

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially all those 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, Gloria Butler, Theresa Cassavant, Paula & Juan Miranda, Raymond Brodeur, Howard Cooper, Bonnie Sheldon, Baby Aiden, Frank Harvey, Diane Gosselin,, David Auger, Pat Benoit, Lorraine Cote , Louise Guerin, Barbara Gaudette, Tom Pawlowski, Joseph Nisel, David L'Heureux, Dolly Choquette, Rochelle Warren, Baby Ryan, Jean Wheeler, Catherine Baril, Tim Josti Sr., Fr. Chet Devlin, Lea Derosier, Alice Sullivan, Jeanne Provencher, Darlene Kennedy, Ruth Flynn, Erlene Lachapelle, Lillian Remillard, John Ahearn, Noel Donabedian, Laurie Vickers, Ruth Costa, Thomas Lilley, Pamela Collette, Patricia Johnson, Betty Cabana, Laurie Gablaski, Carey Dubois, Diane Cyr, 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 Peace in the world

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 28 & 29

Envelopes	\$5,752.50
Loose	\$ 452.00
Total collection	\$6,204.50
Number of envelopes	239
Attendance	522

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK
Canned Pineapple & Brownie Mix

NEEDS FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will be distributing food baskets for Christmas to those in need on Saturday December 19 which is two weeks from now. We have need for the following foods:
Turkeys and Hams Gravy and stuffing mix, fresh vegetables i/e potatoes, squash, carrots, etc.
We expect to feed 250 or more families. All donations are welcome.
If you are donating turkeys or hams please call the office and let us know what you are bringing.
Food is dropped off between 8:00 and 9:00 am on Sat December 19

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8
MASSES AT 8:00 AM AND 7:00 PM
THIS DAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY

MONTHLY MEAL ON DECEMBER 9

This month we will be serving assorted soups with bread and salad and of course dessert. This will be a good nourishing winter meal and simple in keeping with the spirit of Advent. We invite you to join us between 5:30 and 6:30 on Wednesday evening.

2nd Sunday of Advent

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 to 10:00 am	Grades K thru 6
	6:30 to 8:00 pm	Grades 9, 10 & 11
Tuesday	4:15 to 5:30 pm	Grades 2 thru 5
	7:00 to 8:15 pm	Grades 6 thru 8

Socks for veterans:

The Junior High Faith Formation classes are collecting new winter socks for the veterans' shelter in Worcester. If anyone would like to donate socks for this project, there will be a box in the hall near the Faith Formation Office to collect them.

ADVENT NEWS

THE GIVING TREE was set up last weekend; if you were not here please take a tag off the tree. We ask you to take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it and attach this tag securely to the gift and return it to the tree by noon on Sunday December 13. It is essential that we get these gifts on time. They are being picked up at 3:00 pm. All gifts should be new clothes.

FIRST PENANCE / ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will be celebrated today Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm. The children of grade 2 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and their families and all of you are invited to join them for this celebration. Following the service there will be celebration party in the church hall. A good way to prepare for Christmas is to receive the sacrament of reconciliation yourself. It was to save us from our sins that He came among us on the first Christmas. His forgiveness is His gift to each one of us.

SPIRITUAL SECRET SANTA

Remember to pray for your family during Advent. The prayer can take whatever form you choose. During the fourth week of Advent we suggest that you send that family a card revealing that you are the one who has been praying for them. This is a small but simple way to keep the true spirit of the season as we prepare for God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus Christ.

AN ADVENT GIFT

At the doors of the church today you will find a CD by Matthew Kelley entitled "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself "It has some challenging thoughts based on the themes of the Advent season. They are a gift to you from the parish. Feel free to take one and to listen to it during this holy season.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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Pastor's Notes:

Our Retired Religious

The collection for the retired religious is this weekend. It is a most worthy charity. Many of us were educated by the Sisters and whether we were happy about it at the time or not, they left their mark upon our lives. A good part of us who still practice the faith regularly were formed by the Nuns. They taught us about God and about the church in a way that still influences our lives. Most of the ones who taught us may have passed on, but if they are still living they are still working into their 80s and 90s in some sort of ministry and when they can no longer get around, they pray and sacrifice and offer their pains and aches up to God for us. This collection is a chance to say thank you to them for their gift to us and a good time to say a prayer for some Religious Brother or Sister who influenced us to still believe in and love the Lord

CHRISTMAS CANTATA entitled "Joy, Joy, Joy" will be presented by the Christian Community choir on the following dates:

Sunday Dec 13 at East Brookfield Baptist Church at 5:00pm

Sunday Dec 27 at Overlook Masonic Home at 2:00 pm.

Sunday Jan 10 at St. John the Baptist Church at 2:00pm

This is a free concert open to all.

WE STILL NEED MUSICIANS FOR CHRISTMAS:

REHEARSAL for the choir that will sing at Midnight Mass (which is actually at 11:00 pm) is on Sunday mornings following the 10:15 Mass. The first rehearsal for the choir that will sing at 4:00 pm vigil Mass on Christmas Eve will be on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 am in church. People of all ages are welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

Each year we try to give the church a thorough cleaning and polishing in preparation of the major feasts of the year. We will be cleaning the church for Christmas on Thursday evening, December 10th beginning at 6:30 pm. Help is needed, to polish dust, wash and scrub. Laurie Zukowski is coordinating this project. There is no need to sign up just come with dust rag in hand and help.

BABY SITTING WHILE YOU CHRISTMAS SHOP, the youth group will be offering baby-sitting for children ages 2 to 10 on Saturday, December 12 from noon to 4:00 pm in the hall. There will be games, movies, crafts and other activities to entertain the kids including snacks. Cost is \$ 10 .00 per child. You need to sign up with Judi for this by Monday. Call her at 508-885-3111 ext.105.

OPERATION UNDERCOVER For several years the McPherson family have been collecting men's and women's underwear to be distributed to the homeless shelters in Worcester namely Abby's House and the Veteran's Shelter. If some of you didn't get tags off the tree last week this might be a good alternative. The underwear does not need to be gift wrapped but if it is, please mark male or female and the size. We will put a large gift wrapped box under the tree to accept these gifts

FALL RAFFLE Winners – Congratulations to All!

November 26	Roger Kowal	\$ 500.00
November 27	Paula Miranda	\$ 50.00
November 28	Patrick Chiapulis	\$ 50.00
November 29	Ralph Hicks	\$ 100.00
November 30	Michelle Munzert	\$ 100.00



Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 5 4:30 pm Michael & David Lapierre by Cynthia & Debbie
Sunday, December 6 8:00 am Alta Greenlees by her Family 10:15 am Richard & Sheila Grogan & Katherine Kaiser by Theresa Grogan
Monday, December 7 8:00 am Mary Donahue by Jane
Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception 8:00 am For Parishioners 7:00 pm Shirley Quattrucci by the Parish
Wednesday, December 9 8:00 am For the Holy Souls
Thursday, December 10 8:00 am Fr. James Mayo (7 th Anniv) by his Family
Friday, December 11 8:00 am No Mass today
Saturday, December 12 4:30 pm Mary Smith (11 th Anniv) by the Family
Sunday, December 13 8:00 am Richard Berthiaume (16 th Anniv) by the Family 10:15 am Barbara Chicky by the Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday , December 6	Coffee Shop – Open
10:15 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes Grades K –6 Senior Christmas Choir Rehearsal First Reconciliation/Penance Service Faith Formation Classes Grades 9, 10 & 11
Monday, December 7	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry - OPEN Inquiry / RCIA Class
Tuesday, December 8	
8:00 am 4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Day Mass Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 Drop In Center Open Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8 Holy Day Mass
Wednesday, December 9	
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Monthly Meal – Soup Night
Thursday, December 10	
10:00 am 6:30 pm	Food Pantry – OPEN Church Cleaning for Christmas
Friday, December 11	
Saturday, December 12	
9:00 am 12:00 – 4:00 pm 3:30 pm	Combined Christmas Choir rehearsal GLOW Christmas Babysitting Confessions
Sunday, December 13	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 3:00 to 5:00pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word RCIA Rite of Acceptance Giving Tree present pick Up Faith Formation Grades 9, & 10 Enrollment Mass (Confirmation Class)

