

MASS INTENTIONS

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 wife & family

James Scolastico (4th Ann.) by wife Lucy

John Connors (2nd Ann.) by the family

11:30 AM

MONDAY

8:00 AM Norman Sicard by Janet Lavoie

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Philip Begnoche by Mary Duling

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM For Blessings on all Priests living & deceased

THU. & FRI.

8:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Robert Cook (1st Ann.) by Sandy & Michael

Rita Crowley (1st Ann.) by her family

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Rita Fournier by Nan Hyatt

9:45 AM John Harkins by his son

David Savadyga (1st Ann.) by his daughter

11:30 AM For the People of the Parish

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. The Litany of the BVM is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays, the Rosary for Priests is prayed after Mass on Wednesdays, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed after Communion Service on Thursdays.

PARISH SUPPORT

243 Sunday Envelopes @	\$4,424.00
6 Paid Ahead Envelopes @	135.00
46 Make Up Envelopes @	736.00
Loose Cash@	1,599.50
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$6,894.50
WEEKLY PARISH OVERHEAD (9673.00)	
DEFICIT	(2,778.50)
MARCH PARISH PAY	8,135.00
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(\$3,741.88)
Maintenance	\$224.00
Fuel	\$3.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$578.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity \$689.00 will be used toward the parish Little White Books.

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 next weekend, April 4th & 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.

Helping



Hands Needed

We need help staffing our *Helping Hands Ministry* with volunteers to help keep our facilities 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.



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.



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24



CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS: Once again this year, through the generosity of parish tithing, the Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of Christian Service Scholarships for the young people in our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish family and their community. These one time scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, are available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy. Deadline for submission is May 3rd. Scholarships will be awarded at the 9:45 AM Baccalaureate Mass on May 31st.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: Thank you to all those who supported our Confirmation Retreatants with your prayers, and with your baked goods: nourishing them in body, mind and spirit! Thirty-three students and twelve adults enjoyed a beautiful retreat experience at Grotonwood, and we are grateful for your support!

...and the **RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We celebrate with these same high school students who will come forward this Sunday at the 9:45 AM Liturgy to express their desire to enroll in direct preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation next fall. Please pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they continue their faith journey.

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT – We welcome our First Eucharist children and their parents to gather on Retreat next Saturday, April 4th from 9 AM – 12 Noon. Through activities, stories, reflection, and the prayers of our parish community, our children and their parents are drawn to deepen their experience of the gift of the Eucharist in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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 1000 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, please call Lisa.



A Post-Confirmation Outdoor Retreat will be held at Grotonwood beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 20th and concluding at the 9:45 AM Mass on Sunday, June 21st. Space is

limited to 16 young adults in the Parish who have been confirmed and have not yet graduated from college. Join us on a 24-hour outdoor experience to encourage you to use your gifts to build Christ's Kingdom, to strengthen the bond with other amazing young people and to help you become more comfortable sharing your faith as active members of our Parish. We are also actively recruiting members of our parish to serve as potential mentors for youth. Pick up a registration form in the Religious Ed. Office, or contact Ron Hadorn at (978) 345-8018 or rhadorn@bgcworchester.org.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM Beginnings 9:45 AM Confirmation Rite of Enrollment 11 AM Youth Group Meeting 6 PM HS 1 Class 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 12 Committee Mtg.
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:	4:15 – 5:45 PM Echoes of Faith 7PM 12 Steps 7 PM Women's Guild
THURSDAY:	6:30 PM Lunenburg Cub Scouts Committee 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7 PM N. Leominster Little League
FRIDAY:	7:30 PM Al Anon
SATURDAY:	9 AM – 12 Noon 1 st Eucharist Retreat



Piano Update: As many of you know, 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. To date we have received \$5600 in donations toward our goal of \$9000. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH PRAYER LINE. This beautiful ministry raises up those who pray and those who ask for prayer. If you are in need of prayer support for yourself or someone you know, or if you are interested in being added to the list of those who pray, you only need to call **Beth Souza at 534-6704.**



Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM. They will have a *Penny Social* with many interesting prizes. Please bring new, unused or treasured gifts for this event. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.

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.



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!