

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY

8:00 AM Norman Sicard by Janet Lavoie

TUESDAY

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM For the deceased members of the Harry Decato
Family by Mary O'Malley

THU. & FRI.

8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Eva Ouellette by Delrose Cormier

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Francis R. Marcotte (18th Ann.) by the family
9:45 AM Albert Lyons, Jr. (6th Ann.) by his wife & family
James Scolastico (4th Ann.) by his wife Lucy
11:30 AM John Connors (2nd 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.



All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity \$500 will be donated to Matthew 25, a non-profit organization that provides food and housing relief to people in economic need. They are currently housing thirteen low-income families in the Worcester area.

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.

Dear Friends,

Please join me in welcoming our new Facilities Manager, Frank Ricardo, who joined us a few months ago. Frank brings with him over 20 years of experience in all aspects of facilities management; including electrical, plumbing, carpentry, painting and general maintenance.

Part of Franks' responsibilities include staffing our *Helping Hands Ministry* with volunteers to help keep our church clean. Whether you can spare a few hours a week, would like to "adopt a space" to clean, or can help with outside spring/summer cleanup work, we need your help. For questions about how you can help, please contact Frank at our parish office or see him after masses this weekend. Sign up sheets will also be available at entrances to the church.

God Bless,

Father Tim

PARISH SUPPORT

200 Sunday Envelopes @	\$4,500.00
8 Paid Ahead Envelopes @	56.00
79 Make Up Envelopes @	1,738.00
Loose Cash@	1,767.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$8,061.00
WEEKLY PARISH OVERHEAD (9673.00)	
DEFICIT	(1,612.00)
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(9,098.38)

Maintenance	\$363.00
Fuel	\$60.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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.



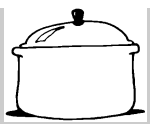
CONFIRMATION RETREAT: As part of their discernment process, thirty three of our high school students who are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on retreat this weekend. Please support them with your prayers that this may be a time of opening to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

A 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.

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE! Friday, July 31st – Sunday, August 2nd at the University of Rhode Island: Kingston. All High School Youth are invited to join with over 1,000 teens from all over the East coast who gather for awesome music and song, inspiring talks, and great activities. Application forms are available at the Religious Ed. Office. A deposit of \$50 reserves your space. For more information, or to sign up, please call Lisa.

ECHOES OF FAITH is a video assisted opportunity for faith sharing and adult enrichment developed by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. Each 4 week module invites you to grow in understanding of a particular aspect of faith. Our next module, on Morality, is being offered on Wednesdays from 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM starting on March 25th and continuing through April 15th. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call the Religious Ed. Office.

“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.



Our Annual Chowder Fest is scheduled for this 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 Mass, and at the door on Friday, 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.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:30 Beginnings
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:	9:30 AM La Leche League 4:15 PM Echoes of Faith 6:30 PM Leominster Cub Scouts 7 PM Craft Group 7 PM 12 Steps
THURSDAY:	1 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7 PM Montachusett Singles
FRIDAY:	5-7:30 PM Chowder Fest 7 PM Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Al Anon

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 **\$4900** in donations toward our goal of **\$9000**. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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

A Celebration of the Gospel According to Matthew: On Sunday, March 29th at 8:00 PM the musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew will be presented at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St., Sturbridge. Godspell is a unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love and is one of the biggest hits of all times.

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