

## Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially Wilfred Sasseville and Pauline Desrosiers. 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, Dorothy Choquette, Peter Lacroix, Jean Wheeler, Al Shedyak, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, 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 Siauris, and Linda Choinard.

## OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS DEC 10 & 11

Envelopes	\$4,925.00
Loose	\$ 738.00
Total collection	\$5,663.00
Number of envelopes	187
Attendance	479

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. For more info check out our website for the link to online giving.

## FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Hearty Soups

## FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

January 7, 2016 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00am. Confessions following mass. Exposition will be 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.

## Intensive Training for Catholic Evangelization.

"Sent to Share God's Mercy & Message" is open to all who are interested. Develop practical skills for sharing our Catholic faith and the message of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit in everyday life, organizations, groups, ministries and our parish.

Six Saturday training sessions over five months. Begins January 21, 2017 from 9 - 2 at St. Ann Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, \$60.00 per person. Sessions include: prayer, presentations, readings, small group sharing, skills-training, practice and "people" homework. \$60.00 per person. Visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/intensive-training-for-catholic-evangelization). Registration and payment are due by January 6, 2017.

The Christian Community Choir is made up of singers from many area churches, including 5 of our own parishioners. They will be performing the Cantata, "Christmas is Forever":

Sunday, Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	East Brookfield Baptist Church
Sunday, Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield
Sunday, Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm	Overlook Masonic Home, Charlton

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00-5:00  
Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or [jbrennan@parishmail.com](mailto:jbrennan@parishmail.com)

### Schedule this week:

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am Grades K - 6  
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:15 pm Grades 6 - 8 (Drop-in @ 6:30)

**Poster Contest:** all posters for the Knights of Columbus poster contest must be turned in by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**GLOW Christmas Party** Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 5 - 8 pm  
Please bring a \$10 grab present to share with the others and a dessert. Pizza and fun served up!

Grandparents Day, Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all grandparents who attended our Christmas Celebration. Please join us for Coffee shop after Mass.

**Prayer Partners:** This year we are looking for people to pray for the students in our CONFIRMATION class. We have 24 students planning on being confirmed this year and need a prayer partner for each of them. Contact Judi if you would like to pray for our emerging adults.

**Experience the Spirit of Advent:** RedeemedOnline #ShareJesus offers short video clips for you to reflect and comment on. Look up the RedeemedOnline facebook page, find them on youtube, or at <http://redeemedonline.com/sharejesus/> Dynamic Catholic offers short emails messages to reflect on as you prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Sign up at [http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/#bae\\_sign\\_up](http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/#bae_sign_up)

Spiritual Secret Santa, remember to send a Christmas card to let the family know who has been praying for them.

**OPERATION UNDERCOVER:** Bob & Carol McPherson will again be collecting new packages of adult underwear for homeless shelters. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year that they will be delivering these items to Massachusetts Veterans Shelter, Abby's House and Jeremiah's Inn. These donations will be delivered the week before Christmas and may be left at the McPherson's home on 125 Pleasant St., Spencer or left in the sacristy. Thank you!!

## Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Mass Schedule	
Christmas Eve:	3:30 pm Concert
	4:00 pm Combined Choir & Music Ensemble
	5:45 pm Concert
	6:00 pm Cantor & Organ
	9:45 pm Concert
	10:00 pm Sr. Choir & Piano
Christmas Day:	8:00 am No Music
	10:00 am Concert
	10:15 am Cantor & Piano

There will be a concert before all masses except the 8:00 am

# Mass Schedule



We are looking for a couple **SERVERS** for Christmas Day masses, please call or email the office if you are able to serve either mass on Christmas Day at 8:00 or 10:15.....

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SCHEDULES ARE IN THE SACRISTY.....PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK THEM....**

The choirs are looking for new members to help proclaim God's word in song.....Just show up at mass and introduce yourself to the choir director and have fun....

This weekend we will be having a second collection for **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift to the Fund helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous to next week's second collection

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** will be happening Jan 20 – 22 and March 12 – 19, 2017 for more information please call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit [www.WWMEMA.org](http://www.WWMEMA.org)

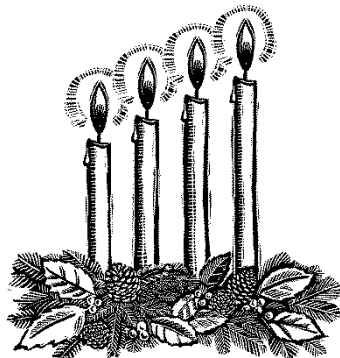
"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will be open to the youth of our parish, there are 3 age divisions; 5 – 7, 8 – 10 and 11 – 14. Please see Judi Brennan for the Contest Entry Form and rules.

Volunteer to help those in need. Would you like a rewarding experience assisting families in need? If so Catholic Charities is looking for you.... Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple projects throughout the year. Contact Maydee Morales, Emergency Stabilization Services/ Homeless Prevention Coordinator at [mmorales@ccworc.org](mailto:mmorales@ccworc.org) or call 508-862-2206

*Thank you* to everyone who bought presents for the *Giving Tree* and provided food for the *Christmas Food Baskets*. The generosity of this parish is overwhelming and very much appreciated. Without you none of the work we do is possible..

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

Matthew 1:24



**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

<b>Saturday, December 17</b> 4:30 pm Paul Grandmont (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by his loving Daughters
<b>Sunday, December 18</b> 8:00 am Deceased Members of the King Family by Mark & Teresa Doray 10:15 am Joshua Hicks by Ralph & Tina Hicks 7:00 pm Fr. Philip D. McNamara
<b>Monday, December 19</b> 8:00 am Eddie & Debbie Vickers by Barbara & Rich Braney
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> 8:00 am Jeanne Provencher by DDS Employees
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b> 8:00 am Robert Lauzon by Legion Riders Group, Auburn Post 279
<b>Thursday, December 22</b> 8:00 am Fr. Phillip F. Santonoceto
<b>Friday, December 23</b> 8:00 am <b>No Mass Today</b>
<b>Saturday, December 24</b> 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday, December 25</b> 8:00 am Christmas Mass 10:15 am Christmas Mass 7:00 pm <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	<b>Coffee Shop OPEN</b>
9:00 am	Faith Formation Grades K – 6
9:00 am	Grandparents Day w/ Grade 1
10:15 am	Family Mass – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Youth Group Babysitting
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation – High School
<b>Monday, December 19</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry Closed
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	
4:15 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6
6:30 pm	Drop In
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>	
<b>Thursday, December 22</b>	
10:00 am	Food Pantry Closed
<b>Friday, December 23</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 24</b>	
3:30 pm	Confessions
<b>Sunday, December 25</b>	<b>NO Coffee Shop</b>
9:00 am	NO Faith Formation Grades K – 6
10:15 am	
5:30 – 7:00 pm	NO Faith Formation – High School