


Please pray for all who have died these past weeks. We pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.
Those who are sick in the hospital or recovering...
LuAnn Trigo, Sr. Helena Burns, Jane Shabo, Jackie Gablaski, Harry Hodgerney Jr., Freya Holmes, Jane Kwiatkowski, Timothy Lacroix, Mike Luszey, Ann Austin, Sandy Masiello, Whitney Sticca, Laura Wyne, Suzanne Brown, Dave Hardies, Chelsea Sweet, Bridgit Sonnier, Tiffany Sonnier, Jeannette Gebo, James Gebo, Theresa Miller, Marcia Sites, Ann Smith, Fran Milionis, Ann Loftus, Barbara Braney, Peggy Berry, Lorraine Shepard, Cindy Marshall, Raymond Lyons, Patricia Lyons

Weekly Collection	
February 11 & 12	\$ 5,095.00
Income YTD	\$ 139,495.00
Budget YTD	\$ 132,912.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,583.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.	

March 4, 2023
 First Saturday, Mass & Adoration
8 am Mass followed by Exposition, Confessions, and Adoration with Benediction at 12 noon.

Candle Intentions
Sacred Heart Candles are burning-
"In Loving Memory of Stephen Cassavant."
Mary's Candles are burning- "The Victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria."
Please pray for these special intentions.


 **Each Friday during Lent at 12 noon.**
Good Friday, April 7th, Stations will be at 3pm.
Stations of the Cross

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."
MATTHEW 5:44

Parish and Faith Formation Offices
Office hours: 9am-4pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
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No Faith Formation Classes Sunday, February 19th and Tuesday, February 21st.
Enjoy your school vacation!


Next Classes:
Sunday, February 26 for Grades K-3 @ 9:00-10:00am and Grades 4-6 @ 11:30am-12:30pm
Jr High Classes will meet on **Tuesday, February 28th** for Grades 6-8, from 6:30pm -7:45pm.
 **Sunday, February 26th 5-7pm -** Pizza & Prayer Sponsor Night for the Confirmation Students and Service to our Community Night for Grades 9 & 10. **No Mass at 5pm this Sunday.**
MQR Confirmation Retreat is Sunday, March 26th 1-4pm.


Bible Study: Gospel of Mathew
Wednesday evenings with Judi Brennan in the Parish Hall.
Bible study meets from 7-8:15 pm.
All are welcome ! Bring your Bible.



The Word Among Us Lenten 2023 issue
Praying with Jesus This Lent
is available at the church doors this weekend.


 **Pantry Needs—** canned peas, toiletries & laundry detergent.
The Food Pantry is open on Thursday each week and is serving clients living in Spencer & East Brookfield from 10am -12pm. Please remain in your vehicle as clients are served outside.
To contact the food pantry call 508-885-3111 X110 or by email at foodpantry@mqrparish.org

A Message from Fr. Bill...
Sometimes, it can be tempting to view Lenten promises like New Year's resolutions. "Well, I've been meaning to lose a few pounds, so maybe I'll give up dessert." That's not what Lent is for though. Lenten promises should help us make more room for God. The season of Lent is a time for simplifying our lives and pruning away the distractions to help us see, hear, and experience God more clearly. With this frame of mind, our Lenten promises become so much more than just a "Church-sponsored New Year's resolution." They become a tool to strengthen, reinvigorate, and renew our relationship with our loving God. May Jesus who nourishes us with his body and blood, give us the grace to pick up our crosses and follow him this Lent and every day.

February 22nd
Masses 8:00am, 4:30pm & 7:00pm

The Ash Wednesday Collection is for Priest Retirement. This collection is for Priests in the Worcester Diocese.
After the 4:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass, join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm for a simple Lenten Meal of Chowders & Bread.
Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will offer a simple Lenten meal in the hall at 5:30pm.

 **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
March 11, 2023
Corned Beef Cabbage Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles and Irish Step Dancers.
Tickets on sale now at the parish office.
Adults \$15 or Table Reservation (for 8) \$100
Calling all volunteers – we need homemade Desserts and Irish Soda Breads. Help with meal prep, setup and cleanup is also needed. Call the office to sign up to help or speak with Sandy Fritze.

 **Visitation House...Please consider taking a baby bottle and filling it with your spare change during the Lenten Season as your Lenten Sacrifice.**
Your gift is essential in helping Visitation House live its mission: to provide a safe harbor for courageous women who have chosen life for their babies. Visitation House affirms the choice of life while providing support and guidance empowering moms to transition into motherhood with all its challenges.
Empty Baby Bottles will be at the church doors on February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. We ask you to fill them with your spare change during Lent to help support Visitation House. Return your baby bottle to the church by April 2nd, Palm Sunday.

Mass Intentions
Saturday, February 18
4:30 pm Stephen Antinovich by His Family
Sunday, February 19
8:00 am Br. Christopher O'Brien O.C.S.O.
10:15 am Henry & Pauline Guibord (Wedding Anniv.) by Their Daughter, Jean Wheeler
Monday, February 20
8:00 am Catherine Rene Hoffman by Her Brother, Dr. Timothy Hoffman
Tuesday, February 21
8:00 am Rev. Wilfrid Dufault by Suzanne
Wednesday, February 22
8:00 am
4:30 pm
7:00 pm

Thursday, February 23
8:00 am Deceased Members of Moreau Family by Diane
Friday, February 24
8:30 am Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield
12:00 pm *Stations of the Cross -MQR*
Saturday, February 25
4:30 pm Emile Lamoureux by His Son, Paul
Sunday, February 26
8:00 am James P. Hoffman by His Brother, Dr. Timothy Hoffman
10:15 am Helene Frelick (19th Anniv.) by Jim & Family

A Special Collection will be taken this weekend to assist the **emergency humanitarian response in Turkey & Syria** after the devastating earthquake last week. Funds collected will support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Near East Welfare Association assisting in the area. Parishioners can make checks payable to the parish with "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief" in the memo.

 **Boy Scout Troop 201**
Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, March 4th at 5:30-7:30
in the parish hall. (take-out available)
Scouts will be selling tickets at the back of the church after Masses on February 25/26.
\$10 Seniors/Children under 10, \$12 adults
Contact Kim @ 508-831-8510 for questions or tickets.

22nd Annual Worcester Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 25, 2023
Assumption University, Worcester
Tickets are on sale now! Buy early and save 25%. Student tickets will be covered by the Parish, please contact the office for more information. To register and buy tickets please visit catholicmenworc.com. Contact our parish liaison, Jim Pervier with any questions at 508-922-2395 or by email at jper1094@aol.com.