

Please Pray for...

All who have died this past week especially those victims of senseless violence. 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, Jill Cote, Peter Lacroix, Regis Breault, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Max Sandberg, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Dawn McDonald, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Hannah Laythe, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Fr. Chet Devlin, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Judy Wilson, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS MARCH 25 & 26

Envelopes	\$4,800.00
Loose	\$ 642.50
Total collection	\$5,442.50
Number of envelopes	177
Mass Attendance	439

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

In the first week of the Partners in Charity appeal we are off to a very good start. We have received \$21,175 in gifts and pledges from 84 givers toward our goal of \$43,000. Every gift great and small enables the church to continue her works of charity, education, and pastoral ministry. THANK YOU for your generosity!

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK
Canned Pineapple and any Easter Food

Next week's Lenten Meal will be hosted by the Boy Scout Troop 201. The meal will be Assorted Italian Dishes. Meal will be served from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

St. John the Baptist in East Brookfield will hold an International Dinner and Variety Show at North Brookfield Elementary School on Saturday April 22nd at 5:30 pm. Adults \$10.00, children under 12 \$5.00 with a \$20.00 per family max. Please call to reserve tickets or more info 508-867-6811.

There will be Lector and Eucharistic Minister training, for old and new people, after each mass the weekend after Easter. Also, a procedure sheet for Eucharistic Ministers is in the Sacristy for you to go over before then.

Schedules are now available in the Sacristy and online.

Novena to the Divine Mercy at St. John's Church Chapel in Worcester, 44 Temple St. at 5:00 pm April 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Deacon Paul Dacri will be the celebrant each day and service will consist of Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

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

Schedule this week:

Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am Grades K – 6
Sunday 5:30 – 7:00 pm High School classes
Tuesday 7:00 - 8:15 pm Grades 6 – 8 (Drop-in @ 6:30)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends will be happening June 10 – 11 in Medway, MA. For more information please call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!! Marth/Mary needs your help, we are looking for a few good people to co-ordinate these meals, make calls for food and volunteers to work. Please consider this amazing ministry....

It is **OFFICIAL** our Annual International Bazaar will be held on Friday, June 9th and Saturday June 10th!!! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Polish Booth is looking for a Co-Chair to help organize and run the booth and Pierogi party please call the office to volunteer....

PROJECT 351: Cody Josti is an ambassador for 351 and doing this clothing drive which aids Cradle to Crayons. Donation boxes will be at the doors of the church starting on Sat., March 25th until April 5th for new or gently used clothing for children sizes infant to adult medium.

RAFFLE WINNERS - Congratulations

24	Beverly Treadwell	Speedway \$50.00
25	Brenda Ahearn	Price Chopper \$50.00
26	Cheryl Benoit	Salem Cross \$100.00
27	Julia Czajkowski	Speedway \$50.00
28	Melinda Gauvin	308 Lakeside \$50.00
29	Celeste Lamoureux	Hannaford \$50.00
30	Richard Cloutier	Black & White \$50.00
31	Marie Forand	Walmart \$300.00

Easter Cantata: "The Sacrifice", presented by the Ecumenical Community Choir will take place:
April 9th @ 3:00 pm East Brookfield Baptist Church
April 15th @ 3:00 pm Masonic Home, Charlton
April 23rd @ 3:00 pm St. John the Baptist, E. Brookfield

We will be having a Penance Service on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, there will be several priests including Msgr. John Doran and Fr. George Charland, available for you to go to confession to. Please join us for Supper before the service.

Fundraising Opportunity:

We will be partnering with Mexicali Mexican Grill here in Spencer to have a fundraiser to benefit our Boy Scout Troop 201. This Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, April 18th from Noon till 10:00 pm. All you have to do is get a coupon from us and go enjoy a good meal. Mexicali will donate 20 % of the **total food sales** to the parish....**YOU MUST HAVE A COUPON FOR US TO GET THE BENEFIT!!!**

Coupons are available in the office, at the doors of the church and on the website.....



April 2, 2017

A message from Fr. Bill

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

Nearly every monastery of men (and possibly women, too) has at least one or two disagreeable men who seem unhappy and rude no matter the season or occasion, sort of a Chicken Little with an attitude. I have known a few monks who would be worthy of the title "curmudgeon," Br. Paternuthius (we'll call him) was one such monk. If you said "good morning" he would grunt at best and curse at worse. Somehow his sour disposition was tolerated and even humorous at times. Once when a brother was cleaning out the locker of a Novice who had left the monastery, Br. Paternuthius asked what the brother was doing. "Oh, didn't you know, Novice Paul has left the monastery." "Why" asked Br. Paternuthius. "I guess he wasn't happy," replied the brother. "Happy, who's happy?" grunted Br. Paternuthius. But monastic life can be full of surprises, and about six months before his death Br. Paternuthius changed his attitude almost completely. He would say good morning, please, and thank you, and he even smiled frequently. When Br. Paternuthius died, one of the fellow monks commented "He learned to say hello just in time to say good-bye." As Lent draws to an end, I want to encourage everyone that it's never too late to change. If you have had a hard time keeping your Lenten promises, it's not too late to do something, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, even in this eleventh hour. Maybe you haven't done anything so far this Lent to help your spiritual growth and to prepare for the Pascal Feast. Br. Paternuthius reminds us that it is never too late to start.

Peace, Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION MAY 5, 2017 8:30AM - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00am. Confessions following Mass. Exposition 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 sign up sheet in the sacristy.

Discernment Retreat with Bishop McManus

The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, will be held on April 7 & 8, Beginning at 6:00 pm Friday and ending at 6:00 pm Saturday. Visit worcestervocations.com for more info or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone

At jmazzone@charter.ner or phone him at 508-340-5788.

Friday, April 7 has been announced as the official **GO BLUE DAY** for 2017 Child Abuse Prevention, and thousands of people will wear blue to show their support for children. Consider wearing blue to emphasize the critical importance of preventing child abuse and neglect and keeping children safe in our Diocese

FOOD PANTRY EASTER NEEDS: HELP, HELP, HELP

Family to Family...Are you looking to sponsor a family for Easter? You can call Kathy Sullivan at 508-885-9828 and pick a family to sponsor.... Do you want to donate food? Please call the office at 508-885-3111 and let us know if you are able to bring, ham, turkey, chicken, vegetables, etc.....this is important as we need to go out and buy what doesn't come in.....

Please remember to pray for your family and all those in need.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Wednesday April 5th at 7:00 pm in the Benton Room



5TH Sunday in Lent

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 1 4:30 pm Elda Dupras (1 st Anniv) by her Family
Sunday, April 2 8:00 am Jennifer McLaughlin by her Family 10:15 am Ronald Jette (5 th Anniv) by his Family 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish
Monday, April 3 8:00 am Pepere & Donald Gobi by the Family
Tuesday, April 4 8:00 am Betsy Meloch by Charlie Meloche 2:00 pm Howe Village Mass
Wednesday, April 5 8:00 am Reggie Houghton by Terry Grogan 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish
Thursday, April 6 8:00 am Joanne St.Martin by Suzanne
Friday, April 7 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, April 8 4:30 pm Herve and Marjorie Steiger by their Family
Sunday, April 9 8:00 am Loretta Muzzrall by the Family 10:15 am Arthur & Alma Tatro by their Children 7:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 2	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 2:00 pm 5:30 – 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word 1 st Communion Faith Formation – High School
Monday, April 3	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Tuesday, April 4	
6:30 pm 6:30 – 8:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Drop In Women's Bible Study Faith Formation Grades 6 – 8 Confessions
Wednesday, April 5	
9:00 – 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 – 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Biblical Walk Lenten Mass Lenten Meal – Assort. Italian Dishes Prayer Shawl Ministry Penance Service
Thursday, April 6	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, April 7	
Saturday, April 8	Palm Sunday
8:00 – 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Easter Food Drop Off Basket Pick Up – Elderly Basket Pick Up – All Others Confessions Prayer Partner Mass & Meal
Sunday, April 9	Palm Sunday Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 5:00-8:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades K – 6 Youth Night

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