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, Lorraine Shepard, Cindy Marshall, Raymond Lyons, Patricia Lyons

Weekly Collection

\$ 8,229.00 March 4 & 5 \$ 155,983.00 Income YTD **Budget YTD** \$ 149,526.00 Over/(Under) \$ 6,457.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.



April 1, 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-

"Prayers and strength for incoming Spencer Police Chief Michael Befford as he continues to move the SPD forward in assisting our community."

Mary's Candles are burning-

"Prayers & well wishes for retiring Police Chief David Darrin. May he continue to use his gifts to help others."

Please pray for these special intentions.

Bible Study: Gospel of Mathew

Bible study meets in the parish hall from 7-8:15 pm on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.



Parish and Faith Formation Offices

Office hours: 9am-4pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Parish Secretary: Michele Bouvier 508-885-3111 Ext.103, mbouvier@mqrparish.org

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No Classes Sunday, March 12th!

Faith Formation Sunday, March 4, 19 and 26th for Grades K-3 @ 9:00-10:00am and

Grades 4-6 @ 11:30am-12:30pm

Jr High Classes will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 21, and 28 from 6:30pm -7:45pm.

For Week 3 of Lent-join us for a Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 15th. Enjoy a time of fellowship with your MQR family. Stay and pray the Stations of the Cross right after dinner.

The Lenten Meal on March 15th will be sponsored by our Faith Formation high school students!



FoodPantry

Following the Lenten Meal we will Following go up to the Cross. go up to the church for Stations of

Confirmation Retreat – Sunday, March 26th 1-4pm.

Star of Bethlehem - Maysoon Khair will be representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles. After Masses on March 25 & 26, there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved religious items. Stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep Christians living in the Holy Land.

Pantry Needs: Cake, Cookie & **Brownie Mixes for Easter desserts.**

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

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

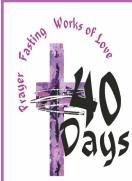
Message from Father Bill:

If you haven't been in the Hall lately, it is certainly worth a trip to see all the good things that have happened over the past year as a result of the generosity of many parishioners and friends giving of their time, talent, and treasure.

We have new chairs and a new floor from the proceeds of our calendar raffles, and now we have freshly painted walls thanks to a group of volunteers. Connie Goodreau, Rich Braney, Ronnie Fortin, Gerry Martin, Al Shedyak, Bill Wall, and John Wilson worked tirelessly for about two weeks painting the Hall and Classrooms. These generous volunteers are featured in the Catholic Free Press this week. I had a visitor here this week who was impressed with the professional quality of the work. As pastor I am SO proud of ALL the members of our parish and humbled by the generosity of so many. Please give a special thanks to our painters and I am thankful for all of you who make this a beautiful parish both physically and spiritually.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday, March 11, 2023

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Cash Bar, Raffles & Irish Step Dancers! 5:30pm- Appetizers & Cash Bar Limited ticket sales at the doors!



Simple Lenten Meal

Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30pm in the parish hall. The Confirmation Class will be hosting this meal. The menu will Mac 'n Cheese and Salad. All are welcome!

March Calendar Raffle Winners

| March 6 | Joe Adamonis | \$75.00 |
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| March 7 | Arthur Tatro | \$50.00 |
| March 8 | Bruce Terry | \$50.00 |
| March 9 | Sue Rousseau | \$75.00 |
| March 10 | Bruce Terry | \$50.00 |
| March 11 | Terry Beckwith | \$75.00 |
| March 12 | Rosa Dionne | \$100.00 |

Congratulations Winners!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11

4:30 pm Theresa Lee (1st Anniv.) by The Family

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Loretta Dudley Hoffman by Her Brother Dr. Hoffman

10:15 am Thomas J. Hicks (10th Anniv.) by Ralph & Tina

12:00 pm Baptism Kashmanian Family

Monday, March 13

8:00 am Francis Hayes by His Sisters

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 am Raymond Ethier by His Sister Theresa

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am Ronald Aucoin (10th Anniv.) by His Sister Sue & Bob

Thursday, March 16

8:00 am Elizabeth & Ana Mancuso by Dr. Hoffman

Friday, March 17

8:30 am Mass at St. John's, East Brookfield

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross -MQR

Saturday, March 18

4:30 pm Anna Loverro by Her Family

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Dennis Hoffman by His Brother Dr. Hoffman

10:15 am Norma Cormier (1st Anniv.) by Her Grandson Adam

5:00 pm For the Youth of our Parish

Capital Campaign Project Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday, March 22nd following the Lenten Meal for a presentation of the maintenance needed on the exterior of the church. Projects include steeple repair and painting, demo and rebuilding the small northeast tower, removing and relaying a section of wall above the southeast entrance, washing and sealing the exterior. The total estimate is \$300,000.00, but I anticipate between \$300-\$350,000.00 when all is said and done. I am proposing that we have a Capital Campaign to raise \$100,000.00 over the next four years.



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.

Empty Baby Bottles can be found at the church doors. Please return your baby bottle to the church by April 2nd, Palm Sunday.



Each Friday during STATIONS Lent at 12 noon.

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Third Sunday of lent March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of lent March 12, 2023