

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for Suzanne Boffa whose funeral mass was celebrated here; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Feb 18,	4:00 P.M.	Hilaria & Manuel Lima by family
Sun., Feb 19,	8:30 A.M.	Joseph & Carol Simas by Cathy, Jim & Heather
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Joao Gaspar, Frank & Lois Giambo, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel Medeiros, William T. Wilson, Gertrude Mello, Scott Cummings
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Mon., Feb 20,	8:00 A.M.	Joseph Mikina by family
Tues., Feb 21,	8:00 A.M.	William Reilly by wife
Thurs., Feb 23,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Fri., Feb 24,	8:00 A.M.	Sylvia M. Kaczor by Beverly
Sat., Feb 25,	4:00 P.M.	Alexander A. Dupre by family
Sun., Feb 26,	8:30 A.M.	Hugh Murray by wife, Hazel (1 st anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Hilda Costa, Irene Polston Pepin, Unnie M. Cabral, Wayne Dubois, Suzanne Boffa
	7:00 P.M.	Andre Protin by Eric & Andrea Corrie



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Michael Francis by mother
In Memory of Wilkinson & Sousa-Alves families by Maria & Bob

Icon Candle: In Memory of Michael Francis by Jeannette & family



Hosts for February: In Memory of Edna Schard by DeTerra & LeBoeuf families

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: \$4326.

Expenses: Snow removal: \$760

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.

Rehearsal for sponsors and candidates is **Sunday, March 19** following the 10:30 Mass.

No Religious Education classes this week, February 19th for Winter Break

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.

St. Vincent de Paul meeting will be **Thursday, March 2nd**, at 5:45 PM for all members.

Please note day & time change. Presidents' meeting to follow.

In Observance of Presidents' Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th.



Ash Wednesday, March 1st: Our **Mass schedule is 8 AM, 12 Noon and 7 PM.** Ashes will be distributed during Mass. Please note that there will be no 8 AM Mass weekdays during Lent. Daily Mass will be celebrated at Noon, Monday-Friday.

The budget envelopes now include a special monthly envelope for the **Diocesan Assessment.** You will recall that we have asked an extra \$5.00 per week to assist with this bill. That envelope as well as the Education and Building maintenance envelopes is not subject to the Diocesan Tax.

*We are grateful to **Pine Grove Cleaners** for donating their services in cleaning the altar cloth we use for Easter and Christmas to cover the altar. Thank you for your kindness.*

The Bishop has called a **Men's & Women's Conference** which will take place **Saturday, March 11,** at Stonehill College from **9:00AM-4:00PM.** Cardinal Sean O'Malley, is the keynote speaker. There will be breakout sessions for Men & Women. The cost of the day including lunch and refreshments is \$45. It should be a very interesting day and will be a great opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. There will be confessions during the lunch break and catholic vendors during the downtime. The closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha will be at 3:00PM. I have put information flyers at the entrance of the church. You can also go to the Diocesan website www.fallriverdiocese.org to get more information. In addition to Cardinal Sean, Sr. Terry Rickard will be speaking and Christian music artist, ValLimar Jansen will be speaking and singing. Michael Cumbie a lay evangelist and humorist will be leading the Men's breakout

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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 info or to register please contact Fr. Chris Peschel at discernmentretreat@yahoo.com or 508-398-2248.

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.

Shelter Volunteers Needed Sister Rose Emergency Overflow Shelter is in need of volunteers. Two-three volunteers per shift are needed to serve dinner to the guests that seek shelter on nights that the weather turns colder than 28 degrees or a blizzard is expected. Food donations for a maximum of 25 guests are needed as well. Also, 2 volunteers are needed to come the next morning at 6:00 – 7:00 AM to serve breakfast to the overflow guests. Please contact Robin Muise, Overflow Volunteer Coordinator at muiserobin@comcast.net or by calling 774-553-5490 to volunteer for serving the least of our brothers and sisters for either shift or to donate food. Socks, underwear, T-shirts, deodorant, soap, travel size shampoos, toothpaste and toothbrushes are also needed for the emergency shelter.

