

**Saturday, April 01**

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4:30 pm Victor & Dorothy Butkiewicz by their  
Family (R/Fr. Donahue)

**Sunday, April 02**

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7:30 am Aldona Simakauskas by the Family  
(R/Fr. Michalski)

9:30 am Roland "Jack" Thibault by Mary Lou,  
Donna & Carol Ann (R/Fr. Jim)

11:00 am Raymond Fortin by his Family  
(R/Fr. Michalski)

**Monday, April 03**

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8:00 am Michael Rudik by Jean & family

**Tuesday, April 04**

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8:00 am Norma Ledoux by Louise.

2:00 pm Norman Messier by his wife & children  
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**Wednesday, April 05**

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8:00 am William A. Jolly by his sister & Family

**Thursday, April 06**

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8:00 am Loretta Leveille by the Family (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Friday, April 07**

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8:00 am Communion Service

**Saturday, April 08**

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4:30 pm Rose, M. Kay, Gaitano & Angelina  
Sposato by Helen Gemme  
(R/Fr. Michalski)

**Sunday, April 09**

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7:30 am Andrea, Florence & Ernest Cassavant  
by Richard & Leona Lacroix  
(Fr. Michalski)

9:30 am Beatrice Clough by the family  
(R/Fr. Donahue)

11:00 am Tommie Hamelin by the Family  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) (R/Fr. Jim)

**Please pray for Helen Daley, Michael Giard and Delano Frigon** and all who have died recently. We pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace and that God will grant to their families comfort and strength.

**Please pray for those who are sick or in the hospital,** Anna Sylwanovicz, Robert Fecteau, Barbara McKeon, Lois King, Ann Gablaski, John Agnew, Dennis Saad, Fr. Jim Hoey, Frank Carey, Eileen Scannell, Hunter Eccleston, Susan Beford, Marcia Going, Ann Mc Grail, Linda Sliwoski, Tiffany Dotson, Paul Sweet, Stig & Madeline Shoblom, Edward Long, Jeanette Josti, Jeannette St. Germain and Shane Coakley.

**Collection March 25/26**

Ordinary Collection: \$ 5,076.00  
Fuel: \$ 442.00  
Building Fund \$ 332.00  
Number of Envelopes: 317  
Mass attendance 732

Thank you for your continued generosity and for your efforts to make up when you aren't able to be here, we rely on you for your support to keep things going and to meet the demands that we will face over the next few months. May God bless you for your generosity.

**PALM SUNDAY** is next weekend. April 8/9. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. Please take Palms on the way into church so that you can hold them during the blessing and during the reading of the Gospel. There will be a solemn blessing of the Palms at both the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses and the choir will provide us with appropriate music. At 11:00 am Mass there will be a procession of children followed by their own children's Liturgy of the word.

**Please Note:** the 9:30 Mass will begin 10 minutes early next Sunday, at 9:20, so that we will have time to celebrate the liturgy with solemnity and be done in time for people to get into the 11:00 am Mass.

**Food Pantry Needs for April:**

Shampoo – Toiletries – dish liquid –  
Laundry Detergent for the Elderly  
Frozen Meat: Supply is low at the Food Bank and we need to supplement what we are able to get from there.

**Building Fund donations** do not have to be made anonymously, put your name on the envelope so that you will get credit for the donation!!!!!!

**CCD NEWS NOTES**

The CCD office is in the Office Center, 885-0211

**CLASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:30 – 8:30</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3:15 – 4:30</b>	<b>Grades 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:30</b>	<b>Grades 9 &amp; 10</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3:15 – 4:30</b>	<b>Grades 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:15</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	

**High School Classes meet in Rosary Hall and the Rectory. If you need to call please use 508-885-3806**

Please call the CCD office when your child is sick at least 45 minutes before CCD begins, if you can't call before then, call where your child's class is meeting: Maple St. School 508-885-8529 or Rosary 508-885-3806. Thank you!

**Lenten Project.**

**Grades 1 - 3:** Please bring in your can receipts this week  
**Grades 4 – 5** will be holding a raffle before and after masses next weekend, April 8 & 9. The proceeds will help benefit the Hurricane Katrina victims.

**ANNUAL BAZAAR**...Yes it's that time of year again, we are gearing up for the **ANNUAL BAZAAR**. Dates are June 9, & 10. We are looking for chairpeople for the following booths:

**FOOD:** Mexican/Taco  
Popcorn/Cotton Candy  
Apple Crisp  
Kitchen/Bake Sale

**GAMES:** Dime Toss (not a kid's game)  
3 in 1  
Lollipop Tree  
Treasure Chest  
One on One/Basketball

We need people to start working with their plants for the Plant Booth, people to make crafts for the General Store, start collecting your treasures for the Flea Market, get your ideas going for the Theme Baskets and think of some really tasty treats for the Bake Sale.

Let's make this year's Bazaar a real celebration of **community** and of the **gifts** that we have here as a parish. Call the office for information or if you want to chair a booth 508-885-3111.

**We have one person willing to co-chair the Bake Sale/Kitchen part of the Bazaar. Are you willing to help her? Call the office and let us know!!!!!!**

## PASTORS NOTES :

It was truly a joy to be here last Sunday and to celebrate Mass with you. After a fast of six weeks, the sweetness of the Eucharist and the joy of the celebration were really great. I'm starting to feel better and even though I am not ready for full time work I will be here this weekend and on one or two days during the week and hopefully back home for Holy Week. Thanks again for all your prayers and cards, they really sustained me through a very difficult time. To know that you were all with me in prayer really lifted me up. Prayer really does work. Believe me. The Mini Mission is this week. Fr. George Charland has put it together for us and we are really grateful for that. The mission is always a time of great grace. We are able to be touched by the forgiving and healing power of God in the sacrament of reconciliation and to have the opportunity to pray and socialize together as members of the cluster. Let us use this time of grace to draw closer to Jesus.

### HOLY WEEK MINI MISSION

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AND  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
APRIL 5, 6 AND 7 AT 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.... PENANCE SERVICE  
AT ST. JOHN'S, AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 ....A CELEBRATION OF  
THE EUCHARIST AT MARY QUEEN OF THE  
ROSARY. MUSIC BY COMBINED CHOIRS

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.. POOR MAN'S SUPPER AT  
ST. JOHN'S WITH SOUP AND BREAD  
FOLLOWED BY SOLEMN STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS.  
COME AND SHARE IN THESE DAYS OF  
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

**2007 Mass book is here for you to book your mass intentions. Call the office or stop in....**

Rob Surette, the fastest portrait artist in the world will be bringing his "Amazing Hero Art" to Notre Dame Parish in Southbridge on Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 pm. For more information please call 1-508-765-0601

**Catholic Charities** is now interviewing for Homemakers and Home Health Care Aides in North Worcester County. A variety of hours and schedules are available. Please call 978-537-7438 to set up an interview.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Sunday, April 02

#### Coffee Shop Closed

10:30 – 6:30 Confirmation Retreat

11:00 am NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Monday, April 03

10:00 am Food Pantry **OPEN**

3:15 – 4:30 **CCD Grades 1, 2 & 3**

6:15 pm Rosary (R)

7:00 – 8:30 pm **High School CCD**

### Tuesday, April 04

3:15 – 4:30 **CCD Grades 4, 5 & 6**

4:45 pm Jr. Choir Rehearsal (R)

7:00 pm **CCD Grades 7 & 8**

7:30 pm RCIA

### **NO DROP IN CENTER**

### Wednesday, April 05

7:00 pm Penance Service (East Brookfield)

Folk Choir meets after Mass

### Thursday, April 06

10:00 am Food Pantry **OPEN**

7:00 pm Celebration of the Eucharist (Rosary)

### Friday, April 07

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (East Brookfield)

### Saturday, April 08

3:30 am Confessions

### Sunday, April 09

### PALM SUNDAY

#### Coffee Shop OPEN

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:30 – 8:30 pm **Grade 11 CCD**

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

**THERE WILL NOT BE A WED. NIGHT MASS  
HERE THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF THE MISSION.  
PLEASE ATTEND THE PENANCE SERVICE IN  
EAST BROOKFIELD.**

**Please be advised that there are a couple of ad spots available on the bulletin. If you are interested please call the office.**

**Committee Chairpeople**....Thank you so much for calling and inquiring about meeting space, everything seems to be running smoothly. Any questions or needs call the office at 508-885-3111...

### **Spencer Pride Day, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**

Help keep Spencer beautiful! Stamp out Litterbugs! This event is sponsored by the First Congregational Church Missions Committee, for more information call the church at 508-885-21498 or Marian Cogswell at 508-885-6472

TRI VALLEY, INC. is looking for people to become a **Companion or a Friendly Visitor** who would provide socialization, visits, medical escort for an elder. Meals on

Wheels, **volunteer to deliver meals** in your community, be a **Bill Payer Volunteer** balance checkbooks, set up a budget or write checks. Please call Tri Valley at 1-800-286-6640 for more information.

**Jr. Choir will hold rehearsals on Tuesdays, from 4:30 – 5:30, right after CCD, in Holy Rosary Church at the piano. Any questions call Sandy in the office....508-885-3111**

**A REMINDER:  
ALL MASSES, BAPTISMS, FUNERALS AND DEVOTIONS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH...**

**DON'T FORGET**

We have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel that is always open. Do you need time to be quiet with God? Are you troubled and burdened? Do you seek for inner peace? The chapel is a great place to find what you are looking for. It is located at the back of the Office Center (old St. Mary's Rectory) "Come to Me".

**Group trips for 2007.....**  
Bernard Dube for more information at 508-885-3098

**Do You Know Someone who is Homebound** because of illness or may be temporarily homebound because of surgery? Carol St. John our Outreach Minister is anxious to visit these people and bring them the Eucharist if they so desire. Call the office 508-885-3111 and let Carol know.

**Hospital Visits**

Fr. Jim tries to visit the Worcester hospitals on Wednesday of each week. Often I hear that someone was in the hospital and their name didn't show up on our list. If you are hospitalized and asked if you have a parish please give that information so I can come and visit you.

**Building Fund**, there have been many questions and concerns about the ongoing **Building Fund** and its purpose, I will try to explain. As many of you know we are facing a bill of about **\$185,000.00** for the removal of the towers and the stabilization of the front of St. Mary's Church. We had to borrow this money at 7% from the Diocese for this because **we just don't have it.** We will be

facing a monthly payment to the Diocese of \$3,663.22 for the next 5 years. We are not expecting this **Building Fund** to be a major fundraising activity, we need this to help us get through this tough time. **If each and every person (not family)** that walked into the church put just \$1.00 or more in the **Building Fund Envelope** every week we would average about \$700.00 per week, multiply that by 4 and we would have \$2,800.00 per month, only a little over \$800.00 short of the payment each month. **We do not have an extra \$3,663.22 per month** from our regular Sunday collection to cover this expense. Our regular Sunday collection just covers our operating expenses. We need \$6,500.00 each week to meet our monthly bills. Many times we don't collect this amount as was the case two different weeks in February. We need your help!!!! Our major fundraising events and pledge drive will be held later when we make final decisions and have a plan of action.

Fr. Edward Michalski invites you to join him for a 7 night pilgrimage in Poland departing on May 9, 2006. Cost is \$2,398.00 and includes: air transportation from New York, 7 nights accommodations in first class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily and in-depth sightseeing in Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane, Wadowice; the Pope's birthplace, Auschwitz, the Divine Mercy Convent, the Holy Cross Church and much more. Speak to Fr. Ed for more information or call 1-800-228-46542 ext. 205, 206 or 208