

Please Pray for...

All who have died, especially **William Meehan, Joanne St. Martin, and Craig Cournoyer** who died this week. 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:

Yvette Bouvier, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, Peter Lacroix, Shirley Martin, Simon Kibe, Sheila Carroll Cunnion, Theresa Johnson, Janice Baronoski, Tim Josti Sr., 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, Michael Jette, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Donald Ritchie, 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

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS APRIL 9 & 10

Envelopes	\$5,743.00
Loose	\$ 428.50
Total collection	\$6,171.50
Number of envelopes	194
Attendance	466

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May the Spirit of the risen Christ continue to lift our spirits during this holy season.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Toilet Paper and Bar Soap

Mass Book: The 2017 Mass Book is now open for you to book masses for your loved ones. Please call the office or stop in to reserve your dates. Mass stipend is \$10.00.

Website: Our new website is up and running, please visit us at www.maryqueenoftherosary.org. We would welcome input on this website and what you would like to see on it. Please call the office and let Sandy know.

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. Fr. Michael was the Associate here at our parish from 1987 until 1990. He is now the Pastor of St. Patrick's parish in Rutland and so he will not be a stranger to many of you. The day will start with Mass at 8:00 am followed by Rosary, a light breakfast, confessions and the presentation which will begin about 10:00 am. You are welcome to attend any part or this entire event.

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 have ended for the year. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this year a fruitful time for our children and our teenagers. You are the backbone of this most important ministry. May God continue to bless you.

SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION

Sunday April 24 at 6:00 pm... Rehearsal for Confirmation followed by Light Service Mass. Parents and sponsors should attend.

Thursday April 28 at 7:00 pm... Confirmation Mass, Students must be present at 6:30 pm in the hall. Don't forget to pay for your robes that will be worn at Confirmation.

SCHEDULE FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday April 24 at 10:15 am: Grade 2 Family Mass

First Communion Retreat for parents and students will take place on Sunday April 24 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm in the parish hall. This is a very important part of the first communion preparation and all students are required to attend.

Sunday, May 01 at 2:00 pm: First Communion Mass

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

We continue our annual Partners in Charity Appeal. This past weekend, we collected \$770.00 more raising our total to **\$ 31,975.00 representing 173 gifts**, which is **68 %** of our goal. We still need to raise \$15, 525.00 to reach this year's goal of **\$47,500.00**. Again let me remind you that these funds support the needs of real people. A gift to this campaign is certainly a work of mercy in keeping with the theme of the Holy Year. We encourage you to become partners in the works of mercy carried out by the church.

SPENCER PRIDE DAY

Over the past few years, the Congregational Church has sponsored Spencer Pride day as an effort to keep the streets of the town free from litter, this began at the high school back in 1980 and for the past several years has been run by the Congregational Church. It will be held next Saturday April 23 from 9:00 am until noon. You are invited to register at the Church at 9:00 am. They will supply you with a tee shirt, gloves and trash bags and you can either choose what area you would like to clean, or they will assign you one. You need to make known where you are going to clean so that a truck can come by and pick up the litter bags. A free hot dog lunch will be offered at the church at noon. For more info, call the church at 508-885-2149.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR the date for this year's International Bazaar has been set for Friday June 10 and Saturday 11. One of our greatest needs is for men and women 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. We will also be looking for people willing to work a two hour shift on the various booths. Set this time aside now to make this our biggest and best Bazaar.

PASTORS NOTES

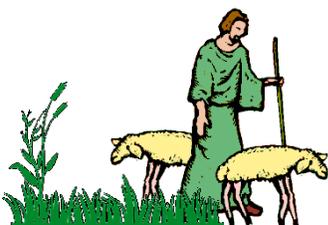
Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. The reason is that the Gospel on this Sunday is always about Jesus being the shepherd of His people. It has been traditional on this Sunday to reflect on vocations to the priesthood and to pray for an increase in vocations especially in our own diocese. Vocations were something that we always took for granted. There were always two or more priests in a parish when we were growing up and there was always one ready to answer the door of the rectory or our phone call at a time of need. This is no longer true. The more common practice these days is that there is one priest for two or sometimes more parishes and he is spread pretty thin. Many of the newly ordained priests in our diocese are from other countries of the world especially South America and Africa and they have generously agreed to leave their native land and come to minister to us and to the many immigrants from other countries who are the fastest growing population in the American church. But what is lacking is young men coming forth from our midst to serve their fellow Catholics as well. The priesthood is a wonderful and rewarding life for any young man to consider. It is never dull and puts you into all kinds of situations that you never imagined. It is also grace filled and comforting to know that you have helped people find their way through the rough spots on the road of life. Take it from one who has been doing it for the last 51 years. This weekend pray for the young seminarians who are on their way towards the priesthood especially Alan Martineau and Kevin Chalifoux from Spencer and pray for others who may be hearing the call to have the courage to investigate it.

EASTER IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL PROGRAM at St Mary's in Jefferson started last Sunday following the 5:00 pm Mass (approx. 6:15 pm), and is continuing on Sunday evenings until May 15 (except for Mother's Day). The sessions will focus on the Post Resurrection appearances of Jesus as found in the Gospels. This is a good chance to deepen your experience of the Risen Christ. All are welcome

PARISH MINISTRIES Most of the parish ministries are looking for new members as we are headed for the summer and the coming year. Special needs are the Martha Mary Ministry which provides meals for families following a funeral celebrated in our parish. We need people willing to cook and also those willing to help to serve and clean up. If you can help call Sandy at the office or Cheryl Benoit at 508-882-3072

DINNER THEATER IN SOUTHBRIDGE will present Josee Vachon, a dedicated singer and entertainer who will entertain with traditional and original French songs and with engaging humor and upbeat music representing the Franco American heritage. It will take place on Saturday, evening April 30 at the LaSalle Center (old Notre Dame School). Dinner (chicken pie, etc.) at 6:00 pm and performance at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$29.00. Call Ted Bartlett 508-764-7909 or parish office 765-3701 for tickets.



4th Sunday of Easter Sunday

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 16 4:30 pm Robert & Pauline Pecor by the Family
Sunday, April 17 8:00 am In Loving Memory of Twin Baby Angels Sage & Sidney by Mimi & Papa 10:15 am Lisa Burke (Birthday remembrance) by her Family
Monday, April 18 8:00 am Robert & Nancy Hearnlaye by Harry & Ann Austin
Tuesday, April 19 8:00 am Rita Comeau by Kathy & Kathy
Wednesday, April 20 8:00 am Norma & Normand Ledoux by Diane
Thursday, April 21 8:00 am Robert Fecteau by Pauline
Friday, April 22 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, April 23 4:30 pm Robert Snow by his Family
Sunday, April 24 8:00 am Rick (27 th Anniv) & Dick (17 th Anniv) Daoust by Barbara and Family 10:15 am Marianna, Andy & Jerry Fortin by the Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 17	Coffee Shop – Open
10:15 am 2:00 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word Wedding: Geheran & Macko
Monday, April 18	
10:00 am	Food Pantry - Closed
Tuesday, April 19	
2:00 pm	Lincoln Hill Mass
Wednesday, April 20	
3:00 pm	Jubilee Year Pilgrimage Group
Thursday, April 21	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Closed Scouts
Friday, April 22	
5:30 pm	
Saturday, April 23	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, April 24	Coffee Shop Open
10:15 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Family Liturgy (grade 2) Baptism First Communion Retreat Confirmation Rehearsal & Light Service

I wish to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has sent me Christmas, Birthday, Get Well & Easter cards, all of you who have said prayers, sent flowers, had masses said and sent gifts.

May God Bless you all.

Love,

Yvette

April 17, 2016

