

The First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions - Week of February 18th

Saturday 4:30 pm @ SM	Feb. 17 Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent Donald & Evelyn Boos, by Richard & Charlotte Boos
Sunday 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	Feb. 18 First Sunday of Lent All members of the Quinlan & Donovan families, by Mike & Kathy Kruzel Caterina Spadea, by M/M Joseph Spadea
Monday 8 am @ SH	Feb. 19 Lenten Weekday All OLSH parishioners living & deceased
Tuesday 8 am @ SH	Feb. 20 Lenten Weekday Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 nd offering
Wednesday 8:00 am @ SH	Feb. 21 Lenten Weekday/St. Peter Damian
Thursday 8 am @ SH	Feb. 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Friday 3:00 pm @ SM	Feb. 23 St. Polycarp Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4:30 pm @ SM	Feb. 24 Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent Kevin St. Pierre, Jr., by the Dougan family
Sunday 8:00 am @ SH 10:30 am @ SH	Feb. 25 Second Sunday of Lent Madaline Arn (birthday, deceased), by Rudy Arn Louise Jankins, by M/M Robert Conlon

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:



Lisa Marie Berthel, Dee Barrett, William Boland, William Broadbent, Dora & Ray Brunelle, Micah Burt, Michael Carpenter, Melvin Chisholm, Fr. Dave, Edgar Donais, Ginger Duhamel, Scott Falls, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Herbert Frew, Rev. Charles Gonet, Brian Hanrahan, Thomas Hanigan, Deborah Kaplavka, Bernie

& Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Juanita Morse, Julie Nydam, Isabella Paolucci, Rita Pare, Janyce Parker, Karen Trainor Resseguie, Janice Smith, Brian Trudeau, Richard Trudeau, Patricia Tuttle

This week we remember former parishioner *Mary Manuell*. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

We pray for all the deceased members & benefactors of our parish; all those in Military Service; and those suffering from the effects of natural disaster, epidemics, and political strife.

Have you considered a Vocation to the Priesthood?

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on **March 23 & 24**. This retreat begins 6 pm Friday and ends 6 pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or call 508-340-5788 to sign up.



- Spaghetti Supper 2/17
- Next "Second Greatest Story" Video 2/26



Last Weekend's Offertory

General	\$2,225
Monthly Renovation Fund	\$846
Catholic Free Press	\$79

The bank accepts checks written in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

Special Collections	
2/17 & 18	Church in Latin America
3/11 & 12	Monthly Renovation Fund

~Stewardship~

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."

- Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

~Word of Life~



"Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The Chair of St. Peter Feast Day – February 22nd

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church. Like the committee chair, this "chair" refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Not that it's just any chair, but the Feb. 22 feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle has much more to do with the symbolism of a chair than with the chair itself. This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff.

Religious Education News...

Sunday 2/18 – No Classes – Winter Vacation



From its earliest days, the Church has urged the Baptized & the Catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, alms giving, and prayers in preparation for the celebration of **Easter, April 1st**. Failure to observe any penitential days must be considered serious. During Lent the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass; extra devotions, self-imposed times of fasting & sacrifice; & generosity to local, national, and world-wide programs of giving.

Lenten Way of the Cross

We'll pray the Stations on **Fridays during Lent**, alternating times & locations:

- † 2/23 – 3 pm @ St. Mary
- † 3/2 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart
- † 3/9 – 3 pm @ St. Mary
- † 3/16 – 6 pm @ Sacred Heart followed by Soup Supper
- † 3/23 – 3 pm @ St. Mary

We'll use a different meditation text each week as we pray for about 45 minutes.

Lenten Confessions

In addition to the usual 3:15 to 4 pm on Saturday @ SM in Brookfield, you may receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm at SH in West Brookfield beginning Feb. 20th.

Lenten Reading

Free copies of the Lenten issue of *The Word Among Us* can be found at both churches this weekend. Please take one home to read throughout Lent.

Guidelines for Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday (2/14), Good Friday (3/30), & all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On Fast Days, one full meal and two smaller meals to maintain strength are permitted. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Fr. Chet

LENT ONLINE 2018

There are hundreds of websites with resources to help make our Lenten journey more meaningful. Here are just a few with reflections, meditations and inspiration....

<http://www.ewtn.com/faith/lent/week1.asp> - EWTN

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> - Creighton University

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever> - Dynamic Catholic

Visit our website: www.ourladyofthesacredheart.org for more resources!



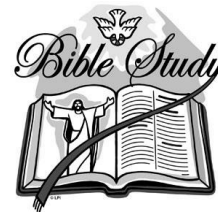
**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Regular Meeting Tuesday Feb. 27th @ 7 pm



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Council 11080 will match pound-for-pound up to **500 lbs.** of donated non-perishable items! There are baskets in both churches.



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom featuring Jeff Cavins

An exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

A 24 Week Study on Monday evenings @ 7 pm in Dugan Hall beginning on March 19th.

Sign-up sheets are in both churches. Please sign up before Feb. 25th.

Cost: \$32 – will not be due until the first session.
For more information, please call Debbie Brigham @ 508 867-5590.



The teachers & students of the OLSH Religious Education Program extend their sincere thanks to all those who purchased or donated at last weekend's Bake Sale. Total proceeds of \$390 will be divided equally among the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry, & S.O.N.G. (formerly Socks for Siberia.)

4:30 Mass Attendees: Don't forget the Spaghetti Supper @ 6pm in Dugan Hall! Take-out @ 5:30!