

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday Oct 7 4:00 PM
Sunday Oct 8 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Edward Soares by wife, Mary Lou & family
Abilio Carreiro by daughter

Community Mass: David Silva, Frank & Lois Giambo, Rosario Savaria, Leda Comeau Savaria, Cynthia A. Cardin
Jeannette Bobrowiecki by children & grandchildren

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday Oct 9 8:00 AM
Tuesday Oct 10 8:00 AM
Thursday Oct 12 8:00 AM
Friday Oct 13 8:00 AM

For parishioners of St. Mary
Jeannette Bobrowiecki by Dennis & Elaine Koczera
Gertrude Mello by husband, James
Diane Lachance Gustafson by Cieto family



Next Weekend

Saturday Oct 14 4:00 PM
Sunday Oct 15 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Roger Grenon by wife, Jeannette & family (12th anniversary)
Hilda R. Figueira by Edward & family (11th anniversary)
Community Mass: James Lenihan, Peggy Butler, Ernest Ferreira, Cecile Savaria Lawrence, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Clotilde B. & Manuel Torres, Jr., Lazaro Rosa
Lucilia Sousa by family

14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family
In Memory of William C. Thompson by daughter, Sandra

Icon Candle:

In Memory of Rita Lee Halterman by Tony

Hosts for October:

In Memory of Hilda R. Figueira by Edward & family

Parish Financial

THANK YOU to all who share their talent, time, presence, and support with our Parish.

October 1st Collection
\$5783.00

This weekend's second collection is for the
Monthly Educational Assistance

Thank you for your
faithful stewardship!!

TV MASS TAPING AT BISHOP STANG HS

On Thursday, October 12th Fr. Dan will be taping the October 15th Mass at 5:30pm at the Bishop Stang Chapel and Msgr. Oliveira will be taping the 6:15pm Mass for October 22, Mission Sunday. It is wonderful when the TV audience sees parishioners in the pews and some may see friends of days past. If you can join us for the taping of either mass, please come to Bishop Stang's Chapel for the taping.

Faith Formation

All programs, including our Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are now successfully under way! Please remember that students at all levels should be attending Mass weekly and that 1st Penance/1st Communion should be signing in by moving their name cards from the bottom to the top section of the chart hanging on the wall near the organ. Also, Confirmation I and II Candidates should be signing the book in the Memorial Chapel at the Tarkiln Hill Rd. entrance.

What We Are Learning—First Penance/First Communion Class learned that prayer is both talking and listening to God. We pray to ask God for help, forgiveness and to thank Him for his love and many gifts.

Confirmation I and II Candidates discussed how simply knowing facts about Jesus is different than having a personal relationship with him.

VOCATIONS TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT

With the realization that there are possibly 3 pastors retiring this June and 3 ordinations in June, we might feel we are breaking even. But we have 20 retirements within the five years and only about eight of those men are within those five years. I am the last vocation from St. Mary's parish and that was 30 years ago! Each parish must call to our youth to action. The Bishop has asked that each parish have a vocations team to promote vocations among its younger members in the faith formation program and schools. Currently, we have no one in our parish vocations team. No vocations, no priests, no parishes, no masses, no funerals, no weddings, etc. Step forward and help promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life within our parish. We are looking for 3-6 people to make this team work. Please contact Fr. Dan

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, October 9th for the Columbus Day Holiday.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

This Sunday **October 8** at 12 NOON There will be a blessing of any and all animals within the Parish. The blessing will be held in front of the church near the main entrance. This is honoring the tradition of being good stewards of creation on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th. This blessing of course is outdoors and barring inclement weather.



Holiday Fair

CRAFTERS WANTED: St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for **November 4th and 5th**. For more information please call Linda at 508-995-4166.

If anyone would like to donate to this year's Holiday Fair **Chinese Auction**, gift certificates would be most appreciated. Other items are also needed. If you can help, please call Celeste at 508-998-1295.

Meet and Greet Biblical Characters Club

This Tuesday is the second Tuesday of the month! The day has arrived for our first Meet & Greet Biblical characters! We will meet for morning Mass and then gather in the Parish Hall for a light breakfast and faith sharing. We will also meet again in the evening at 7 PM in the Parish Hall for dessert and faith sharing. Hope to see you there. Come and see what was in the mind of the Rock Thrower! Peace, Barbara

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL -

Small classes, quality Catholic education, student activities, 3 and 4 year old programs, extended day care available, 6:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Call 508-995-3696 or email smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org for more information or to arrange a visit.



2017-2018 Annual Appeal

Last week, all registered households received our annual appeal request, an essential part of our parish plan for our extra-ordinary repairs to our facilities. With last year's generous appeal and Monsignor Oliveira's stewardship of the Parish, it allowed us to replace the failed and mildewed floor in the church annex basement, update communications and install a network server in the office as well as replace our lawn equipment, seal and stripe the church parking lot, and soon we will be replacing the original front doors of the church, whose seals have failed. Whatever you can do to help our parish is truly appreciated and may God bless you for what you do. Additional envelopes and letters are available in the sacristy in hopes that those who are not registered will also show their appreciation that the parish is here to serve them.

FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN

The members of our Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday, September 25th and have been tasked with specific subcommittees to draft a pastoral plan. Those subcommittees are Community, Evangelization, Faith Formation, Families, Pastoral Care, Prayer & Worship, Temporalities, Youth and Young Adults. In the next few weeks, those PPC members will be asking some parishioners to assist them in the subcommittee work or will be asking some parishioners to answer a few questions about what goals we should be establishing with these nine outcomes. For example, in Faith Formation: Would you like to see a pre-school program of some kind? Do you know what Children's Liturgy of the Word is? Would you like to know some more information about CLOW? If CLOW was offered here at St. Mary's, would your children participate? Would you be willing to be a Catechist? Etc. We are asking your cooperation and assistance in this process to continue making St. Mary's a vibrant center of faith and family.

PARISH WEB SITE All information from ministries, commitment forms, bulletins, funeral guidelines & readings, wedding guidelines, faith formation information, schedules, etc. all can be found on our Parish Website: **STMARYSNB.COM**. Take a look and see what is happening behind the scenes of our Parish.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

St. Mary's Parish is partnering up with St. George, Westport and UMD to present "Dinner and Discussion" We will meet Wednesday, October 25th at the 99 Restaurant in Dartmouth. Our facilitator will be the Very Rev. Greg Mathias, Pastor of St. John Neuman. Fr. Mathias' background is in the sciences, and the discussion will be "The Relationship between Faith and Reason". If interested, please contact Fr. Dan at the office or by emailing him at RevDLacroix@aol.com.

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has given out more than 200 shawls since its inception in 2009. Members gather in prayer as the shawls are being made. The prayers and thought of those making the shawls are incorporated into the shawls. Each shawl is blessed before it is delivered. These shawls have helped people in times of need due to either illness, surgery, the loss of a loved one, the illness of a child and many more issues. Our group gathers on Monday afternoons from 1-3 in the Parish Center Annex. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information about this caring ministry please call Mary Ellen at [508-998-2087](tel:508-998-2087).