

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Debbie Silva by her father

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Al Baldarelli by his family

9:45 AM Florine Leger (14th Ann) by husband & family

11:30 AM Kay Peters by Betty Donelle

MONDAY

8:00 AM Louise McAllister by her family

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Sadie Matthews by the Shimek family

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Lucille Brodeur by her family

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY

8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Joseph Rampello (2nd Ann) by daughter Susan

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Ann Donovan by Carolyn Patten

9:45 AM Rita Walsh (2nd Ann) by her family

11:30 AM David Roux by his family

COFFEE SHOP will be open after the 8:00 and 9:45 AM Liturgies. 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 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS is provided downstairs for the little ones. There are toys and adult supervision.

THE ROSARY is prayed at 7:40 AM each morning before Mass. The Litany of the Blessed Mother is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays and the Chaplet of Diving Mercy is prayed after the Communion Service on Thursdays. All are welcome.

PARISH SUPPORT

308 Sunday Envelopes@	\$6463.00
41 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	560.00
91 Make Up Envelopes@	1273.00
Loose cash @	1450.50
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$9746.50
SURPLUS:	353.00
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(9763.00)
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,089.00
Fuel	\$461.00
Building Fund:	\$563.00
Catholic Free Press	\$462.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

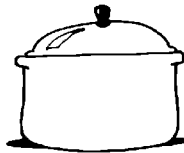


Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity, \$974.00 will be added to Our Lady of the Lake Christian Service Scholarship Fund.

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.



ANNUAL CHOWDER FEST

Our Annual Chowder Fest will be held on Friday, February 15th from 5-7:30 PM. Menu includes Clam, Fish & Corn Chowder, Macaroni & Cheese, corn bread, crackers, bread, coffee, tea, soda & desserts. Entertainment will be provided by members of our Folk Group. Tickets are Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$3.50 and Seniors \$5. Tickets are available after Masses.

We need donations of boiled potatoes for the chowder and desserts for the Baked Goods Table. Please drop off in the Church Hall kitchen on Feb. 13th or 14th. Thank you.

FAITH – HOPE -- LOVE

Our **Parish Mission** will begin Sunday, February 24th and continue through Wednesday Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM. Our speaker is Father Joseph Dang, S.V.D. Fr. Dang, a Divine Word Father at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, is involved with spiritual direction and retreat work.

Our **Parish Reconciliation Service** will take place on Tuesday evening of the Mission, Feb. 26th at 7:00 PM. This is a wonderful event, a perfect way for all of us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness. It sets a powerful example for our children and other family members to receive reconciliation together.

PARISH LENTEN CHARITY

Almsgiving has traditionally been part of the Lenten preparation for Easter. This year we have chosen to help the humanitarian effort for children in Iraq through *Catholic Relief Services*. According to recent reports 70% of Iraqis lack adequate water supplies, 28% of children are malnourished and 92% of children suffer from learning disabilities. Beginning Ash Wednesday, **BABY BOTTLE BANKS** will be available in the Sanctuary to take home and fill with your donations of cash or checks for the children of Iraq. Bottles can be returned on Palm Sunday, March 16th. Thank you for your gifts of prayers and contributions to these little ones.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7 PM and Good Friday, March 21st at 3 PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no Religious Ed. Classes on Feb. 17-23 due to School Vacation!

OUR THANKS to all those who contributed to the “**SOUPER BOWL** of Caring. \$1451.50 was raised and distributed to the Interfaith Hospitality Network in Leominster and Our Lady of the Lake Food Pantry.

First Eucharist Parent/Child Gatherings will be held next Monday, Feb. 18 from 1-3 PM and on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1 PM. Each child should attend one meeting with a parent who will help them choose their role in the Liturgy and create their family banner.

Fourth Grade Reconciliation! Our fourth graders will celebrate Reconciliation followed by a “ReconCelebration” on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM.

The Sacrament Of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time by Mrs. Wiinikainen’s second grade class on Monday, Feb. 11. Please pray for these children that they will always experience the joy of being enfolded in God’s welcoming arms.

SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS DESPERATELY NEEDED on Monday evenings 6:45-8 PM for middle school kids when one of their teachers is not able to come in. Contact us today!

ALL High School Students are invited to take part in any of the upcoming Youth Group Activities: Sun.’ Feb. 24th Tubing Adventure, Fri., March 7th Lock In, and another BANDS FOR CANS CONCERT on April 25th. Please feel welcome to bring a friend! If you would like more info or want to reserve a space, call Lisa at the Religious Ed. Office.



**We’re Collecting
Food for the Needy.
Can You Help?**

Our Food Pantry is in need of donations of Spaghetti sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, cereal, canned meat, canned fruit, juices, peanut butter and jelly, mayonnaise, coffee, tuna fish, pancake mix and syrup, rice and pasta. Donations may be left at the entrances of the Church or at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Feb. 1st Edith Carey \$100 Feb. 2nd M/M Robert Johnson \$200
Feb. 3rd Linda Carter \$100 Feb. 4th Randy Tucker \$50

Tickets for the Calendar Raffle are still available for purchase at the Parish Office.

Women’s Guild Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 PM. This is our Pizza and card party. Please come join the fun, weather permitting. Call Connie Ayles at (978) 537-7714 if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome.



HANKS!

We wish to thank Carol Ryan for the gift of the beautiful Lenten Vestments created by the Trappist Monks in Spencer in memory of her parents, Edmund and Hazel Ryan.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: 8:40 AM Beginnings Classes
9:45 AM RCIA Rite of Sending
6-9 PM High School II Class

MONDAY: 4:15-5:15 PM Gr. 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
6:45 – 8 PM Gr. 6, 7 & 8 Religious Ed Classes

TUESDAY: 4:15-5:15 PM Gr. 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
6:30 PM Grade 4 Reconciliation
7:00 PM Baptismal Instruction
7:30 PM RCIA

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 AM LaLeche League
6 PM Women’s Guild
7 PM Mother’s of Multiples
7 PM 12 Steps
7 PM Folk Group

THURSDAY: 7 PM Boy Scouts
7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous
7:30 PM Montachusett Singles

FRIDAY: 5-7:30 PM CHOWDER FEST
7 PM Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM Al Anon

Men’s Retreat

Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts – you know the man in your life is special. You would help him in any way you can. Did you know you could help him to grow spiritually? Encourage him to go on the Parish Retreat the weekend of February 22nd –24th at **Calvary Retreat Center** in Shrewsbury, MA. Better yet, give him an unexpected gift and make a reservation for him. Just call Ray Martel at (978) 345-0562 or the Calvary Retreat Center at (508) 842-8821 to make a reservation.

8th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference

All parish men, as well as their sons, brothers, fathers and friends are invited to this great annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester’s DCU Center, on Saturday, March 8th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Dr. Ray Guarendi** (‘Why Be Catholic?’), **Professor Russell Stannard** (‘Cosmology: Room for a Creator?’); **Father John Riccardo** (‘Confession: A Fireside Chat with the Lord’); **John Martignoni** (‘A Re-Conversion Story’); **Thomas H. Powell, Ph.D.** (‘Different Gifts But the Same Spirit: How We Are Called to Lead’). **Bishop McManus** will offer the conference Mass. Diocesan priests and bishops will hear confessions. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call (508) 929-4345. Visit our website: www.WorcesterCatholicMen.org for information and ticket purchases or questions call Ed Sullivan, parish coordinator at 978-537-6553.

READ THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

Feb is Catholic Free Press Month. Our parish has a quota of 182 subscriptions that is assessed to our parish. Please consider subscribing to this Diocesan newspaper today. You can use the envelopes you received in your monthly packets or you can find envelopes at the doors of the Church.

LOOKING FOR AN EVENING MASS IN LENT? Mass is held at 5:30 PM Monday-Friday at St. Anthony Church, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg.