

Please Pray for...

All who have 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, John Cote, 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 Amy Richard, and Thao Li

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For all Mothers and Grandmothers

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS APRIL 30 & MAY 01

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| Envelopes | \$6,162.00 |
| Loose | \$ 725.75 |
| Total collection | \$6,887.75 |
| Number of envelopes | 228 |
| Attendance | 746 |

Thank you for your support this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May the Spirit of Jesus continue to move us all to continue our support of our parish.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Deluxe

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

ROSES FOR LIFE THIS WEEKEND May 7 & 8, the Knights of Columbus will be offering fresh cut roses to support the work of Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. This all volunteer organization offers to women alternatives to abortion through free counselling, ultrasound scanning etc. Honor your own mother for giving you your life and help an expectant mother to do the same. The suggested offering for the roses are \$2.00.each

MOTHERS DAY we wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Grandmothers of the parish. As is our custom, we will offer a blessing during Masses to all Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers and to all women who perform to role of mother to anyone. May you have a blessed day.

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**.

PRAYER PARTNER MASS next Sunday at 10:15 am for the children and their prayer partners. Following Mass we will gather in the hall where the children and partners will meet and have lunch together.

CROWNING OF MARY We will continue a long standing tradition on next Sunday by crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother at the 10:15 Mass. The crown will remain on the statue for the rest of the month of May as a sign of our devotion to her.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

We continue our annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Our total now is **\$33,850.00 representing 186 gifts**, which is 71 % of our goal. We still need to raise **\$13,800.00** to reach this year's goal of **\$47,500.00**. Every gift counts. Join us in being a partner in Charity.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is next Sunday May 15th; it is the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the climax of the Easter season. We encourage you to wear something red to Mass next weekend as a tribute to the Holy Spirit. We will have a special Pentecost Parade as part of the 10:15 Mass for all the children.

INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR.... NOTES AND NEEDS

RAFFLE TICKETS. The tickets for the Big money Raffle to be held at the Bazaar were mailed out on Friday. There was a mistake made in that only 2 books were sent not the 3 that were stated in the letter, there will be extra books at the doors of the church for you to take or stop by the office... Everyone, please try to take a third book and sell it.

CRAFTS.. The Craft booth is in need of homemade crafts. All donations welcome.

FRENCH MEAT PIES... Anyone who makes French meat pies, please consider making some for our French Booth, we have run out the last couple of years.

There is always a great demand for **SET UP**. We will need lots of help with set up for the Bazaar this year especially on Sunday, June 5. That is the day when we bring all the booths up from the storage area and collect the tables etc. which we borrow from other venues in the area. Please save June 5. We begin immediately following 10:15 Mass.

MONTHLY MEAL: This month's meal will be served on Wednesday, May 18th due to scheduling problems.....Our May meal will be PIZZA NIGHT....Come sample all the delectable varieties of pizza the committee members prepare.....Pizza & Salad.

POSTAL WORKERS FOOD DRIVE.. We had the wrong date in last week's bulletin. The Postal Workers Drive is this coming Saturday, May 14. This is the date to leave your donations of non-perishable food by your mail box. It will be picked up by your postal carrier and delivered to food pantry. We still need your help to sort, weigh and stack food from 11:00 to 4:00 pm. Any help would be welcome.



Pastors Notes:

Dear Parishioners:

The news of the week as some of you may have already heard is that I have decided to retire from full time active ministry effective on July 1. This decision has been made after a long period of prayer. After battling this out with the Lord for 6 months, He has told me that it is the right time to do this. And I agree. As you get older, you are just not able to do everything that you used to and I am at that point in my life. I have enjoyed the last 20 years as your pastor and we have been through many joys and tears together and hopefully have grown through those experiences to be closer to the Lord. I will be taking up residence at Southgate in Shrewsbury, an over 55 active community where several other retired priests live. Fr. Prunier, the former pastor of St. Mary's, lived there for many happy and healthy years. Msgr. Collette who grew up in our parish and is related to some of you still lives there in good health. I hope to follow in their footsteps. I will be helping at some parish on weekends so I'm not quitting the priesthood by any means.

The natural question that comes to your minds is, "Who is coming to take your place?" I'll save you the trouble of asking because the answer is that I don't know. I haven't even heard any rumors. Perhaps that means we should all get started on some serious prayer that God will guide the choice and that he will send us someone who will lead us in moving forward in faith and love on the next step of our faith journey. Next Sunday is Pentecost, the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit and of the birth of the Church. The Spirit has always been linked with guidance and wisdom in making decisions. As we prepare for Pentecost, let's join our prayers to those of the Apostles and of Mary the Mother of Jesus asking that the Spirit will guide the choice of our new Pastor. I'll be around for another seven weeks and we still have a lot of work to do together especially to run the Bazaar. Let's work hard to make it the best ever.

Fr. Jim

BAKE SALE: The Dominican Sisters will be here next weekend May 14 / 15 selling their Apple & Blueberry pies, brownies and breads to aid them in their ministry to the lepers. We encourage your support of the Sisters and their missionary work.

SAVE THE DATE: The Spiritual Life committee will sponsor a Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Fiskdale on Wednesday June 15. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am, time for prayer followed by lunch at the Publick House. Cost will be \$30.00. More details next week.

WALK FOR THE HOMELESS

The annual Walk for the Homeless will take place on Sunday May 15 beginning at 2:00 pm at Elm Park in Worcester. Last year \$170,000.00 was raised to help combat homelessness in the Worcester area. 9,020 households were assisted in some way by providing homes, apartments, furniture and shelter by agencies like Friendly House, Food for the Poor at St. John's parish, Donation Clearing House and Hope for Housing. Registration begins at 1:00pm and the walk begins 2:00 pm. There will be a cookout with entertainment at the end of the walk. Pledge sheets are at the doors of the church. For more info go to Walkforthehomeless.org



7th Sunday of Easter Sunday



Mass Schedule

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| Saturday, May 07 4:30 pm Donald Barnes (1 st Anniv) by David L. Hoey |
| Sunday, May 08 8:00 am Mary Chojnacki by The LeBeau Family 10:15 am Rita Lamoureux by Her Son Paul |
| Monday, May 09 8:00 am Richard Chabior by Barbara & Rich Braney |
| Tuesday, May 10 8:00 am Jay Gordon by The Food Pantry |
| Wednesday, May 11 8:00 am Germaine Moreau by Her Daughter Louise |
| Thursday, May 12 8:00 am Wes & Doris Strakosz by Their Daughter |
| Friday, May 13 8:00 am No Mass Today |
| Saturday, May 14 4:30 pm Olive Marshall (21 st Anniv) by Cynthia |
| Sunday, May 15 8:00 am Katherine Kaiser (Birthday Remembrance) by Her Family 10:15 am Betty Grenier (12 th Anniv) by The Family |

Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, May 08 | Coffee Shop – Open |
| 10:15 am | Children's Liturgy of the Word Crowning of the Blessed Mother |
| Monday, May 09 | |
| 10:00 am | Food Pantry - Open |
| Tuesday, May 10 | |
| Wednesday, May 11 | |
| Thursday, May 12 | |
| 10:00 am | Food Pantry Open |
| Friday, May 13 | |
| Saturday, May 14 | Dominican Sisters Bake Sale |
| 3:30 pm | Confessions |
| Sunday, May 15 | Coffee Shop Closed / Bake Sale |
| 10:15 am | Prayer Partner Mass & Reception in Hall |
| 1:00 pm | Baptism |
| 2:00 pm | Walk for Hunger |

RETIRED..? HABITAT FOR HUMANITY needs you. If you are looking for a meaningful way to spend your time and you have building skills of some kind or just a willingness to help others consider volunteering once a month or once a week. For more info call 508-799-9259 and ask for Molly.

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.



May 8, 2016

