Please Pray for...

All who have died these past weeks, especially Germaine Delongchamp, Arline Barrett and Joan Lacasse. We offer our prayers to their families and pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering:

Fr. Martin Donahue, Mary Madden, Bernadette Pervier, Elaine Lamoureux, Whitney Fritze, George Gouin, Dottie Woodward, Karen Willhite, Diane Aoun, Peter Lacroix, Heather Josti - Harris, Simon Kibe, Jean Wheeler, Melanie Paquette, Al Shedyak, Kathleen Bowen, Paul Masiello, Paul Provencher, Lucy Kelly, Bill Keyes, Diane Cyr, Theresa Cassavant, Laurie Gablaski, Ann Gablaski, Addison Lacaire, Elizabeth Lemerise, Pat Benoit, Gloria Butler, Joyce Frigon, Laura Wynn, Carey Dubois, Raymond Brodeur, Dawn McDonald, Michael Kady, Bonnie Sheldon, Heather Lech, Joseph Nisel, Joseph Siauris, Cheryl Branham, Pauline Casavant, Jon Widdison, Lynn Desforges, Trajan Imperator

#### **OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**

Envelopes \$4,140.00 Loose \$ 554.45 Total collection \$4,694.45

Number of envelopes 160 Mass Attendance 403

Thank you for your generous gifts this past weekend which enable us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you all. Please consider weekly or monthly online giving.

# FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK Maple Syrup



# FIRST SATURDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION OCTOBER 7, 2017 8:30AM - 4:00 PM

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 8:00 am Confessions following Mass. Exposition starting at the end of Mass and continuing throughout the day until 4:00pm. Confessions 3:00 – 3:50 pm. Benediction 4:00 pm. If you wish to participate there is a signup sheet in the sacristy.

**Outreach Ministry:** Carol St. John visits and brings communion to the homebound and those in nursing homes. If you know of someone who needs a visit please call her at 508-885-3017 or 508-864-6323

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life: A 30 week

experience of Directed Prayer and Reflection in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, starting October 1, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Jefferson. For more info visit

www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home or email: worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462

**Spiritual Support for those with Cancer** St. Vincent Cancer and Wellness Center is offering a support group dedicated to the spiritual and sacramental support that the Catholic faith can provide. The



meetings are on the first Thursday of every month at 11:30 am in the chapel in the Cancer Center located at 1 Eaton Place, Worcester. The meeting will take place on the Garden Level of the Center. Contact Sr. Paula Kelleher or Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at 508-363-6246.

Remaining sessions are Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Office hours: 10:00 - 5:00

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only, from 10:00-5:00

Contact Judi at 508-885-3111 x 105 or

jbrennan@parishmail.com

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!!!** 

Schedule for the 2017 – 2018 year will be:

Sunday	9:00 – 10:00 am	Grades K - 5
Sunday	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Grades 9 - 11
Monday	4:45 – 6:00 pm	Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday	7:00 – 8:15 pm	Grades 6 - 8

#### **Faith Formation information:**

Faith Formation Needs for the Fall

 Someone (1 or 2 people) to work with Ken Choquette and the Jr. Youth Group implementing activities throughout the year.



*Elder Abuse Hotline:* RSVP- Worcester Area Volunteers is launching a Senior Fraud HelpLine on Oct. 2. Senior citizens or their families should call 800-297-9760(the helpline) if they have questions or concerns about a phone call, email, letter, advertisement or in-person contact. Call if fraud is suspected. The HelpLine is sponsored by Harvard-Pilgrim Health Care.

The Serra Club of Southern Worcester County is sponsoring a Chicken Pot Pie Sale / Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Saturday, October 7th at St. Roch's Church, 334 Main St., Oxford.. Meal includes "Harrows Chicken Pot Pies", Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Coffee, Tea or Soda and a selection from the "Parade of Cakes". Cost is \$10.00 Dine in or Take out. Themed baskets and 50/50 raffle will be available. Small pie price \$14.95, Jumbo size pie \$23.95. Order forms are at the doors of our church. The Serra Club supports the Seminarians and Vocation Office of the Diocese of Worcester.

Volunteer Opportunity with Catholic Charities in Worcester.

Volunteers needed ASAP to provide child care Monday thru Thursday 9 am to 2 pm at Mercy Center (25 West Chester St., Worcester) Please contact Rose Gage, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at 508-860-2211 or at rgage@ccworc.org.

**RCIA** will be starting on Monday, Oct 2nd at 6:00-8:00pm in the Rectory. Do you know someone who was thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you come to mass with someone who goes to communion and wonder what it is all about? Were you baptized and never made your other sacraments?

**PARKING** Just a reminder that if you park on Prospect Street, there is no parking on the South side of the street. There is a sign, but it might be difficult to see. Also, please leave plenty of room so our neighbors can easily get in and out of their driveway. If at all possible, please park in our lot and not on the city streets. Thanks for considering this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
At 7:00 pm in the parish office.



Sept. 24, 2017

## A message from Fr. Bill

This week's Gospel is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Like almost every parable, it recounts a simple event that uses ordinary people in day-today situations, all the while appealing to common experience. While the passage begins with the landowner hiring workers at dawn, around nine o'clock, noon, and five, the focus is not upon those hiring practices as it is upon the master's behavior. Those details assume much greater significance at the end of the workday. The fact that the people are being hired to work in a vineyard is not an incidental matter because the image of the vineyard serves as a designation for God's people, whether in the Old or the New Testament. Thus, its use in this parable eloquently reveals that we are dealing with a parable of the kingdom of heaven. When the time comes to pay the workers, though, the manner in which the master pays those field-hands is shocking! No one would pay those who worked the least first and then finish with those who had been hired at the beginning of the day, seeing that the harvesters who had worked only a few hours received a full day's wage, those who had worked four times as long expected four times the daily wage. When the day-long workers were given the usual daily wage, they cried out "Unfair!" Reminding them that they had received their just due, the master reprimands the disgruntled laborers by noting that they were "envious because he [was] generous." The earliest workers were hired out of the master's goodness and that alone and, through his kindness, he offered to pay them one silver coin for their day's work. Having received what they were promised, instead of being jealous of the late-comers who received the same pay, there should have be rejoicing because those later-called received as much as they did.

It is the result of divine grace alone by which we share in the Lord's goods and His goodness, ignoring those facts results in our thoughts straying away from the truth and neglecting to proclaim our relationship with God as totally predicated upon His love for us.

**Boy Scout Yard Sale**: Boy Scout Troop 201 is no longer accepting donations after Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> for their Annual Yard Sale. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Please, come check out the many unique treasures we have on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> (part of the Town Wide Yard Sale) on church grounds. Please call Ken for any last minute donations 774-745-0335.

Check out our **Parish Facebook Page**, Please "like" us and invite your contacts to do the same. We also have a parish website **www.maryqueenoftherosary.org** 

Prayer Group for Grandparents: All are invited to a Grandparent Prayer Group, from 11:00 am to Noon in the church hall Conference Room at St. George, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. This group meets the third Friday each month September through May and includes prayers to Ss. Ann and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. Join them to pray for the safety and well-being of all grandchildren. Contact Ruth Viens, Family Ministry Coordinator, 508-852-5658 or <a href="mailto:ruthviens@charter.net">ruthviens@charter.net</a> for more information.

Men's Group: Meeting 9:30-11:00am the first Saturday of the month, starting October 7th Breakfast provided. We are starting again after the summer break, if you have any questions or would like to join contact Fr Bill at Fr.BillSchipper@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message. Fr. Bill

**Mass Schedule** 

Saturday, September 23		
4:30 pm David & Grace Drake by the Family		
Sunday, September 24		
8:00 am Therese Johnson by Rita Berger		
10:15 am Ann Docwra by Al & Mimi Shedyak		
Monday, September 25		
8:00 am For the People of the Parish		
Tuesday, September 26		
8:00 am Dr. & Ms. James M. Stewart by the Family		
Wednesday, September 27		
8:00 am		
Thursday, September 28		

8:00 am Helen Frelick - Anniv. Remembrance by Jim & Family

Friday, September 20 8:00 am No Mass Today

Saturday, September 30

Saturday Sentember 23

4:30 pm Elizabeth Johnson by the de Leon Family

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am Pamela Sanborn (18th Anniv) by the Family 10:15 am Rita Lamoureux by Paul & David

### Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 24	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 – 10:00 am	Faith Formation K - 5
5:30 – 8:30 pm	Faith Formation Sophomores
Monday, September 25	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
4:45 – 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 2 - 5
Tuesday, September 26	
7:00 – 8:15 pm	Faith Formation Grades 6 - 8
Wednesday, September 27	
7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 2 8	
10:00 am	Food Pantry OPEN
Friday, September 29	
Saturday, September 30	
	Boy Scout Yard Sale -
10:00 – 2:00	Feeding Our Neighbors – Food Drive
11:30 am	GLOW trip to Western MA
3:30 pm	Confessions
Sunday, October 1	Coffee Shop OPEN
10:15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00 – 10:00 am	Faith Formation K – 5
5:30 – 8:30 pm	F. F Freshman & Confirmation

<u>Save the Date:</u> "Walking with Jesus," a retreat for adults will be presented in our church hall on Saturday, Oct 1. 8:30 – 4:00. A flier will be in next week's bulletin.....

<sup>&</sup>quot;So the last will be first and the first last" Matthew 20:16

