

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Beulah Plante and Robert Benoit Sr.. 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, Elaine Lamoureux, George Gouin, Carol St. John, Peter Lacroix, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Pat Monfette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Bob Peluso, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Dawn McDonald, 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 MAY 20 & 21

Envelopes	\$4,406.00
Loose	\$1,006.25
Total collection	\$5,412.25
Number of envelopes	168
Mass Attendance	425

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

The Partners in Charity appeal is off to a very good start. We have received \$37,587.00 in gifts and pledges from 182 givers and we are at 91.4% 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
Coffee and Mayonnaise



Congratulations to this year's Ecumenical Scholarship Recipients:

Meghan Bowen	Cole Cashman	Tyler Clayfield
Britnie Cournoyer	Matthew Hare	Jaymee Hayes
	Rebekka Yang	

Bartimo Scholarship: Graduating High School Seniors that have been active in our Parish are eligible to get an application and apply for the Bartimo Scholarship. If you don't have an application already, they are at the doors of the church and need to be returned by June 5th.

One Day Women's Retreat:

A day retreat for women will be held at St. John the Evangelist in Townsend on Saturday, June 3 from 8 am to 8 pm featuring: Allison Gingras: Radio Host, Author and Inspirational Speaker. Come for all or part of the day. Take a look at the unique ways women interact with God and each other. Develop strategies for building or maintaining a relationship with God, No charge for the retreat, lunch or evening social. No formal registration is required however an RSVP is helpful for planning. Sign up on line at www.townsendcatholic.org or call/email to Mary Genova 978-597-1966; Marybpgenova@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00
Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Faith Formation is done until the fall.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!!!

Schedule for the 2017 – 2018 year will be:

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	Grades K – 5
Sunday	5:30 – 7:00	Grades 9 – 11
Monday	4:45 – 6:00	Grades 2 – 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15	Grades 6 – 8

Grades 2 – 5 will only have 1 class on Sunday morning and one class on Monday afternoon. First Come, First Serve

Mission Trip: Meeting for those attending the mission trip and parents at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 31st. Pizza will be provided. Don't forget to bring your packets, forms & sponsor sheets.

Vital 3.0 Meeting, Tuesday 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Come with ideas and info for Youth Ministry Nights.

Mary Bible Study, Wednesday @ 9:00 am – all are invited!!!

INTERNATIONAL BAZZAR !

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

Workers to help Set Up/ Take Down

Co-Chair for the Polish Booth

Chairperson for Popcorn and Cotton Candy

Chairperson for Ring Toss/Lollipop Tree/Treasure Chest

Help Needed: Making Baked Goods, Meat Pies

Themed Baskets for Basket Raffle

Workers for Food booths, Games and Raffles

Many hands make light work!!!

Consider helping us have a wonderful BAZAAR!

****You may begin to bring your Treasures to the church hall for the Flea Market for the Bazaar****Remember.....No TV's, Computers, Encyclopedias, Clothing or Large Furniture pieces**** Hall is open from 8:00 to 8:00 pm leave items near the bathrooms but please do not block the doors....

Memorial Day Mass: We will be having our annual Memorial Day Mass in the Cemetery on Monday May 29th at 10:30 weather permitting If it is raining, the mass will be held in the church.

Boy Scout Troop 201 Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who came out and supported our fundraiser at the Black and White. A report on the profit will be forthcoming..

THANK YOU to all who participated in the fundraiser with Mexicali Grill in February. We received a check for \$270.00!!! Thanks also to the great folks at Mexicali Grill for organizing this.

CORRECTION: Perpetual Adoration was started by Ethel Dufault and Brian Cormier about 27 years ago. Sorry for the misinformation last weekend, Fr. Bill



A message from Fr. Bill

This time of year marks many endings and beginnings; the end of winter/spring (albeit a slow end this year) and the beginning of summer. It is also the end of another school year and the moving on to another grade, or school (maybe high school or college), or career. Historically, June was a month associated with weddings, and a moving on from the single life to family life. Endings and beginnings always have some nostalgia for the past and anxiety for the future. Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, and I am sure that the disciples had much sadness and fear as our Lord's physical body departed their presence. However, it is difficult to imagine what it would be like if Christ were still among us in physical form. People would be clinging to him everywhere he went, everyone would want a piece of his time and attention, and we would probably not grow internally and spiritually but instead be looking externally for and at the risen Christ. The disciples had to let go of the physical presence of Christ so that the Church could be formed. The same is also true of life in general. So many times we need to let go of or not cling to things from our past (both painful and joyful) so that new joys and happiness can be part of our present experience. No matter what the future holds, we can look toward it and embrace it with joyful expectation because we know that the Spirit of Christ will be with us always. How fitting that Mathew should end his Gospel and prepare us for the new beginning of the church on earth with these words "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mathew 28:20).

Fr. Bill

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION JUNE 3, 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.

The Spiritual Life Committee is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston on June 14. The cost is \$48 for the bus and meal. Please confirm your reservation and send payment in by June 1st by calling Suzanne Lamoureux 508-885-0084 or Louise Ethier 508-885-4360 Limited space available

Outreach Ministry: Carol St. John visits and brings communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. If you know of someone who needs a visit please call her at 508-885-3017 or 508-864-6323

Save the Date: **Father's Day Breakfast Buffet** Sunday June 18th 8:30 am – 1:00 pm in the church hall. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 201. Cost is \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Children, Family Deal (5 family members) \$30.00 and DAD'S EAT FOR FREE....Full breakfast menu. This fundraiser is to help the Scouts pay their way this summer for a trip to Washington DC and the National Scout Jamboree....Please come support our troop.

The Knights of Columbus Spencer Council 118 wishes to express their gratitude for your generous support of the Mother's Day Roses for Life Campaign. Problem Pregnancy of Worcester received a donation of \$370.00 to help continue providing an alternative to abortion through free counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasound scanning and physical and emotional support...

7th Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 27 4:30 pm For the Benefactors of the Food Pantry
Sunday, May 28 8:00 am Pauline Penhallow by the Spiritual Life Ministry 10:15 am Therese Johnson (1 st Anniv) by Art & Ray Poirier 7:00 pm For a Benefactor with gratitude
Monday, May 29 10:30 am Memorial Day Mass in the Cemetery
Tuesday, May 30 8:00 am George Ethier by his daughter Theresa
Wednesday, May 31 8:00 am Pauline Guibord by Jean Wheeler
Thursday, June 1 8:00 am Vivian Bartlette by Pauline
Friday, June 2 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, June 3 4:30 pm Craig Cournoyer by Barbara Mitchell
Sunday, June 4 8:00 am Daniel Lyons (8 th Anniv) by the Family 10:15 am For the People of the Parish 7:00 pm

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 28 10:15 am	Coffee Shop Closed Holiday Weekend Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, May 29 10:00 am	Memorial Day – Office Closed Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, May 30 6:00 – 8:00 pm 6:30 – 8:30 pm 7:00 pm	Volleyball Practice Vital 3.0 Meeting Baccalaureate at Congregational Church
Wednesday, May 31 9:00 am 6:00 pm	Mary Bible Study Mission trip meeting with parents
Thursday, June 1 10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, June 2 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Volleyball Practice
Saturday, June 3 3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, June 4 10:15 am	Coffee Shop - OPEN Children's Liturgy of the Word

Vacation Bible School: July 10 – 14, 2017, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm
We are seeking NEW adults and college age people to help run a favorite program. Call Ken @ 774-745-0335 or email choquette9ken@hotmail.com for more information. Registration forms are on the website.

"I am praying for them." John 17: 9



May 28, 2017