

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Jan 28,	4:00 P.M.	Yvette Lavigne by Annette
Sun., Jan 29,	8:30 A.M.	Pat Costa by Mary Bourque
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Joao Ferreira, Lucilia Sousa, Francisco Medeiros, Jeannine Penler, Raymond Beaulieu, Elsie DeCotis, Edna Schard, William Henriques, Alice Santos
	7:00 P.M.	Dorothy Santos by Audette family
Mon., Jan 30,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Jan 31,	8:00 A.M.	Vivian Oliveira by Jane Britton
Thurs., Feb 2,	8:00 A.M.	Alice Marmelo by family
Fri., Feb 3,	8:00 A.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by Normand & Joyce Audette
Sat., Feb 4,	4:00 P.M.	David M. Rego by daughters, Lucille & Gloria
Sun., Feb 5,	8:30 A.M.	Shirley Smith by husband
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Maguire, David Silva, Virginia Romanowicz, Edna Schard
	7:00 P.M.	Leslie Jane Medeiros by Mom



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Souls in Purgatory
In Memory of Priests who have served at St. Mary's

Icon Candle: In Memory of George H. Wilkinson by Robert & Maria Wilkinson

Hosts for January: In Memory of Edward & Annie Fernandes by David & Susan Whitney



On the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church there is a priest prayer request calendar for February. Please take one and say a prayer for the priest on that day. Thank you.

There are a number of Icon & Memorial Candles available for this year. The cost for the Icon candle lit for one week is \$10.00 and the Memorial candle lit for two weeks is \$20.00. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

Budget: \$7404. Expenses: Gas: \$2264. Electric: \$1821. Water: \$139

Religious Education

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00PM by Bishop Edgar da Cunha to the candidates from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will be Wednesday, **February 1st**, at 6:45 PM.

St. Vincent de Paul Please don't forget that even though the holidays are over, the need for food has not diminished. Please remember St. Vincent's Food Pantry. Thank You.

First Friday, February 3rd, will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Please remember all the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.



Looking for a great learning environment for you child? **All Saints Catholic School** has so much to offer! Safe, nurturing, engaged learning, living Catholic faith and values, after school activities, before and after school care and more! Conveniently located at 115 Illinois Street, New Bedford. Now accepting registrations for 2017-2018, Pre-K (ages 3 & 4) through Grade 8. **Visit our Open House this Sunday, January 29th, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM** or contact smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or [508-995-3696](tel:508-995-3696) for more information or to schedule a tour.



Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of the appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Parish Lenten Mission Reserve the dates of March 6th through 8th, Mass at noon and 7 PM, directed by Father Thomas Washburn OFM. Plan now to make this your special time of prayer during Lent. A good way to begin Lent.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we recently welcomed into our parish family **Ariya Lebre** child of Paulo and Auriane (Arabasz) Lebre. Please keep this young family in your prayers that they may continue on their journey of faith.

Have you made your Confirmation? Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation along with Baptism and Communion. Confirmation, along with other requirements, is necessary if one is to be a sponsor – Godparent – at Baptism or Confirmation. Each year the Diocese conducts special classes for those adults over 18 who are not yet confirmed. The schedule for Spring is: **Adult Confirmation classes** St. Bernard Parish 32 South Main St., Assonet. Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM, February 28th – April 4th, or Holy Family Parish Center (east of the church) 438 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton. Saturdays 10:00AM-12:00PM, February 25th – April 8th. Mandatory retreat for all candidates will be held at St. John Neumann Parish on April 22nd. Class registration fee is \$25. Retreat fee is \$20. (includes lunch). Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, May 13, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00PM. Please call the rectory office for more information.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat – The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a retreat for men ages 19-45 who are open to praying about a Vocation to the Priesthood. This retreat will be held March 3-5 at the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway. For more information or to register please contact Fr. Chris Peschel at discernmentretreat@yahoo.com or 508-398-2248.

Men's & Women's Conference – March 11, 2017 – Stonehill College For Lent this year, the Fall River Diocese is offering something new! The 2017 Men's & Women's Conference is a one day program with enriching talks, reflection, prayer and fellowship for a deeper faith-filled journey towards Easter. Speakers will be Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.; Renew International Director, Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P.; Christian music artist, Valimar Jansen; and lay evangelist and humorist, Michael Cumbie. For more information or to register visit www.fallriverdiocese.org.

Charis Weekend Retreat *The What Next? Finding Answers with Faith Retreat* is designed for men and women in their 20s and 30s who are interested in taking time out from their busy lives to prayerfully reflect on the transitions they have faced or are currently facing. This retreat allows young adults the opportunity not only to reflect on how their experiences of transition influence their faith, but also how their faith can guide, comfort, and support their journey of transition.

Charis Retreat Weekend – 5PM Friday, March 3 through 1PM Sunday, March 5. Cost is \$50/person for college students, or \$100/person for non-college students in their 20's and 30's if registered by Feb 14. Add \$25 after February 14. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River Office for Campus Ministry. For more information, visit <http://fallrivercampusministry.com> or contact Fr David Frederici at FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com.

