

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
5:00 PM Mary Bartimo by her husband
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Suzanne McGuirk (4th Ann.) by her husband
9:45 AM Margaret & Joseph Egan (1st) by their family
11:30 AM Millie Hedstrom by Richard & Phyllis Magdis
MONDAY
8:00 AM Raymond Nutting by his wife
TUESDAY
8:00 AM Helen Pliska by Betty Hudson
WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM Jeanne Desjean by the family
THURSDAY
8:00 AM Communion Service
FRIDAY
8:00 AM Communion Service
SATURDAY
5:00 PM Joseph Rampello by his wife
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Helen Pliska by Phil & Elena Anzalone
9:45 AM Theresa Girard by her family
11:30 AM Mildred Hedstrom by Doris Ledoux
1PM Baptisms of Mikenna Lewis, Maggie Elizabeth Callahan and Benjamin Richard Simons

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 7:30 AM each morning before Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

280 Sunday Envelopes@	\$5705.00
18 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	157.00
67 Make Up Envelopes@	1406.00
Loose cash @	962.50
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$8230.50
DEFICIT:	(1163.00)
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(12279.00)
Building Fund Balance:	\$5931.00
Monthly Maintenance	\$367.00
Fuel	\$871.00
Building Fund:	\$365.00
Building Fund Memorials	\$230.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

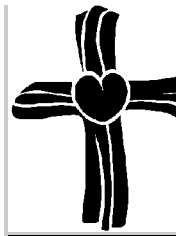


When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationships with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity, \$823.00 will go toward the Little White Easter Booklets.

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.



FAITH – HOPE -- LOVE

Our **Parish Mission** begins this Sunday, February 24th and continues 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. Come and join us on our Lenten journey.

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.

BAKE SALE: Boy Scout Group 12 will be having a Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend in the Parish Family Center.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOONS OR EVENINGS FROM SUNDAY, FEB. 24TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27TH SO THAT OUR TEACHERS AND PARENTS WILL BE FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH MISSION.

Please continue to pray for our sixth graders that their “Kingdom Assignment” will bear fruit. And watch for fruits of their work – the kids are coming up with some awesome projects to help serve those in need and build the Kingdom.

CATECHIST GATHERING: On Monday night of the Mission (Feb. 25th) Catechists are invited to gather at 5:30 PM in the Church Hall to share pizza and good company and then continue our gathering in the church. Please RSVP by noon on Feb. 25th if you are able to join us for dinner.

First Eucharist Parent/Child Gatherings will be held on Feb. 24th at 1 PM. Each child should attend ONE of these meetings with a parent who will help them choose their role in the Liturgy, select the time of their liturgy and create their family banner.

FIRST EUCHARIST RITE OF ENROLLMENT will be celebrated at the 9:45 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2. At that time members of our parish family will have an opportunity to choose one of the First Communion Children as a “Prayer Buddy”.

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.

Stebenville East Youth Conference, Friday, July 18 to Sunday, July 20 at LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro. All High School Youth are invited to join with over 2000 teens from all over the east coast who gather for awesome music and song, inspiring talks and great activities. A deposit of \$5 (checks made out to “Stebenville Trip” must be handed in to the Rel. Ed. Office by March 17 along with your name, phone number and t-shirt size. The total cost of \$200 will be offset by fundraising, but includes bus transportation, 3 t-shirts, 6 meals and a CD and deluxe accommodations. Flyers are available on the bulletin boards in the Church Hall or call Lisa for more information.

HABITAT WORK DAY: Saturday, April 12th Our Lady of the Lake will be doing a work day with Habitat for Humanity, most likely on Apple Lane in Townsend. (Other houses are being built so the location could change). Work Day is from 8 AM to 4 PM. To volunteer and for more info, call Emery at (978) 537-1907. Also, a sign up sheet will be located at the main church entrance starting on March 29th.

PRAYER SHAWL The monthly prayer shawl group will be meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 1:00 PM in the Family Room of the Parish Family Center.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY	Boy Scout Bake Sale after 5 PM Mass
SUNDAY:	Boy Scout Bake Sale after all Masses 11 AM Youth Group Meeting 1 PM 1 st Eucharist Child/Parent Meeting (repeat) 1PM Baptisms 7 PM PARISH MISSION
MONDAY:	No Religious Ed Classes 7 PM PARISH MISSION
TUESDAY:	No Religious Ed Classes 7 PM PARISH MISSION 7:30 PM RCIA
WEDNESDAY:	9:30 AM LaLeche League 6:30-8 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM 12 Steps 7 PM PARISH MISSION
THURSDAY:	1 PM Prayer Shawl 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7:30 PM Montachusett Singles
FRIDAY:	7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30 PM Al Anon

8th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference

All parish men 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. You can use the envelopes you received in your monthly packets or you can find envelopes at the doors of the Church.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

- Feb. 13th William Malenfant \$75
- Feb. 14th Lisa Mooney \$200
- Feb. 15th Eric Matta \$50
- Feb. 16th Eulyse Allain \$75
- Feb. 17th Don&Claire Paine \$100
- Feb. 18th Marion Tietgens \$75
- Feb. 19th Steve & Renee Simons \$50



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.