 92,000.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 366.50

*Thank you for your continued generosity.*



**First Saturday  
 Mary Mother of God  
 Mass & Adoration**  
**January 1, 2022**  
 8 am Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration with Benediction at 12 noon.

**Candle Intentions**

*Mary's Candles are burning - "In Loving Memory of Mary Fortin as we remember Her Birthday." By The Family Please pray for these special intentions. Contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor candles in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.*

**RCIA Classes** have started and are held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Rectory on the following dates.

- January: 4, 11, 18, 25
- February: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- March: 1, 8, 15, 22
- April: 5, 12

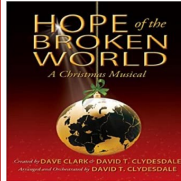


**Parish and Faith Formation Offices**  
 Located at 46 Maple Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-4pm.  
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**Faith Formation News:**

Merry Christmas to our Faith Formation families!

May God fill you with His goodness everyday and may the Love of Jesus overflow from you to others throughout the New Year!

The Christian Community Choir Presents the Christmas Musical, **Hope of the Broken World**

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 3:00 pm  
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
 131 Blaine Ave., East Brookfield, MA, 01515  
 Call (508) 867-7725 for more information


**"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1John 3:1)**

**A Message from Fr. Bill...**

I recall as a young boy of about 9 or 10, that nearly every song I heard on the radio or on television was about "love," and its many facets. At the time I wasn't quite sure why the world was so obsessed with love. As an adult I realize just how much the word love is over used. Like, how can you "love Chocolate?" Nonetheless, I think that the feeling or emotion of human love is one of the strongest arguments for the existence of God. When we love someone we desire only good for that person, whether it be spouse, brother, sister, grandchild, or grandparent, etc., the list goes on. From where does the feeling of love come? Do we make it up? Is it simply chemicals in our brain? I think not. Think of all those songs I mentioned earlier, and what they try to convey? Recall the intense feeling two teenagers have for each other, or newlyweds, or a young couple as their first child is born. It is the type of love that can consume us and occupy nearly all our "mind time." That is the kind of love God has for each and every one of us. God's love for us is so intense that it became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ. God wants to know us completely and wants us to know Him completely, and so He reveals Himself at the incarnation. This is what we celebrate at Christmas.


My prayer for you is that you will feel and return God's love this Christmas and throughout the year.

*Merry Christmas and may God bless you abundantly this Christmas and always.*



Fr. Bill

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the **Catholic Universities of America**. A letter from the Bishop McManus, about this collection can be found at the doors of the church.



**Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference**


Saturday, April 2, 2022  
 Assumption University, Worcester

Visit the conference website at [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for more information and to purchase tickets online.

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday, December 25</b> 10:15 am 4:30 pm	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 26</b> 8:00 am 10:15 am	Therese Flamand by Harry & Ann Austin Alpheus Augustus Mayo & Stephen Prence Hopkins by The Family	
<b>Monday, December 27</b> 8:00 am	Bob Wilson "Months Mind" by Mom & Dad	
<b>Tuesday, December 28</b> 8:00 am	Carmen Lamoureux by Suzanne	
<b>Wednesday, December 29</b> 8:00 am	Ken Wheeler (Birthday Remembrance) by Jean Wheeler	
<b>Thursday, December 30</b> 8:00 am	Jeffery, Jay, Joyce & Judi by Their Brother Jim	
<b>Friday, December 31</b> 8:30 am	Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield	
<b>Saturday, January 1, 2022</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>Mary Mother of God</b> First Saturday Titus Strakosz by His Family	
<b>Sunday, January 2</b> 8:00 am 10:15 am	Lorraine Forgit by The Family Paul Grandmont (16th Anniv.) by His Loving Daughters	

*The 2022 Catholic Family Appointment Calendar, featuring Religious Art, is free to you at the doors of the church. Please take one home with you as you leave today.*



**Important Reminder**  
**If you are NOT vaccinated the CDC and Massachusetts require you to wear a face covering during Mass and in the Hall and to distance from others outside your household.**

Pews designated for social distancing are located along both side walls of the church. Hand Sanitizer is located at the entrances and exits of the church. If you are not feeling well, you are excused from attending Mass. Taking these safety precautions will help keep others safe.