

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially all victims of war, violence and of natural disasters. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that they will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Pauline Casavant, Cheryl Boucher, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Helen Gemme, Peggy Gallant, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Bonnie Sheldon, David Auger, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Rachel Kelliher, Dolly Choquette, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Shirley Quattrucci, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Anne Dowcra, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Mary Chojnacki, Erlene Lachapelle, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Ruth Costa, Thomas Lilley, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Louise Beauvais, Diane Cyr, Wayne Pothier Jr., Joanne Carberry, Erin Spaulding, Jackie St. Martin, Peter Flynn, Donna Healy, Erin Tremble, Bev & Milo Nelson, Heather Lapierre, Theresa Thibault, Ernest Tremblay, Pauline Vallee, Gene Phillips, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Elizabeth Monfette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Richard Chabior, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix, Amy Richard, Dolores Riopel, Tiffany and Bridget Sonnier, Roger Arsenault, and Norman Gosselin.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK
For those who labor in the fields and orchards at this harvest season

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST 29 & 30

Envelopes	\$5,004.00
Loose	\$ 375.50
Total collection	\$5,379.50
Number of envelopes	197
Attendance	457

MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST

Average per week for August 2015	\$6,002.35
for August 2014	\$6,170.40
Difference per week	(\$ 167.95)

The deficit per week for August was **\$1,997.60**, which means that we ran \$ 10,000.00 under budget for the month. Part of this was the poor attendance at Mass during the past month. Many of you will now be returning from summer residences and activities and we welcome you back. Anything you can do to help support your parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who faithfully support us each week.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS will be starting up on **September 21**. Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the living room of the Rectory. These sessions are for all those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, those who have never been baptized, and Catholics who were baptized but never made First Communion or Confirmation, for more information speak to Fr. Jim or call him at 508-885-3111 ext. 104.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00 pm. If you wish to leave Judi a message, she can be reached at **508-885-3111 Ext. 105**.

REGISTRATION Classes begin on Sunday September 20 for grades K thru 5. There will also be an option for classes on Tuesday as in years past. Grade 6, 7 & 8 begin on Tuesday evening September 22. Grade 9 and 10 will begin on Sunday evening September 27 and Grade 11 Confirmation sessions on October 4. Registration is essential if we are to have enough teachers for the children. Please contact Judi by calling 508-885-3111 and dialing her extension 105, or by e-mail. We remind those with children who are approaching First Communion age that this is a two year program beginning with first grade. We also offer a Kindergarten program on Sunday mornings which introduces the children to God and to the church. We need your help to make young parents aware of these programs so that they can enroll their children. Help us by spreading the word.

TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED.

Grade 9	1 teachers
Grade 10	2 teachers
Confirmation class.....	2 teacher

All of these classes meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. If you are interested in helping with this very important part of the Faith formation of our young people, please call Judi or speak to Fr. Jim after Mass.

STUDENTS FROM CATHOLIC SCHOOL, if you are a Junior in High School and wish to be a candidate for Confirmation this year, you need to register for the parish confirmation program. The first session will be on Sunday evening October 4.

We need a Principal for Tuesday evening to keep attendance record and call absentees. Class meets from 7:00 to 8:15.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Corned Beef or Roast Beef Hash

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ will be held on the parish grounds next Sunday, September 13th. Mass will be at 10:30 am under the tents and the BBQ will follow at noon. The menu includes chicken, baked potato, Salad, Roll, Corn on the Cob and a can of soda or water. This annual event marks the beginning of the new year of church activities. We gather to ask God's blessings and to celebrate being part of the parish family. Donations of baked goods for the dessert table are requested. Tickets are on sale at the parish office during the week and after Masses. Adults \$13.00, Children under 10 \$6.00.

OUTDOOR MASS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 10:30 AM as part of the chicken barbecue. All are welcome at the Mass even if you are not going to stay for the dinner. We pray for our parish and all our ministries in special way at this liturgy. There will be family fun games for the young and young at heart to join in to after the meal.

WE NEED HELP TO SET UP FOR THE BARBECUE

We need help to set up the tents and to bring the tables and chairs from the hall to the lawn. We hope to do this on Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 am. We also need baked goods and someone to coordinate that table on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheet at the doors of the church today or call the office on Tuesday. Please help us.

Pastor's Notes:

Labor Day usually signals the end of the summer season and the beginning of the work year. The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are supposedly over, although you would never know it today. It's time to get back to work. We complain about our jobs a lot but the reality that is celebrated on this Labor Day weekend is that we are very lucky to be working and that the work that we do has great value in the eyes of God. If we are lucky enough to have a job that allows us to use our unique talents, we are very blessed. If our job seems to us to be very routine, it still has meaning because it is the means of providing for our families and this is a very great act of love. Often the things that we do which seem to have no meaning have great value for someone we may not even know. If no one swept the floor, we would soon be buried in dust. If no one picked the fruit or vegetables we would not have tasty and healthy meals. If no one greeted us with a smile at the check-out counter or in the doctor's office or at the bank we may not have another smile to brighten our day. Whether we use our hands, our heads, or our hearts in what we do, if we do it with love, we can enrich the lives of those around us and God will certainly bless us for that. Enjoy the holiday weekend.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL

The new rug in the adoration chapel was installed this week. The bathroom will be redone with a new piece of linoleum and a new toilet and handicap bar. This should complete the work that is needed to make this a place of prayer and peaceful reflection. Now all we need is for more of you to make use of it.

ST JOSEPH'S in NO. BROOKFIELD, FAMILY FAIR will take place on Saturday September 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and on Sunday from 11:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be Food, Games for the children, Flea Market, Crafts, Raffles and a variety of foods on both days.

ARTISTS CRAFTERS MUSICIANS FESTIVAL at St. Joseph's / St. Pius in Leicester this coming Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Joseph's. Art, music, wood carving, specialty booths as well as the traditional raffles, face painting etc. All are welcome

WE NEED MUSICIANS TO LEAD US IN PRAISING GOD

Both choirs are looking for voices to help us in praising God at the 10:15 Mass. We have only one male voice in the choir at the moment and are in need of men as well as women to round out a full choir. We also are looking for a backup piano player for one Sunday a month and some instruments (guitar, flute, trumpet and others) for the folk or contemporary choir. The choirs sing at 10:25 Mass and usually rehearse either before or after Mass. Anyone interested speak to one of the choir directors or call the office at 508-885-3111 and speak to Sandy.

THE MARTHA MARY GUILD, who provides meals following the Funeral Masses, is in need of new members. We are in particular need of some people who are willing to coordinate the meals by calling others to cook and getting people to staff the meals and clean up after, anyone willing to help with this important ministry please call Harriet Gobi at the office 508-885-3369 or Sandy at 508-885-3111.Ext 113.



Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 5 4:30 pm Albert & Rachel Gauthier by their Daughter
Sunday, September 6 8:00 am Alfred Magnone Sr. by his Family 10:15 am Katherine Kaiser (2 nd Anniv) by her Family
Monday, September 7 8:00 am For Parishioners
Tuesday, September 8 8:00 am Lizzie Johnson (2 nd Anniv) by the de Leon Family
Wednesday, September 9 8:00 am Michelle Casavant by Mom
Thursday, September 10 8:00 am Raymond Ethier by his sister Theresa
Friday, September 11 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, September 12 8:00 am Wally Casavant (6 th Anniv) by his Wife & Family
Sunday, September 13 8:00 am Roger & Doris Lacaire by the Family 10:35 am Hank Grenier (16 th Anniv) by the Family

Sunday, September 6	Coffee Shop - Open
10:15 am 1:00 pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word Baptism Instruction
Monday, September 7	Holiday – Labor Day Office Closed
10:00 am	Food Pantry -CLOSED
Tuesday, September 8	
Wednesday, September 9	
Thursday, September 10	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry – OPEN Boy Scouts
Friday, September 11	
Saturday, September 12	
10:00 am 3:30pm	Barbecue Set Up Confessions
Sunday, September 13	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:30 am 12:00 pm	OUTDOOR MASS CHICKEN BBQ

Calendar of Events

MATT MAHER IN CONCERT Matt Maher is one of the most popular Contemporary Catholic singer / song writers. He will be performing at Mechanics Hall on Friday October 16 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The concert is sponsored by NEWorcester, the diocesan youth ministry for teen and young adults. Tickets are on sale Mechanics Hall. 508-752-0888 or on line at www.mechanicshall.org



