

Please pray for all who have died these past weeks especially **John Head and Richard D'Amato**.

We pray that they will rest in the Lord's peace.

Prayers are needed for those who are sick, in the hospital and recovering-

Teresa Doray, Jim Devereux, Bailey Sullivan, Addison Bibinski, Fred O'Coin, April Foster, Don Rice, Timothy Lacroix, Becca Lacroix, Marylee DiPinto

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, February 21	4:00 pm +Stephen Antinovitch by The Family
Sunday, February 22 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am +Loretta C. Hoffman by Her Son Dr. Hoffman 10:15 am +Thomas J. Hicks by Ralph & Tina 12:00 pm <i>Baptism Jacquet-Cadet Family</i> 5:00 pm Youth Mass—All are Welcome
Monday, February 23	8:00 am +Rev. Wilfrid Dufault by Suzanne L.
Tuesday, February 24	8:00 am +Pierre St. John
Wednesday, February 25	8:00 am +Elizabeth & Ana Mancuso by Dr. Hoffman 5:00 pm +Angela Albert (1st Anniv.) by Her Family
Thursday, February 26	8:00 am +Marguerite Hayes (3rd Anniv.) by Her Daughters
Friday, February 27	8:00 am <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart, West Brookfield
Saturday, February 28	4:00 pm +William Gablaski (27th Anniv.) by The Family
Sunday, March 1 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am +James P. Hoffman by His Brother Dr. Hoffman 10:15 am +Christina J. Wilson by Mom & Dad 12:00 pm <i>Baptism - Corey Family</i>

Candle Intentions

Sacred Heart Candles are burning— “For all Priests and Religious Vocations” by Dr. Timothy Hoffman

Mary's Candles are burning— “For unwed Mothers to have the Courage to choose life” by Dr. Timothy Hoffman

Please pray for these special intentions.



Stations of the Cross each Friday at 8am in the church

Good Friday, April 3rd

Stations at 3pm

Parish and Faith Formation Offices

Office hours: 9am–4pm
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Food Pantry: 508-885-3111 Ext.110 or by email, foodpantry@mqrparish.org

STEWARDSHIP	
February 14 & 15	\$ 7,127.00
Income YTD	\$ 138,087.00
Budget YTD	\$ 128,700.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 9,387.00

Thank you for your faithful and continued generosity.

First Saturday Mass & Adoration
March 7, 2026

 8 am Mass followed by Exposition, Confessions, and Adoration with Benediction at 12 noon.

 A second collection will be taken next weekend, February 28 & March 1 for **The Church in Latin América**. More information about this collection can be found in a letter from the Bishop at the church doors.

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 238
East Brookfield, MA

Pasta Dinner
FUNDRAISER

PASTA, MEATBALLS, BREAD, SALAD, DRINK, & DESSERT

Mary Queen of the Rosary
Saturday, February 28, 2026
5:00-7:00pm - Dine In/Take Out

ADULTS (11-64) \$12
CHILDREN (6-10) & SENIORS (65+) \$10
CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER, FREE

Tickets on sale after all Masses Feb 21/22 or contact Jean Josti @ (508) 612-1304




First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

A Message from Fr. Bill...

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, we are invited to slow down, listen deeply, and turn our hearts toward God. Lent is not simply about giving something up—it is about making space for grace. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open ourselves to transformation, allowing God's love to renew us from within.

This year, let us focus on:

Listening — to God in prayer, to one another in compassion, and to the quiet stirrings of our own hearts.

Fasting — not only from food, but from harsh words, impatience, and distractions that pull us away from what matters most.

Giving — of our time, our kindness, and our resources to those in need.

May these forty days be a journey of conversion, drawing us closer to Christ and to one another. Let us walk together toward the joy of Easter, carrying the light of hope into our homes, our parish, and our community.



This week our Lenten Meal is prepared by our Martha Mary Ministry. The Menu will include Hot Dogs, Baked Beans & Cole Slaw.

Lenten Mass- Wednesday, February 25th @ 5pm

Lenten Meal following Mass in the parish hall

Our Lenten Charity is Visitation House


Support Visitation House by filling a baby bottle with your spare change during the Lenten Season as a Lenten sacrifice. Your gift is essential in helping Visitation House live its mission: to provide a safe harbor for courageous women who have chosen life for their babies. **Empty Baby Bottles are at the church doors. Return your baby bottle to the church by April 13th, Palm Sunday.**

2026 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

“Be Not Afraid” The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 21** at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester. Adult Tickets are \$60 (through March 11) and Student Tickets are \$30. All tickets include lunch. For more information regarding this years conference & speakers, please visit our website catholicmenworc.com or contact Jim Pervier, our parish liaison for this conference, at 508-922-2395.

Brochures are at the church doors! The parish will cover the admission for any student that would like to attend. Please contact the parish office at 508-885-3111.

NO Coffee Hour on March 1st

 A Confirmation Retreat for our Faith Formation students will be in the parish hall that day.

First Sunday of Lent

Grades K-5 next classes

Feb 22nd & March 1, 8, 22 & 29

Next Classes for Grades 6-10 and Confirmation

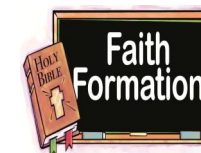
Feb 22 Mass at 5pm and Class

Multi-Parish Confirmation Retreat

Sunday March 1, 2026

12pm-6pm (Mass at 5pm)

Lunch and snacks provided



The First Sunday of Lent kicks off a 40-day journey to Easter, focusing on getting ready by praying, helping others, and following Jesus.

Like Jesus in the wilderness, we can trust God is with us always, even when we try to make better choices. It's a time to clear away bad habits and plant seeds of kindness.



MQR Parish Hall

Saturday, March 14th



Appetizers: 5:00 pm & Dinner: 6:00 pm

After dinner, enjoy live entertainment featuring a comedian and a magician for an evening of laughs and amazement.

Menu- Corned Beef & Cabbage, Ham, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Irish Soda Bread, Appetizers & Desserts

Cash Bar- *Water, Soda, Beer, and Wine*

Ticket sales begin Feb. 21 & 22 at weekend Masses and will also be available at the office Mon-Wed.

\$15 per person or purchase a reserved table of 8 for \$100.



Volunteers are needed to help prepare & cook food, make desserts, bake Irish soda bread and setup/decorate hall for this event. If you would like to help please call the Parish Office at 508-885-3111 X102 or speak with Sandy Fritze.



Food Pantry Needs: Kids Cereal, Easter Treats for Kids & Boxed Dessert Mixes.

Open on Thursday each week, serving clients living in Spencer & East

Brookfield from 10am –12pm. Please remain in your vehicle as clients are served outside.

To contact the Food Pantry call 508-885-3111 X110 or by email at foodpantry@mqrparish.org

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