

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially **Gerard St. Martin** of our parish. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that he will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Pauline Casavant, Cheryl Boucher, Fr. Martin Donahue, John Waage, Theresa Johnson, Peggy Gallant, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Bonnie Sheldon, Frank Harvey, David Auger, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, David L'Heureux, Dolly Choquette, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Shirley Quattrucci, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Mary Chojnacki, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Ruth Costa, Thomas Lilley, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Madelyn Sjoblom, Albert Brousseau, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, Wayne Pothier Jr, Baby Jana, Theresa Thibault, Ernest Tremblay, Elizabeth Lemerise, Heather Lech, Frances Barrett, Baby Oliver, Theresa Suchocki, Baby Parker, Patricia Burdette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Richard Chabior, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For those who serve the needs of the less fortunate.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS OCTOBER 10 & 11

Envelopes	\$4,990.00
Loose	345.00
Total collection	\$5,335.00
Number of envelopes	194
Attendance	

This was another very poor weekend financially. This happens when we have a holiday because so many of you are travelling. Anything you can do to help to make up for the short fall will help. Thank you for your love and care for the parish.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

Gravy

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY to aid the work of the Propagation of the Faith and of spreading the gospel message by word and action.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH HARVEST THYME FAIR will take place next Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 to 2:00 pm in the parish hall. There will be baked goods, silent auction, raffle baskets, lottery tree, attic treasures and lots of craft vendors.

POLISH NIGHT at the American Legion Post 138 located at 175 Main St. in Spencer will take place on Saturday evening October 24. The bar opens at 5:00 pm and the dinner will be served at 6:30 pm there will be raffles and prizes. Cost is \$12 .00 per person. Tickets available at the Legion. Call 508-885-3793.

FALL RAFFLE

Don't forget to return your fall calendar raffle tickets. We depend on the income from this raffle to meet the extra expenses that come with the winter weather. There are extra calendars at the doors of the church

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Faith Formation classes this week:

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00	Grades K - 6
	6:30 – 8:00	Grades 9, 10 & 11
Tuesday	4:15 to 5:30 pm	Grades 1 thru 6
	7:00 to 8:15 pm	Grades 6, 7 & 8

DROP IN CENTER for grades 6, 7 and 8 students will be open on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 pm Come and hang out with your friends before class. We are in need of donations of Cocoa for the Drop In Center. Please drop them off at the kitchen and mark them "for Drop In".

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FAITH FORMATION

If anyone would like to provide a scholarship for a child to attend Faith Formation it would be welcome. Tuition is \$ 45.00 per child.

TEACHER TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT COURSE on the Liturgy and the Sacraments is being offered on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the sacristy. This is offered for all teachers and also for all parishioners who are interested in learning more about the faith. To register call Judi or use the registration form found on line.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY

A Morning of Reflection hosted by the Spiritual Life Ministry will be held on **Wednesday, October 21** in the parish hall. The speaker will be Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas from St. Joseph's in Charlton who will speak on Mercy, a theme is recurring during the Synod of Bishops and one to which the coming liturgical year will be dedicated. The program will begin with Mass 8:00 am. The Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. This will be followed by a light breakfast at 9:00 am and the talk will be at 10:00 am. All are invited to attend. There is no registration required and no fee. Please join us for a morning of prayer and reflection.



OUR EGYPTIAN FAMILY...

Thank you all so much for the donations for the refugee family from Egypt. They are now well supplied with kitchen goods. We have a few more cleaning items that are needed namely: a vacuum cleaner, broom, household cleaning supplies, a Swiffer wet mop and pads, a baby carriage. Add to this a need for sheets for a set of bunk beds and also mattress pads



ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Massasoit Art Guild's 12th Annual Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Spencer Town Hall. This is a free event with live music and lots of area art to enjoy!! Please come and support area artists

Fall Cleanup of the Cemetery. Please be sure to remove all decoration, flowers, etc. from the cemetery by November 1 as we will be starting our Fall Cleanup and getting ready for the winter. Anything left will be thrown away. Please spread the word....



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Pastor's Notes:

Mission Sunday

On the third Sunday of October each year, the church celebrates mission Sunday. It is the day when the church focuses on the mission of the church to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It is a day when we are asked to support the works of the propagation of the faith and aid those men and women who are laboring in foreign lands. In today's world, much of the work they do is to first bring healing and hope to the people before they even make mention of God and the Gospel. In places like Africa and Asia they are having great success as the church is growing by leaps and bounds. A native clergy is developing and vocations to the priesthood and the religious life are flourishing. The missionaries have planted the seeds that are now bearing fruit. This should be a sign of hope for us as we see the opposite happening in Europe and the US. The church is not dead in spite of our losses. We are a catholic church in the fullest sense of the word. In a sense, we are becoming the church to which foreign missionaries are coming to bring the good news. Look at the make-up of the recently ordained priests. We need to welcome them as they bring us the good news and call us back to God.

WE NEED MUSICIANS TO HELP US IN PRAISING GOD

Both choirs are looking for voices to help us in praising God at the 10:15 Mass. 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 MARTHA MARY GUILD, which provides meals following a Funeral Mass, is in need of new members. We need people who are willing to coordinate the meals by calling others to cook, getting people to staff the meals and clean up as well as people to cook, bake and serve. Call Harriet Gobi at 508-885-3369, Cheryl Benoit at 508-882-3072 or Sandy at 508-885-3111 Ext 102.

COFFEE SHOP, We need help.....We are looking for someone to coordinate the Coffee Shop teams for the parish. This person would be responsible for coordinating a schedule for the volunteers. We are also looking for more people to act as a team to make the coffee, pick up the donuts and clean up after. Please call the office to volunteer.

Spencer Council 118 will also be holding a membership drive this weekend at Masses. If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith for your family then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you, please fill out a post card (available at Church entrance) and drop it in the mail.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

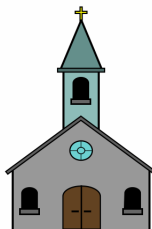
St. Mary's Schools, Worcester Fall Open House on Sunday, October 18th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Grades Pre-K to 12 .Call 508-753-1170 or visit the website at www.stmarysworcester.org.

St. John's High School: Open House Sunday Oct 18 and Oct 25 at 1:00 pm. Entrance exam on Saturday October 31. For info contact jmorse@stjohnahighschool.org

Holy Name Jr / Sr. High: Open House on Sunday November 1 from noon to 2:00pm (Grades 7 thru 12).

Notre Dame Academy entrance exam on Saturday November 7 at 8:30 am. For info and to spend a day at NDA call 508-757- 6200

St. Peter / Marian Jr / Sr High will also hold open house. Call the school at 508-852-5555 for details.



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Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 17 4:30 pm David Petruzzi (24 th Anniv) by his Family
Sunday, October 18 8:00 am Kathleen Peloquin 10:15 am Gerard Hicks by Mom & Dad
Monday, October 19 8:00 am Abraham & Naomi St. John by Elaine & Family
Tuesday, October 20 8:00 am Roger Archambeault by Ray & Celine Lafaille
Wednesday, October 21 8:00 am Helen Gemme by the Spiritual Life Ministry Committee
Thursday, October 22 8:00 am For the People of the Paish
Friday, October 23 8:00 am No Mass Today
Saturday, October 24 4:30 am Yvonne LaPointe (1 st Anniv) by Robert & Family
Sunday, October 25 8:00 am Lucas Lacaire (3 rd Anniv) by his Family 10:15 am Steve Loftus by the Loftus Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday , October 18	Coffee Shop – Open
9:00 am	Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6
10:15 am	Baptism
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:30 pm	Faith Form Class Grades 9, 10 & 11
Monday, October 19	
10:00 am	Food Pantry - OPEN
7:00 pm	Inquiry / RCIA Class (Rectory)
Tuesday, October 20	
2:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6
4:15 pm	Lincoln Hill Mass
6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, October 21	
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Morning of Recollection
Thursday, October 22	
10:00 am	Food Pantry – OPEN
6:45 pm	Liturgy/Sacraments Class (Sacristy)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Friday, October 23	
Saturday, October 24	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, October 25	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am	Faith Formation Class Grades K – 6
10:15 am	Family Mass
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Grades 9, 10 &, 11

Senior Living at Prouty presents "Annie Sullivan, Teacher": From "Heroic Women You Can Talk To". About the life experiences of Helen Keller's teacher. Tuesday, October 27th at noon 195 Main Street, Spencer. Please call 617-431-4937 if you plan on attending, this show is free, walk-ins are always welcome. Parking on Pope St. entrance. Doors are locked so you must be present before noon....

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