

Please Pray for...

All who have died especially Mary Baker who died this week. We offer our sympathy and our prayers that she will rest in peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Pauline Casavant, Yvette Bouvier, Cheryl Boucher, Mary Shamoian, 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 unity and peace in the world.

OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS DECEMBER 19 & 20

Envelopes	\$5,291.00
Loose	\$ 375.27
Total collection	\$5,666.27
Number of envelopes	230
Attendance	502
Fuel Collection	\$1,629.25
Christmas Flowers	\$1,222.00
Retirement for Religious	\$346.00

Thank you for your generosity this past weekend. We are truly grateful for your generous and faithful support. Your generous support of the many special collections during the month is a tribute to your great care for the needs of others as well as of our parish family. May God's blessings be with you as we begin this New Year.

Please remember in your prayers those to be married soon.

Michael Fazio and Hillary Chesson (December 31)

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK HOT COCOA

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY is this weekend. We hope you try to attend Mass together as a family. We will bestow a blessing on all families who are present whatever form they take. Those of you who live alone, remember you are part of this family which is our parish so you should stand to receive the blessing as well.

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**.

There are **NO Faith Formation** classes this week
Classes for grades K to 6 will resume next Sunday January 3.
Grades 9, 10 and 11 will not meet until January 17 which will be a Youth Ministry night. More info on this next week.

FEAST OF THE MOTHER OF GOD WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE NEW YEARS MASSES

New Year's Eve at 4:00

New Year's Day at 10:00



Holiday
OPEN HOUSE

You are invited **OPEN HOUSE** to an open house in the rectory following the 10:00 am Mass on New Year's morning. This is a chance to greet your fellow members of our parish family as the New Year begins, to share a cup of coffee etc. and to see Fr. Jim's Christmas Tree. This is your invitation. Please join us

PARISH CALENDARS

Due to the generosity of the J. Henri Morin Funeral Home and the David Kelley insurance agency, we have religious calendars for the New Year which will be available at all Masses this weekend. These calendars besides having the traditional information also include the feast days that are celebrated by the church, the color of the vestments that are worn, and a beautiful picture and words of inspiration for each month of the year. They are yours free.

THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY.....OPEN WIDE THE DOOR

We have been chosen as one of the seven churches along with the Cathedral to be churches of pilgrimage for the Holy Year of Mercy. This means that the same indulgences and blessings which would be gained by entering St. Peter's Basilica in Rome through the Holy Door can be gained by all who come to our church as pilgrims and receive the Sacrament of Penance and Eucharist, pray the intentions of the Holy Father and perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy. To prepare for this, we need to designate one of the doors as the Holy Door and solemnly open it. We will do this next Sunday at the 10:15 Mass. It is the feast of the Epiphany, the day on which the three kings came to Jesus as representatives of the whole world. Hopefully all who come through our Holy Door will find Jesus in our church and in us as well.

Pastor's Notes:

The coming of the New Year and the ending of the old are always times of reflection. Today I'd like to reflect on some of the important events of the past year in the life of the Church.

Perhaps the most important events were the Synod of Bishops which met in the month of October to discuss family life and the result that has streamlined the process of annulment of marriages. Many other issues were discussed as well and in the new year I'm sure will bring some reflections from Pope Francis. The second major event for us was the visit of Pope Francis to the United States at the end of September. Having the Pope come to our nation and seeing him up close has done much to improve the image of the church and to heal some of the hurts that have divided us over the past few years. The third important thing has been the announcement of the Holy Year of Mercy, and the message of welcome and the invitation from the Pope himself to come home to the church, and to make a new beginning. Other things are less noticed but equally important. Pope Francis has stressed the importance of welcoming refugees, of caring for the poor, of living all of the corporal works of mercy. He has strived to simplify the structure of the Curia and has done it by his actions as well as his words. All of these are appropriate things to reflect on and give thanks for as we celebrate the feast of the holy family. We are all part of the family of God. All these things and many others should have an effect on our lives as a parish family. All of these are signs of hope for us, the church, as we enter the New Year.

THE MERCY CROSS

During the year of mercy, which began on December 8, there will be an icon on the door of the confession room of every parish in the diocese. It will be a simple invite for us to open the door of mercy by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. It is a simple cross. Its symbol shows what is at the heart of this special Holy Year. It is a call to come home, a declaration that all are invited to return to Christ and to his church. Respond to the invite.

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

Sunday Dec 27 at Overlook Masonic Home at 2:00 pm.
Sunday Jan 10 at St. John the Baptist Church at 2:00 pm
 This is a free concert open to all.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON ?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program of the diocese of Worcester. If you are male college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. An information session will be held on Saturday January 9 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel / St. Ann Center at 24 Mulberry St in Worcester. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. For more info call 508-929-4335 or go the web site Worcesterdiocese.org



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 26 4:30 pm William F. Duffy (15 th Anniv) by his Daughter & Family
Sunday, December 27 8:00 am Paul Grandmont (10 th Anniv) by his loving Daughters 10:15 am Gertrude Stevens by Mimi
Monday, December 28 8:00 am
Tuesday, December 29 8:00 am Carmen Lamoureux (15 th Anniv) by Suzanne & Family
Wednesday, December 30 8:00 am Francis & Germaine Moreau by their daughter Louise
Thursday, December 31 4:00 pm Annette Nussey 5:30 pm Wedding Fazio & Chesson
Friday, January 1, 2016 10:00 am For our Parishioners
Saturday, January 2 4:30 pm For the Intentions of a Benefactor
Sunday, January 3 8:00 am Thomas Moore by his Family 10:15 am Lucille Gillman by her daughter Michelle & Family

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 27	Coffee Shop – Open
9:00 am 10:15 am	NO Faith Formation Classes Grades K – 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word
Monday, December 28	
10:00 am 7:00 pm	Food Pantry - CLOSED NO Inquiry / RCIA Class
Tuesday, December 29	
4:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	NO Faith Formation Class Grades 1 – 6 NO Drop In Center Open NO Faith Formation Class Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, December 30	
Thursday, December 31	
10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Food Pantry – CLOSED New Year's Eve Mass Wedding Fazio & Chesson
Friday, January 1	
10:00 am 11:00 to Noon	New Year's Day Mass New Year's Open House in the Rectory
Saturday, January 2	
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, January 3	Coffee Shop OPEN
9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Faith Formation Class Grades K - 6 Children's Liturgy of the Word Opening of the Holy Door Baptism Instruction Class NO Faith Formation for Grs. 9 , 10 , & 11



December 27, 2015

