

MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM** Norman Sicard (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Richard Sparks  
**9:45 AM** Deceased members of the Hickey Family  
**11:30 AM** Beatrice Walton (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
 Helen Grillo  
**MONDAY**  
**8:00 AM** John & Rose Harkins  
**TUESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Sylvia Loiselle  
 Josephine & John Pespisa  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** All Priests Living and Deceased  
**THU. & FRI. 8:00 AM Communion Service**  
**SATURDAY**  
**5:00 PM** Helen Pliska  
**SUNDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Pauline Quarella (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
**9:45 AM** For the People of the Parish  
**11:30 AM** Joseph R. Crete (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Jeffrey Crete (18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**COFFEE SHOP** will be open after the 8 AM and 9:45 AM Masses. Join us for coffee, donuts and friendship.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** will be celebrated during the 9:45 AM Mass this Sunday. These liturgies are for children five years of age and older.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** for the week will be Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

**BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS** is provided in the Church Hall for infant or pre-school children. We have both teenage and adult helpers to supervise. No registration necessary.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed each morning at 7:30 AM before Mass.

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**(For Week of 12/20/2009)**

186 Sunday Envelopes @	\$3,519.00
6 Paid Ahead Envelopes @	196.00
42 Make Up Envelopes @	1,656.00
Loose Cash@	1,001.00
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$6,372.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY PARISH OVERHEAD (9673.00)</b>	
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>(3,301.00)</b>
<b>DECEMBER PARISH PAY</b>	<b>\$9,972.00</b>
<b>ANNUAL SUNDAY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>(8,140.50)</b>
Monthly Maintenance	\$328.00
Fuel Collection	\$492.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,089.00
Retirement for Religious	\$236.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

**PARISH TITHE:** Thanks to your generosity \$500.00 will be sent to RCAP Solutions of Gardner. This organization provides rental assistance, housing counseling and education to families in need.

**Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.**

The burning candle in front of our Blessed Mother's statue is invoking her intercession for peace throughout the world and for protection of our loved ones serving in the military.



**Pasta with the Pastor...** College students are invited to gather in the Parish Family Center for dinner with Father Tim on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Please RSVP to [TBREWER1098@COMCAST.NET](mailto:TBREWER1098@COMCAST.NET) by Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS: AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY...**

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more about an exciting new program taking place throughout the Diocese of Worcester. The program, *Sharing Our Blessings*, an increased offertory initiative, is an opportunity for all of us to work together to address the most pressing needs in our parish through an increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 25% in 2010.

Each week, this space in the *Our Lady of the Lake* bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning *Sharing our Blessings*. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.

*Bereavement Ministry*

Elaine Hackett & Cathy Pimley will begin a six week bereavement support group in the Family Room of the Parish Center on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 from 7-8:30 PM. We will meet each Wednesday evening through February 24<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required for group participation. Please call the Parish Office at (978) 342-2978 by January 15<sup>th</sup> to register, or e-mail Elaine at [ehackett1098@comcast.net](mailto:ehackett1098@comcast.net).



*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2*



**Staff Members:** Lisa Sciacca *Director of Religious Ed.  
High School & Youth Ministry*  
Debbie Wood *Grade Level Coordinator  
Grades 1-5 and Special Needs*  
Michelle Lutter *Grade Level Coordinator  
Grades 6-8, Beginnings, CLW  
Kindergarten*

PEER RETREAT TEAM, KINDERGARTEN, BEGINNINGS AND HIGH SCHOOL I WILL MEET ON JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>. ALL CLASSES RESUME ON January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU to all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the writing and orchestrating of the Mass during Monday's class. Well done! Great job! Additional gratitude for the \$256 collected during the offertory. Our Jr. High Students and their families earned and contributed this money so that we will be able to purchase Children's Tylenol for the children in Haiti. God Bless all of you for your charity. **Remember, we are a better community when you are here Celebrating Eucharist with us!**

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** As part of their faith formation, 64 of our High School I students will be taking part in a day long retreat in the Church Hall on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. To support them and the team of 21 young people who will lead them, we are inviting you to choose one of their names from a basket that will be offered at the end of each Mass this weekend. We ask that you offer whatever prayer and sacrifice that you feel is appropriate for the student or team member during the weeks ahead and especially on the retreat day for the intention that their hearts will be open to the Holy Spirit.

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are ready to be picked up in the Family Center outside the Religious Ed. Office.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** In the event of a big snow storm on weekends and no school days, we would love to have a list of teens we could call on to assist with clearing our walks and stairways. We also have the need for teens who can offer indoor help on a weekly basis with flexibility around your school and work schedule. If you can offer your help, please call Lisa as soon as possible.

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED** of Substitute Teachers for Grades 1-5 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and **especially for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades** on Monday nights from 6:45 – 8 PM. Substitutes do not have to be available every week. You are free to say yes or no as your schedule permits, and we will train and support you in every way possible. Please call Lisa if interested.

**RELIGIOUS ED. COMMISSION** would like to welcome a few new members. The Commission members serve as a support for the Religious Ed. Program, offering feedback and ideas, and helping with events. If you would like more information, please call the Religious Ed. office.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	8:15 AM Peer Retreat Team 8:30 AM Beginnings Class 9:40 AM Kindergarten 6 PM High School I Class
<b>MONDAY:</b>	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 6:45 – 8 PM Rel. Education Gr. 6-8
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 6:30 PM Religious Education Commission 7:30 PM RCIA
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	9:30 AM La Leche 1:30 PM Women's Guild 5 PM Pasta with the Pastor for College Kids 7 PM Adult Catechesis Meeting 7 PM 12 Steps 7:30 PM Men's Spiritual Study Group
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7 PM N. Leominster Little League
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	7 PM Choir 7:30 PM Al Anon
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	7:30 PM AA

**Reminder Christmas Concert–January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

This Sunday afternoon, at 2 PM, we will have a Christmas Concert with music provided by our five music groups. We hope you will join us as a Parish Family to celebrate the Christmas Season. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to benefit a fund for our new sound system.

**Sound System Update:** To date, we have raised \$12,755 toward our goal of \$15,000. Donations may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Checks can be made to *Our Lady of the Lake* with the notation "sound system". Donations made in memory of a loved one, will be remembered on our Memorial Board in the gathering area of the Parish Family Center.

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Once again, a raffle has been organized for the month of February. A cash prize will be drawn each day of the month. Calendars are \$10 each with a total of \$3,000 given away. Detailed information, along with chances, will be mailed to all parishioners in early January. Additional tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office.



Ensuring the well-being of our children is a priority for us as a parish community. In order to understand our diocesan standards of safety with children and young people, we ask that you take an opportunity to read the CODE OF MINISTERIAL CONDUCT and the United States Bishops' CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE that are available on the tables at each entrance to the church. If you or someone you know has been a victim of abuse and are in need of support, please contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing & Prevention at (508) 929-4363 (direct line). A 24-hour a day Confidential voice mail is available.