

EASTER - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 16, 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., Apr 15,	7:00 P.M.	Easter Vigil	Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
Sun., Apr 16,	8:30 A.M.	Easter	Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
	10:30 A.M.	Easter	Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
	7:00 P.M.	Easter	Community Mass for those recommended to our prayers
Mon., Apr 17,	8:00 A.M.		For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Apr 18,	8:00 A.M.		Celina Oliveira by Dolores
Thurs., Apr 20,	8:00 A.M.		Rita Thompson by Dolores Santos & family
Fri., Apr 21,	8:00 A.M.		Frank Lawrence, Jr. by Frank & Carolyn (17 th anniversary)
Sat., Apr 22,	4:00 P.M.		Cecile Silveira by Ron & family
Sun., Apr 23,	8:30 A.M.		Elaine Fournier by Frank & Carolyn (12 th anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass:	Jeanne Provencal, Joseph Rapoza, Jose M. Tavares, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel Medeiros, Gertrude Mello, Joao Gaspar, Ernest N. Dube
	7:00 P.M.		Jeremy Moniz by family



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Homidas Trial by Louis & Louise Trial
In Memory of Rita Thompson by daughter, Sandra

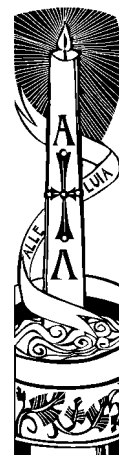
Icon Candle: In Memory of Joseph Rodrigues by Shirley & Nina

Hosts for April: In Memory of Mark Richard by parents

Paschal Candle: In Memory of Normand J. Bergeron by wife, Shirley & son

Matching Altar Candles: In Memory of Alice M. Couture by daughter, Rona F. Mingola

Easter Dedication Candles: (4) In Memory of Celina C. Oliveira by Jim & Terry Gaffney



Budget: \$6478. **Expenses:** **Bulletin printing:** \$1245.

Monthly insurance (church & pastoral center): \$4000. **Diocesan Assessment:** \$7000.

First Communion Mass will take place at 11AM on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Rehearsals are Wed., May 3rd and Fri., May 5th at 6 PM in the church. The certificate mass is Sunday, May 7th at 8:30 AM.

Rice Bowls and Holy Childhood Mite Boxes may be returned at receptacles provided at the entrance to the church.

Mother's Day, May 14th: *Once again we will provide an opportunity to remember your mother on Mother's Day. Envelopes will be available next week for your use at the entrance of church. For each \$5 donation, a rose will be purchased for our altar on Mother's Day weekend. All names submitted (living or deceased) will be remembered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Please return your envelope as soon as possible so proper arrangements can be made.*

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY Our Lady of Fatima Parish, New Bedford, SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.



Parish Offices will be closed Patriot's Day, April 17th



Easter Blessings

At Easter I take this occasion to wish each of you my prayerful best wishes for an Easter Season filled with God's choicest blessings. May happiness, good health, and peace be the blessings you receive for yourself and your family.

The beautiful liturgies, the decorated church would not be possible without the cooperation and generosity of so many. Please know of my appreciation and that of our parish for all your dedication and gifts of time and talent.

All Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and volunteers must pick up **CORI renewals** if you wish to continue in your ministry. They are available in the priest's sacristy. Any questions, please call Cathy LaCroix. **Please complete all forms fully and return by April 30.** Anyone with an expired CORI will not be able to serve or volunteer here at St. Mary's Church.

Thanks to Fr. Philip Hamel of St. Joseph-St. Therese who came to our rescue last week when he donated some palms for our 7:00PM Mass after the 3000 I ordered were gone.

There are still a few **Icon Candles** available for this year. The cost for the Icon candle lit for one week is \$10.00. There are also **7:00PM Sunday Masses** available. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

All Saints Catholic School Safe, nurturing, engaged learning, living Catholic faith and values, after school activities, before and after school care and more! Now accepting registrations for 2017-2018, Pre-K (ages 3 & 4) through Grade 8. Contact Principal Sue Massoud at smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or [508-995-3696](tel:508-995-3696) for more information or to schedule a tour.

French Meat Pie Dinner St. Joseph-St. Therese Parish Hall, Saturday, April 29, 5:00 - 7:00PM. Tickets available at SJST rectory during office hours, 9AM - 2:30PM, until April 24. (\$12 - Meat Pie Dinner, \$6 - 2 Hotdogs) Please call their parish office at 508-995-5235 for more information.

Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, 565 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 at 9:00AM with Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. Breakfast and speaker will immediately follow at Holy Family-Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Our Speaker — Arthur Boyle — author of "Six Months to Live" who tells his story of a journey to Medjugorje to seek a miracle cure and he found one. Please join us to listen to this inspiring story. If interested, please send a check payable to FRDCCW for \$25.00 to Betty Laranjo, 7 Seventh Street, Taunton, MA 02780 by April 17, 2017.

The Only Word

They failed him, Handpicked, they were, chosen by the Word to be confidants, apostles, missionaries. And they failed. Three asleep in the garden as agony took hold. Judas, betrayer to death. Peter, holder of the keys, cowed by a serving maid. The now-eleven, all but John fading into the gloom of that Friday afternoon. As they sat in the upper room on Sunday, doors locked, fear heavy in the air, He appeared to them, carved with salvation marks, and stood there. He could have said "You deserted me. You let me down. How could you, after all I told you, taught you, showed you?" But no. He looked on them with love and said the only word to heal their souls: "Peace." Soon, with the promised Spirit homing in the marrow of their lives, they blossomed, bathed in the courage to go out to all the world. Now, at every Mass, that only word is passed to us: peace, as we go out into the world around us, living and telling the Good News of Christ.

