

Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially all those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We offer our prayers to all families and pray that they will persevere and get the help that they need.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Bernadette Pervier, Lucy Kelly, 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, Trajan Imperator

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS AUGUST 26 & 27

Envelopes \$4,531.00
Loose \$1,135.75
Total collection \$5,666.75
Number of envelopes
Mass Attendance 369

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 Toilet Paper & Mayonnaise



FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION OCTOBER 7, 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 4:00pm. Confessions 3:00 - 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm. If you wish to participate there is a signup sheet 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

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life: A 30 week experience of Directed Prayer and Reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, starting October 1, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. For more info visit www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home or email: worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462

Spiritual Support for those with Cancer. St. Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center is offering a support group dedicated to the spiritual and sacramental support that the Catholic faith can provide. The monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month and begins at 11:30 am in the chapel in the Cancer Center located at 1 Eaton Place, the Chapel and the meeting take place on the Garden Level of the Center. Contact Sr. Paula Kelleher or Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at 508-363-6246. Remaining sessions are Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.



The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 jbreannan@parishmail.com

PLEASE REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR NOW!!!!

Schedule for the 2017 - 2018 year will be:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Grades. Sunday 9:00-10:00 Grades K-5; Sunday 5:30-8:30 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

Catechist Meetings:

Table with 3 columns: Meeting Day, Location, Time. Tuesday, Sept 5th High School 7:00 PM; Tuesday, Sept 12 K-8 7:00 PM

Faith Formation information:

Youth Ministry Night, Sunday, Sept. 10 for all High School students each with a parent 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes Begin Sunday, Sept 17th - please register your child/children. 54 Families still need to register...

Catechetical Sunday: Sept. 17th commissioning of all catechists and all helpers at the 10:15 Mass

Faith Formation Needs for the Fall

- (1) Catechist for 9th grade, (2) for 10th grade 1 Sunday a month 5:30 - 8:30 pm
(1) Catechist Grade 6, Tuesday evening 7:00 - 8:15
Someone to organize Prayer Partners for 2nd Grade and Confirmation Classes
Someone (1 or 2 people) to work with Ken Choquette and the Jr. Youth Group implementing activities throughout the year.
A person to manage our Facebook Page
Principals to be present at a set class time to help run those class times. Field questions, direct the Secretaries, make sure classes get the prepared hand-outs etc.

PICNIC PICNIC



Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10th 2017
Tickets available after all masses and in the parish office.

Ticket prices go up after Tuesday!!!! Planning meeting on Wed. Sept 6th at 7:00 pm.

Cooking and Set up will begin in the hall on Saturday, Sept 9th at 9:00 am.....We need help in both food preparation as well as set up.. Calling all Bakers, one small way you can help the picnic is to make a dessert to share. Anything you bake is good and always delicious.....Drop of Saturday all day or Sunday morning.

Msgr. Richard E. Collette, a priest for 65 years, has written a book, "Shepherds for my People," which will be on sale at all weekend masses. 45 stories in his book recall memorable moments in Msgr. Collette's ministry as a parish priest. The \$15.00 for the book will be donated to the Priests' Retirement Fund, thank you for your support



Sept. 2, 2017

A message from Fr. Bill

A week ago, hurricane Harvey was making its way to the Texas coast and although the predictions consistently pointed to a horrific storm, the reality was difficult to imagine. Now, a week later, no imagination is necessary. The residents of southeast Texas have been struck with damage and destruction that is all too real and now difficult to comprehend. When disaster strikes, our hearts go out to those victims who have lost everything, and we truly care for them. But there is also a part of us that says, "Thank God it wasn't me!" Thank God it wasn't my father who was in the nursing home that flooded. Thank God it wasn't my sister who drowned as the waters trapped her. Thank God it wasn't my mother who stepped out of her car and was swept away to her death. Thank God we are not suffering like the people of the Gulf Coast, some of whom have lost absolutely everything, rich and poor alike. It is out of our thankfulness for the many blessings we have received from God that we can truly feel for the people who have been affected by this historic storm. But as we sleep in our warm and dry beds, let us reach out to those who are suffering. First and foremost through heartfelt prayer that God will be present to all in need and comfort them in their fear and confusion. Also let us reach out in prayer that first responders will be safe from harm. Let us also pray in gratitude for our many blessings and the safety we enjoy.

Fr. Bill

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 in the fall flier are for the televised date of the event.

"The Alpha Course" at St. Richard in Sterling is being offered to anyone interested: active catholic, inactive Catholic, Protestant, Agnostic, Atheist, and Not-Sure. It is made up of three components 1) a Meal; 2) a 25 minute movie style lesson; 3) a small group discussion. It is a place to talk, to ask questions, to share, about life and God. All opinions are respected, there is no judgement, just a safe place to be honest and consider these big issues. There is no cost, it is free. An informational dinner for anyone interested on Sunday, Sept 17th at 6:00 pm. Please call 978-422-8881 or email stnichardsterling@comcast.net to let us know if you are coming.

Sunday, Sept 3 at 2:00 pm- all are welcome to join in a celebration of the Twinning relationship between parishes in the Diocese of Worcester and the Diocese of Les Cayes, Haiti. Bishop McManus will welcome Cardinal Chiobly Langlois for Mass at 2 pm at St. Joseph Church, 35 Hamilton St. Worcester with the Haitian Choir of Mattapan. A free dinner reception with a festive meal will follow at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Representatives of many of the parishes who are twinning with parishes and schools in Haiti will be on hand to share their experiences. For more info visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/Hatian-apostolate-1 or call Sr. Judith at 508-929-4328

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING – Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 pm in the Benton Room. We always need new members, so if you knit or crochet please consider joining this important ministry. Call Linda at 508-885-6557 for more information.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 2 4:30 pm Rachel & Albert Gauthier by their Daughter
Sunday, September 3 8:00 am Glenn Martin by Dad, Mom & Sisters 10:15 am Hank Grenier (18 th Anniv) by the Family
Monday, September 4 Labor Day – Office Closed 8:00 am
Tuesday, September 5 8:00 am
Wednesday, September 6 8:00 am
Thursday, September 7 8:00 am Raymond & Ida Fecteau & Michelle Casavant By Pauline & Family
Friday, September 8 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 9 4:30 pm Robert Lamoureux (27 th Anniv) by Elaine & Family
Sunday, September 10 8:00 am Roger & Doris Lacaire by the Family 10:15 am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin – "Special Intention"

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 3	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, September 4	
10:00 am	Food Pantry CLOSED
Tuesday, September 5	
7:00 pm	Catechist Meeting – High School
Wednesday, September 6	
7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Picnic Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 7	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 8	
Saturday, September 9	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, September 10	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am 12:00 pm 5:30 – 8:30 pm	Parish Picnic Outdoor Mass Parish Picnic Youth Ministry Night//Family Date Night with Parents/ High School

6th Annual Novena to St. Joseph at Christ the King Parish, Worcester for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm beginning Sept. 11. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care and to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. Homilists are Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. Bishop Robert J. McManus, Fr. Kenneth Cardinale, Fr. Dennis O'Brien, Fr. John Gavin, S.J., Fr. Frederick Fraini, Fr. Jose Rodriguez, Fr. Walter Riley and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. All are welcome to attend this Novena. If you wish to submit the name of a seriously ill person email Msgr. Sullivan at sullivan5@mac.com.

