

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Joseph Rampello by the family

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Marge Cloutier by Wade & Marcy Collier

9:45 AM Liisa Brown Tucker by the Sciacca family

Gussie Cutolo by the Sciacca family

11:30 AM For the intentions of the 25th Wedding

Anniversary of Jacob & Jeanne Jekanowski

Baptism: Chloe Marie DeMar

1:00 PM

MONDAY

8:00 AM Norman Sicard by Germaine Fagnant

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Antonio DeLisle by daughter Jackie

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Intentions of Rhe Kennedy by Mary Jean Wood

THU. & FRI.

8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM "Ziggy" Wesolowski by Kathleen Pliska

Raymond Rodier by Florence & Family

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Jonathan Roberge by Debbie & Jim Cameron

9:45 AM Janet Melendy (3rd Ann.) by the Hare Family

Gerry Melendy (3rd Ann.) by the Hare Family

11:30 AM Barbara DeBonis (1st Ann.) by the family

Joseph Grillo (21st Ann.) by the family

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

225 Sunday Envelopes @ \$3,875.00

17 Paid Ahead Envelopes @ 415.00

70 Make Up Envelopes @ 1,208.00

Loose Cash@ 1,219.50

SUNDAY COLLECTION 6,717.50

WEEKLY PARISH OVERHEAD (9673.00)

DEFICIT (\$2,955.50)

DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE (\$7,486.38)

Monthly Maintenance: \$262.00

Fuel: \$15.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity \$500 will be given to the Pleasant Street Baptist Church for the Worcester Rooming House Fire Victims as an outreach gesture to the many who were left homeless by the recent devastating fire.

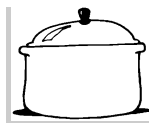
Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent at 7 PM and Good Friday, April 10th at 3 PM.

PARISH LENTEN CHARITY

Almsgiving has traditionally been part of the Lenten preparation for Easter. This year, we have chosen to help the Lantern Light, Inc. of New Orleans. Lantern Light serves those who are chronically homeless and those made homeless by Hurricane Katrina. There will be "brick" banks at the entrances to the church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take a "brick" and fill it with your cash and checks and return them the weekend of Palm Sunday, April 5th. Let us partner together with our gifts of prayer and contributions to help these victims of Hurricane Katrina rebuild their homes. Thank you for your generosity.



Our Annual Chowder Fest is scheduled for Friday, March 27th from 5-7:30 PM in the church hall. Menu includes Clam, Fish & Corn Chowder, Macaroni & Cheese, corn bread, crackers, bread, coffee, tea & desserts. Entertainment will be provided by our Folk Group. Tickets are: Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$3.50 and Seniors \$5. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses beginning on March 14th, and at the door on March 27th. If you are interested in helping with this event, please call Jane O'Hara at (978) 597-2555.

We need donations of boiled potatoes and baked goods. Please drop potatoes off in the marked refrigerator in the Church Hall Kitchen on March 24th & 25th, and baked goods on March 26th & 27th.



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

Religious Education

THANKS TO THE STUDENTS AND CATECHISTS WHO MADE THE GRADE 6 RETREAT A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER, to Christina Shimek and especially our team of seventeen High School I Kids who provided such great leadership and faith sharing! Please enjoy the pictures on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church hall.



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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: As part of their discernment process, thirty three of our high school students who are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on retreat on March 21st and 22nd. We invite you to select one of their names so that you can support them in prayer that this may be a time of opening to the Holy Spirit in their lives. Names will be available after each Mass this weekend.

SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST NEEDED for four weeks for a group of outstanding junior high students on Monday nights from 6:45 – 8 PM. If you feel open to this invitation to share faith and receive grace, please give us a call.

"FILL THE ARK" – Arks have been given out to all students in Grades 1-5 to fill with your pennies and prayers in support of the Heifer Project International. Your generosity is so important in helping to bring lasting solutions to those who live in poverty. Please remember to return your arks by April 14th.



UPDATE FROM HAITI: The trip to Haiti was a very successful and safe one. We brought 12 large suitcases of supplies and still have enough to fill 3 or 4 more that we will ship shortly. The collection of money donated was larger than ever. We were all amazed by the generosity of Our Lady of the Lake, its parishioners and the community. On behalf of the Franciscan Missionaries and the people of Aquin, Haiti, THANK YOU! Tom, Sarah, Joe, Savanna, Grady & Emery. (Mesi ampil pou tout bagay).

Remembering Your Loved Ones: Regie Pineda, Our Music Director, has been approached by the M. Steinart & Sons Piano store, who is closing its Worcester doors. We have a short-term opportunity to acquire a baby grand piano for \$9,000 and are seeking Memorial Gifts toward the purchase of the piano in memory of a loved one. We currently have \$2500 in donations toward our goal of \$9000. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the Parish Office.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK	
SUNDAY:	8:30 AM Beginnings 9:45 1 st Eucharist Rite of Enrollment 6 PM HS I Class
MONDAY:	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 6:45 – 8 PM Rel. Education Gr. 6-8
TUESDAY:	4:15 – 5:15 PM Rel. Education Gr. 1-5 7 PM Folk Group 7:30 PM RCIA
WEDNESDAY:	4:15PM Echoes of Faith 7 PM 12 Steps 7:30 PM Men's Spiritual Study Group
THURSDAY:	7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Overeaters Anonymous
FRIDAY:	7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30 PM Al Anon



Men's Spiritual Study Group: "Where men discover the guidance God provides to strengthen their ministry to the church and their families." Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 PM in the Parish Family Room. Our focus continues in the gospel of John. Any questions, call David La Liberty at (978) 537-1134.

THANKS! The Boy Scouts of Troop 12 want to express their sincere gratitude to the parish family for their support of their recent bake sale.

CRAFT GROUP will be meeting on Wednesday, March 25th from 7-9 PM in the church hall. Please join us to help make crafts for the Country Store Booth at our fall bazaar. For more information, call Shirley Brake at (978) 345-9155.

ATTENTION CRAFTERS: It's time to think about crafting at home for the Country Store Booth at the fall bazaar. All efforts are greatly appreciated!



Annual Lenten Fish Fry: All Fridays of Lent, at Madonna of the Holy Rosary, 118 Theresa Street, Fitchburg. Beginning at 4:30 PM. Waitress Service or Orders to Go! Come early and enjoy one of the best values around!

Over 1000 Catholic Men – Young and Old will connect on Saturday, March 28th at the DCU Center Worcester and Experience 5 dynamic speakers guaranteed to Recharge and Energize their Catholic faith! Attend and You will leave with a powerful awareness that God is in control and we Catholics can be Free from the pressures of today's living. For a brochure, further information, or registration, call Ed Sullivan at (978) 537-6553 or David LaLiberty at (978) 537-1134 or email DLaLiberty@remax.net.