

### Please Pray for...

*All who have died especially all victims of accidents and violence  
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, Peggy Gallant, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Bonnie Sheldon, David Auger, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, David L'Heureux, Dolly Choquette, 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, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Ruth Costa, Thomas Liley, 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, Elizabeth Monfette, Ann Gablaski, Eddie LaFlamme, Addison Lacaire, Richard Chabior, Pat Benoit, Jeanne Lacroix and Amy Richard

**PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK**  
**For deeper respect for life in all of its forms**

### OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS SEPT. 26 & 27

Envelopes	\$5,239.00
Loose	\$ 430.50
Total collection	\$5,669.50
Number of envelopes	197
Attendance	477
On Line giving	\$1,540.00 (for the month)

Monthly Report for September

Average per week	Sept 2015	\$6,018.87
	Sept 2014	\$6,810.87

Difference per week from 2014 (\$792.00) per week  
September was a tough month financially for us. We were almost \$2,000.00 a week short of our weekly goal of \$8,000.00 to meet our expenses. Please look at this prayerfully and if you have any suggestions to help speak to one of us. Thank you for your love and care for the parish.

**RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS STARTED BUT it is not too late to join us.** Sessions are held at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings, 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.

**Monthly Meals will be starting back up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of October. We are always looking for people who love to have fun, cook and help others. We are hoping to add some new items to the menus this year.... Call Sandy at 508-885-3111 ext. 102 for more information.**

**FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK**  
**Coffee**

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The Faith Formation office will be open this week 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 to 10:00am Grades K – 6**  
**6:30 to 8:00 pm Grades 9 & 10**  
**Confirmation Meeting**

**Tuesday 4:15 to 5:30 pm Grades 1 - 5**  
**7:00 to 8:15 pm Grades 6, 7 & 8**

**Grade 11 Confirmation sessions** will begin on October 4 with a parent / student meeting at 6:30 pm. If you did not receive a letter about this meeting it means that you are not registered and need to call and do so.

**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. Cocoa is served.

### 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. If you wish to help please contact Judi or just send it in and mark it "Scholarship".

### TEACHER TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT COURSE

on the Liturgy and the Sacraments will be offered on four Thursday evenings beginning on October 8 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.

### ROSARY SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

It is our tradition to observe the first Sunday in October as Rosary Sunday. It is the Sunday closest to the feast of our Lady of the Rosary which is October 7. During Mass, the children will present a flower to Mary at the offertory and following the 10:15 Mass, there will be a procession to the outside Shrine of Our Lady where we will recite the Rosary and the litany of the Blessed Mother. There will be a blessing of those present with Holy Water from the spring outside what is believed to be the home of Mary in Ephesus where she lived with St. John after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. We invite you to join us. If it rains, we will do all of this inside the church.

**Morning of Reflection** hosted by the Spiritual Life Ministry will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 9:00 am in the parish hall. The speaker will be Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas from St. Joseph's in Charlton. It will be preceded by Mass and rosary beginning at 8:00 am. Save the date

### 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, a dust pan and broom, household cleaning supplies, a Swiffer wet mop and pads, a baby carriage and a floor lamp. Add to this a need for sheets for a set of bunk beds and also mattress pads. We also want you to know that their 4 week old baby has been in the hospital and in need of prayers. Her name is baby Jana. Remember to pray for her and her family.



October 4, 2015

## Pastor's Notes:

### Pro Life Sunday

We observe Pro-life Sunday on this first Sunday of October each year. It is a time to both reflect on and pray for the protection and upholding of life in all of its forms. Pope Francis in his encyclical letter "Laudato Si", placed the care of the earth and of all creatures in the category of a Pro Life issue. He also put the way we treat immigrants and refugees in the life category as well as the respect for children and the value of their lives. Some have accused Francis of being soft on the Pro Life but if anything he has increased the spectrum of life issues to include all the stages of life from conception to natural death and made all of life to reflect the touch of our loving Father. So today as we pray let's ask our God to broaden our vision and to recognize in all of life the presence of a loving and merciful God and to treat all of life gently. Pope Francis' namesake, St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is today, is a good example to follow in this as he addressed all of creation as sister and brother. Maybe we should try to do the same.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** welcomes new members. Pamphlets about this ministry are at both doors of the church and have info on how to request or receive a shawl. Meeting on Wed. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> in the Benton Room.

### 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 choirs sing at 10:15 Mass and usually rehearse either before or after Mass.

**THE MARTHA MARY GUILD** provides meals following a Funeral Mass, we are in need of new members. In particular we need people who are willing to coordinate the meals by calling others to cook, getting people to staff the meals and clean up. Anyone willing to help this important ministry, please 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 coffee shop (which is after the 10:15 am Mass) please call the office to volunteer.

**TOOTSIE ROLL SALE** the Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls after Mass next weekend to raise money for their charitable work with children with special needs. We encourage your support of this important charitable work.

**HARVEST DINNER DANCE.** Boy Scout Troop 102 will be hosting a Harvest Dinner/Dance on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Menu will include Cream of Broccoli Soup, Salad, Roast Pork, Mashed Potato, Butternut Squash, Apple & Pumpkin Pie & Beverage and will feature a local D.J., Missy's Music Mix for entertainment. Cost is \$20.00 for this fun Night. Meal will be served after Mass. Please call Darcy at 508-344-3307 or Kevin at 774-745-8330 for more information and tickets.

**St. Mary's Schools, Worcester** will be holding their Fall Open House on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. St. Mary's houses grades Pre-K to 12 and is located on 50 Richland St. in Worcester for more information call 508-753-1170 or visit the website at [www.stmarysworcester.org](http://www.stmarysworcester.org).

## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday, October 3</b> 4:30 pm Bruce Woodward by his Family
<b>Sunday, October 4</b> 8:00 am Pamela Sanborn (16 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by her Family 10:30 am Michael Lech by his Family
<b>Monday, October 5</b> 8:00 am Conrad (Joe) Lussier by Normand & Alice Vandale
<b>Tuesday, October 6</b> 8:00 am Ann Docwra by Al & Mimi Shedyak 2:00 pm Chris Branham, Skip Pottle, Kevin & Beverly Belair & Janet Lavoie by Cheryl Branham
<b>Wednesday, October 7</b> 8:00 am The Daoust & Moreau Families by Louise
<b>Thursday, October 8</b> 8:00 am No Mass Today
<b>Friday, October 9</b> 8:00 am No Mass Today
<b>Saturday, October 10</b> 4:30 am James F. Hoey Jr. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by his Family
<b>Sunday, October 11</b> 8:00 am Charles Bouley by his Family 10:15 am Lisa Burke (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv) by her Family

## Calendar of Events



Sunday, October 4	Coffee Shop – Open Rosary Sunday
9:00 am	Faith Formation Classes Grades K – 6
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:15 am	Rosary Sunday Procession
1:00 pm	Baptism Instruction Class
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 9 & 10
6:30 pm	Confirmation Student/Parent meeting
Monday, October 5	
10:00 am	Food Pantry - OPEN
7:00 pm	Inquiry / RCIA Class Rectory)
Tuesday, October 6	
2:00 pm	Howe Village Mass
4:15 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6
6:30 pm	Drop In Center Open
7:00 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades 6 - 8
Wednesday, October 7	Feast of our Lady of the Rosary
7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday, October 8	
10:00 am	Food Pantry – OPEN
6:45 pm	Liturgy/Sacraments Class
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Friday, October 9	
Saturday, October 10	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, October 11	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am	NO Faith Formation Class Grades K – 6
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
6:30 pm	NO Faith Form. Class Grades 9, 10 & 11

Fr. Jim will be on vacation from Thursday until Tuesday. If you need a priest for emergency, call Fr. George at 508-637-1493.



