

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially those suffering from senseless violence. We offer our sympathy and our prayers to their family and pray that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Elaine Lamoureux, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Peter Lacroix, Heather Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Stevie Day, 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, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Sauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS AUGUST 5 & 6

Envelopes	\$5,361.00
Loose	\$ 659.00
Total collection	\$6,020.00
Number of envelopes	182
Mass Attendance	346

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.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Snacks for Children

FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 signup sheet in the sacristy.



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers please make sure to put down the dates you cannot serve in September; the list is in the Sacristy.....

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

The Spiritual Life Ministry has received a framed picture of John Walker (a sponsored child from Haiti) and a thank you card from the Haitian Apostolate Ministry. If you are John Walker's sponsor, please call Suzanne 508-885-0084 or the parish office to receive your photo and information.....

Would you like to pray for those who are ill, those undergoing surgery, people looking for employment, etc.? The **PRAYER LINE** needs more people to pray. You can receive the intentions via computer or telephone. There are no specific prayers or times to pray. Since its inception the **PRAYER LINE** has received well over 4,000 calls. **PRAYERS MATTER!** To become a member please call Suzanne Lamoureux 508-885-008 or Louise Ethier 508-885-4360. If possible respond by Sept. 1.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: 10:00 – 5:00

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00

Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or jbrennan@parishmail.com

Faith Formation classes begin in September.

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

Faith Formation Needs for Fall 2017:

- High School Catechists 1 Sunday a month
- Someone to organize Prayer Partners for 2nd Grade and Confirmation Classes
- Someone to work w/ GLOW Youth Group implementing activities throughout the year.

PICNIC PICNIC

Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10th 2017

We had a successful kickoff planning meeting this past week. Plans are looking good for an awesome "fun for all ages" parish event. We **need** more hands to make this event possible. At the doors of the church are **sign-up sheets**. Please consider helping in some way. More details in next week's bulletin insert. Tickets will be available for purchase after masses Aug 19/20 & Aug 26/27 & in the parish office.

Catholic Charities Home Care Program is also looking for Aides to Provide Light Housekeeping, Laundry, Shopping and Personal Care. Paid Training and a schedule to meet your needs....1-800-649-4364

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. A 30 week experience of Directed Prayer and Reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and 3 couples who are trained in Ignatian Prayer, starting October 1, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. Informational nights will be held at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson on August 20 at 6:00 pm and St. Rose of Lima Church in Northborough on August 27 at 6:00 pm. For more information visit www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home or email: worcspx19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462

St. Andrew Bobola in Dudley will be holding a Parish Festival on Friday, Aug. 25 from 4:30 – 10:00 and on Saturday, Aug 26 from 11:00 – 10:00 on the church grounds at 54 West Main St. Grand Prize Raffle, American & Polish Food, Gift Baskets, 50/50, a flea market and kid's games. On Saturday there is a Chicken BBQ 12:30 – 2:00 (purchase tickets at the Rectory),

"Finding Balance in a Busy Life: Looking at the Figures of Martha & Mary" will be offered on Saturday, Aug 26 from 9:30 – 1:00 at St. Anne's Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. Presenter is Marina McCoy, Ph.D. is a philosophy professor, spirituality writer and prison volunteer. The program includes a brief presentation, prayer, personal reflection and discussion. Registration fee of \$10.00 will be collected at the door; pre-registration is required by August 17. To pre-register, please email womenoffaithswsa@gmail.com or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176 or Sr. Yvette Bellerose at 774-239-3372. For more information please visit www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org.

A message from Fr. Bill

Total Faith in Christ

Like two of the other evangelists, Saint Matthew attaches the incident where Jesus walked on the water to last week's Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves. Hence, a link between the two must be intended. The Eucharistic implications of the feeding of the five thousand are followed by Peter and Jesus walking on water which is even more incredible! Thus, the relationship between these two miracles is undermined by those reactions. Yet, upon closer examination, it becomes obvious that the focus of both is the faith of the disciples. Faced with an enormous discrepancy between the meager amount of food and the enormous size of the crowd, the disciples were forced to trust Jesus. Both the Lord's disciples and the vast multitude lacked everything necessary to satisfy their hunger and, yet, not only did they eat enough to be satisfied, there was also ample food left over, filling twelve wicker baskets. Once again, in this week's Gospel, the disciples had set out in a boat without Jesus. Only a few miles offshore, they faced another critical situation left on their own and not even knowing where Jesus was, a storm was battering their boat. To a certain degree, the disciples must have felt abandoned by Jesus who had forced them to set sail without Him. It's understandable, then, that when they see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they were terrified. And in their terror, as you might expect, they cry out in fear thinking that the figure they see is a ghost. It must have seemed incredulous to them that it would even be Jesus because He had remained back on the shore and they were already far away from the water's edge. Peter, though, divided between doubt and his deep faith in Christ, speaks for them all and says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Peter's use of the title Lord and the verb command testify to his faith and serves as his personal recognition of Christ's sovereign authority. In Saint Matthew's view, identifying Jesus as Lord always serves a dual purpose: One, that title on the lips of a disciple properly expresses the relationship every believer must have with Christ and, secondly, it manifests the faith of someone asking Jesus for a miracle. Moreover, when Peter's fear of the storm undermines his faith in Jesus, beginning to sink under the waters, Peter cries out, "Lord, save me!" The Lord Jesus graphically points to Peter and reminds him of how meager his faith really is. Early on, this narrative came to be understood symbolically as an image of the Church, buffeted by evil from pagan opposition and without Jesus of Nazareth in her midst. Within those parameters, then and now, the faithful must persist in sailing through the storms of life to the far shore. Imitate Peter, then, when doubt threatens: Acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Listen and heed His commands. And ask Christ the ultimate request for salvation — Lord, save me!

Fr. Bill

August Calendar Raffle Winners:

August 4	Sherry McWhorter	\$75.00
August 5	Paul Black	\$50.00
August 6	Barbara Braney	\$100.00
August 7	Joseph Spadea	\$75.00
August 8	Jeffrey Martineau	\$50.00
August 9	Ronald Rys	\$50.00
August 10	Christine Haynes	\$50.00

Pilgrimage to Grotto in Leicester

The Sisters of Mercy will host the annual Mass and Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Grotto at Nazareth in Leicester on the Feast of the Assumption, Tuesday, August 15. The Pilgrimage will begin at St. Joseph Church, 759 Main St. Leicester at 9:15 am. The rosary will be recited throughout the one mile walk to the Grotto at Nazareth Home for Boys. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am in the Grotto. Fr. James Mazzone will be the principal celebrant. The Pilgrimage is a tradition which the Sisters of Mercy began in 1901 and have continued each year since then. Visitors may pray at the Grotto before or after Mass and throughout the day.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 12 4:30 pm Lois Trzcinski (20 th Anniv) by Vinny & Family
Sunday, August 13 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 10:15 am Dick Pelletier by his Family
Monday, August 14 8:00 am Raymond Fecteau (71 st Anniv) by Pauline & Family 7:00 pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 am Alfred A. Lamothe by the Family
Wednesday, August 16 8:00 am Etienne Lamoureux by Suzanne & Family
Thursday, August 17 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
Friday, August 18 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, August 19 4:30 pm Claire Ledoux by Barbara & Neil Hodgerney
Sunday, August 20 8:00 am Christine Hanson (14 th Anniv) by Mom & Family 10:15 am Jack Gagne by a Friend

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 13	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Family Mass
Monday, August 14	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, August 15	
Wednesday, August 16	
Thursday, August 17	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Food Pantry Full Time Working Clients
Friday, August 18	
Saturday, August 19	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, August 20	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites you to their Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester on Sat. & Sun. September 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family. The theme will be "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima". Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by your favorite EWTN Hosts. Bishop Robert McManus will serve as the celebrant and homilist at Sunday's Holy Mass. Admission is free, no tickets required. Log onto www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information. You will find the two-day EWTN Family Celebration schedule and speakers at the entrances of the Church along with the EWTN Fall Highlights and programming. Take the schedule and flier home. **NOTE: Dates for the Family Celebration in Worcester on the fall flier are incorrect.**