

### Please Pray for...

All who have died especially: Evelyn Pray, Lawrence Mc Carl, Norman Lavigne, Gerard Lawrence and Frank Jones who died this week. 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, 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 with addictions of any kind and for their families

### OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS OCTOBER 18 & 19

Envelopes	\$4,975.05
Loose	\$ 451.25
Total collection	\$5,426.30
Mission Sunday Collection	\$327.00
Number of envelopes	205
Attendance	453

Thank you for your support this weekend. We continue to try to keep up with the needs of the parish. We need your spiritual and financial support to do the Lord's work.

### FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK

## Canned Green Beans and Corn

#### FOOD PANTRY NOTES

**FAMILY TO FAMILY.** It is time to start thinking about Thanksgiving which is only four weeks away. Each year we invite families in the community to adopt a family to feed for Thanksgiving. In doing this, you agree to provide the turkey and all the fixings. The baskets will be distributed this year on November 21. Anyone willing to do this, call Kathy at 508-885- 9828 and she will give you a family to feed.

#### FALL RAFFLE

This is the last week for buying tickets for the fall calendar 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. The first drawing will take place next Sunday evening. There are extra calendars at the doors of the church for those of you who can sell them to your friends at work.

### 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:

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

**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.

#### OUR EGYPTIAN FAMILY...

Thank you all so much for the donations for the refugee family from Egypt. As we continue to help them get settled, we have a special need for a vacuum cleaner and a table lamp. We will also be looking for winter clothes for the kids and the adults. We don't have the sizes yet. Donations of money to buy these articles are also welcome.

**Fall Cleanup of the Cemetery. This is the last week before we begin the fall clean-up of the cemetery. Anyone who wishes to retrieve decorations or memorials from the graves needs to do so before November 1. After that, decorations remaining will be disposed of. Thank you for attention to this matter.**

#### ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS, NEXT WEEKEND

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** for all those whose funeral services were celebrated by us during the past twelve months will take place next Sunday afternoon November 1 at 5:00 pm. Invitations were sent to one member of each family with the request that they notify others members of the family. We will also add new names to the memorial plaque at this Liturgy. All are welcome at this Mass.

**ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES** are provided in your envelope packet to write the names of your beloved dead so that they can be remembered at all the Masses celebrated in November. Please try to get these envelopes in before the 5:00pm Mass next Sunday so that they can be remembered at this special Mass.

**CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD** gathering is this Wednesday evening, October 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. This is an occasion to honor our priests and also to assist in helping to defray the cost of supporting the retired priests of our diocese. Tickets can be purchased or donations can be made.



## Pastor's Notes:

I've been bouncing around in my head (and in my heart) what we can do to bring some new life to our parish. Many of the ministries of the past have been run by the same people for years and now those people are simply getting older and unable to continue at the pace they once did. (this is the fourth week I have run the ads for help in the areas listed below this column). Others have moved away to warmer climates. Church attendance has been declining and the needs for our charitable works increasing. I guess that this isn't just in our parish but in many here in the Northeast. We are participating in a new youth ministry process called Vital 3 in the hopes of getting the youth more involved, but this process is based on family support and involvement. I've wondered if a Sunday evening Mass would help to get some people who spend Sunday mornings at the field or the court or the rink or just have to work on weekends to be able to come to Mass. I also wonder what we need to deepen our spirituality and strengthen our community. Got any ideas?

### MINISTRY NEEDS:

#### WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR CHOIRS

If God has given you a good voice. This is a chance to give back to Him by using it to help others sing His praises. The senior choir needs sopranos and men and the contemporary choir could use some young voices. Stop on the way out of church and speak to one of the choir directors.

**THE MARTHA MARY GUILD**, which provides meals following a Funeral Mass, is in need of new members. We need cooks, bakers, those willing to donate soda and other goods, and others to help serve the meals. Call Harriet Gobi at 508-885-3369, Cheryl Benoit at 508-882-3072 or Sandy at 508-885-3111 Ext 102. This is a ministry of comfort to those who mourn.

**COFFEE SHOP**, We need help.....Someone to volunteer to run coffee shop once a month after the 10:15 Mass. We have three Sundays covered already. Pick up donuts on the way to church and clean up after. This is a simple way to serve your parish.

#### WE NEED PEOPLE FOR THE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

This place of prayer brings blessings to our parish but those who use it are too few. It is supposed to be staffed with someone there praying each hour of the day. Could God be calling you to be one of those people?

### PLANNING AHEAD FOR ADVENT...

St. Mary's parish in Jefferson will offer a weekly prayer experience on four Sunday evenings beginning on November 22 following the 5:00 pm Mass. It will be based on the Ignatian Way of prayer which involves, Scripture, reflection and sharing. More info to come.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**St. John's High School:** Open House Sunday Oct 25 at 1:00 pm.

Entrance exam on Saturday October 31.

For info contact [jmorse@stjohnahighschool.org](mailto: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.



The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, October 24</b> 4:30 pm Yvonne LaPointe (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) by Robert & Family
<b>Sunday, October 25</b> 8:00 am Lucas Lacaire (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by his Family 10:15 am Steve Loftus by the Loftus Family
<b>Monday, October 26</b> 8:00 am Donat & Yvonne Lamoureux by Elaine & Family
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b> 8:00 am For parishioners
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b> 8:00 am Ruth Morin by her niece Nancy
<b>Thursday, October 29</b> 8:00 am Pauline Kallio (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) by Raymond & Nancy
<b>Friday, October 30</b> 8:00 am No Mass Today
<b>Saturday, October 31</b> 4:30 am Harry Smith (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by the Family
<b>Sunday, November 1</b> 8:00 am Katherine Bouley (19 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by her Family 10:15 am Christina Wilson by her Parents

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 25	Coffee Shop – Open
9:00 am 10:15 am 6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Family Mass/ Baptism Faith Form. Class Grades 9, 10 & 11
<b>Monday, October 26</b>	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry - OPEN Inquiry / RCIA Class (Rectory)
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>	
2:00 pm 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Lincoln Hill Mass Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Celebrate Priesthood ( Mechanics Hall)
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>	
10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Food Pantry – OPEN Liturgy/Sacraments Class (Sacristy) Boy Scouts
<b>Friday, October 30</b>	
<b>Saturday, October 31</b>	
3:30 pm	Confessions
<b>Sunday, November 01</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b> Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass of Remembrance 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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....

October 25, 2015

