

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sat	Mar 27	5:00 pm	Yvette Hughes
Sun	Mar 28	7:30 am	Jean Kelly
		9:30 am	George Ploetz
		11:30 am	Raymond McCarthy
Mon	Mar 29	7:00 am	Thomas McBreen
Tues	Mar 30	9:00 am	Raymond McCarthy
Wed	Mar 31	7:00 am	David Thurcotte

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

Philip, Kay, Carmen, Sally, Francesca, Frank, Ellen, Julie Uncle Gene, Joe, Ginny, Matt Davis, Kim, Gina, Luis C., Bill, Natalie, Gerry, Hope, Pearl, Denise, Kathy, Lynn, Jim W., Sheila, Christian G., Ciara M., Andrew, Jacqueline R., Petro A., Billy, Eddie H., Bobby J., Joanne, Jim K., Peter Marks, Tom W., Timar, Christine, Sean, John, Tony, Pearl, Joan, Travis L., Joe P., Eduardo, Catherine S., Ted, M.J. Ann, Peg, Don, Gail, Mary, Paul, Ed, Bobby, Wayne Dodge, Matt Berry, Lenny, Debbie, Rachel, the Killilea family, Bill, Liz, Brad, Jeanne, Deb Christian, Diane, Sr John Francis, Tony S., Diane Backman, Warren, Margaret Jungers, Bob C, Deb A, Mary O, Norman, Marie P., Sr. Marjorie, Steve, Dean N., Jerry M., and the residents, patients, and staff of area nursing homes and Emerson Hospital.

If there is someone who is sick and whose name you would like in the bulletin so that our parish may hold them in prayer, please contact the Parish Center. We will leave a name on the list until you call and tell us otherwise or until our periodic clearing of the list. Please remember that some people would prefer their names not be published in this fashion.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Support Group is open to all those coping with the 'loss' of a loved one. Spring is approaching, and you are feeling all the emotions of anger, stress, anxiety, and sadness. The function of the Bereavement Group is to help you once again live as a whole person. Remember you are not alone on this path. We can help and support each other. Come let us walk with you. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm, at Holy Family Parish Center, 55 Church St., West Concord. For more information, please call Sr. Rose Marie at 978-369-7442. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 7th.

Spiritual Life Commission News

Save the date: Holy Family's Spiritual Life Commission is sponsoring its annual bus trip to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. The motorcoach will be leaving at 9:00 am on Tues, March 30th, and will return to Concord at approximately 1:15 pm. Cardinal Sean O'Malley will preside. Space is limited; if you would like to attend, please call Jean Hull at 978-369-4729.

Especially for Lent Easter Flower Fund

Contributions are being accepted for the purchase of flowers to decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season. Funds can be given as a donation or in memory of a deceased loved one. Please drop off or mail contributions in to the Parish Center at 55 Church Street. A list will also be published in our parish bulletin of those being memorialized in this way.



Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is celebrated at 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings during Lent. This is a quiet time of sung prayer, candlelight, incense, and a brief reflection. Give yourself the gift of this refreshing, peaceful time during the Lenten season.

Faith Formation News End of the Year THANKS!

As we approach Easter our religious education classes will be ending. The faithful witness of more than 50 catechists must be acknowledged with great appreciation. These men and women, by their words and actions, sought to bring alive for the young people of the parish new understandings of our Catholic faith and a deeper love of God. Holy Family Parish is indeed blessed by their example of service and faith. We are also blessed by the many others who assisted in our program this year: hall monitors, retreat chaperones, drivers for service projects. And, the three Faith Festivals this year would not have happened without our creative planning team and the more than 40 volunteers who served for each Faith Festival.

Of course, our growth in faith does not end with the last class. In fact, it never ends! Through our ongoing participation in worship at Mass, our own prayer life and study, by service that lives out the Gospel of love and truth, when we share with others about our faith, we continue to be formed as disciples of Jesus Christ.

While it may seem like a long way off, we are already preparing for next year. Members of the Faith Formation Commission continue to review resources that will enable the parish to have a rich experience for students from Kindergarten through High School. We are grateful for the input we received from the latest survey. Your feedback through the survey will continue to be helpful as we make decisions about the religious education programs for next year.

Adult Confirmation

Special sessions are available for any Catholic age 18 or older who has never been confirmed and would like to be this year. Please contact Sr Rose Marie at 978-369-7442.



Weekly Schedule

Easter Lily Sale at all Masses this weekend

Confirmation Classes, Levels I & II Sun Mar 28 at 4:30 pm at Monument Hall

Evening Prayer Sun Mar 28 at 7:00 pm at the church

Rosary before and after daily Mass

Women's Scripture Study Mon Mar 29 at 10:00 am at Monument Hall

ARISE! Mon Mar 29 at 11:15 am at Monument Hall

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the church

RCIA Tues Mar 30 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Faith Formation Classes, grades 1-5 Wed Mar 31 at 4:00 pm at Monument Hall

Faith Formation Classes, grades 2-8 Wed Mar 31 at 6:00 pm at Monument Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wed Mar 31 from 6:30 -8:00 pm at the church

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Wed Mar 31 at 6:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Adult Choir Rehearsal Wed Mar 31 at 7:30 pm at West Concord Union Church

Holy Week Schedule**Holy Thursday**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

Good Friday

Children's Service at 3:00 pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil

The Vigil begins outdoors at 8:00 pm.

Easter Sunday

*Mass will be celebrated at
7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am*

Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 pm

Collection Containers for Haiti

If you used one of the collection containers for Haiti during the Lenten season, you may return it to church and deposit it in the boxes that are located at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Safety Corner

VIRTUS training details 5 steps to prevent child sexual abuse: 1) Know the warning signs of any inappropriate relationship with a child; 2) Control access by carefully selecting the adults who work with them; 3) Monitor all programs for the safety of children; 4) Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children; 5) Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. *Are you VIRTUS trained?* April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Music News**Children's Choir**

Children in grades 2 through 8 are welcome to join in our Good Friday and Easter choirs. No experience is necessary, just a love of singing! The schedule is as follows:

Fri April 2: arrive at 2:00 pm to learn a song; sing at the 3:00 service. Rehearse for Easter Sunday from 4- 5:30 pm.

Sun April 4: arrive at 8:30 am to warm up, sing at the 9:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Dress is Sunday best!

If you can join us for either of these events, please sign up by March 31st by contacting Margaret Hoag at mhoag@verizon.net or 978-369-5970.

Easter Evening Concert

Parish musicians Ellen Oak, *mezzo soprano*, and Carol Messina, *piano*, will present a 45-minute concert of sweet and lush Spring music in the church on Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 pm, immediately after Evening Prayer. The program includes works by Chopin, Debussy, Rorem, Thompson, and Gregorian chant. Freewill donations will go to KIVA, providing microloans to indigent entrepreneurs (www.kiva.org). For more information, please contact Ellen Oak at ellenoak@wisdomplay.com.

Service Trip Raffle: Final Weekend!

This is the final weekend for the raffle to support our youth Summer Service Trip to Maryland. Prizes include: an ipod Touch, lunch for four at the Blue Ginger in Wellesley PLUS a cookbook autographed by chef Ming Tsai, New England Aquarium passes, a basketball autographed by the Celtics, and four Boston College football tickets PLUS a tailgate parking pass to the Weber State game on Sept 4th. Tickets are 4 for \$10, 10 for \$20. Please stop by and support this worthwhile cause!

Easter Lily Sale

Concord Catholic Youth in Service will be selling Easter lilies for \$20 each on Saturday & Sunday, March 27th & 28th after all the Masses. Proceeds help pay for our youth Summer Service Trip. Checks can be made out to Holy Family Parish. Please consider supporting our youth so they can give a week of their summer serving others in need.

Youth News

Youth Council—Our next Youth Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 6th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at Monument Hall. Any youth (Grades 6-12) interested in being Christian leaders at Holy Family and in the local community are invited to join the Youth Council!

CORI Time Again!

Just a reminder that CORI forms must be completed and returned **–in person–** no later than May 31st. Those not completing the form will be unable to serve as a volunteer. Forms are available at the entrances to the church. Thank you!