

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 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.

Weekend Mass Intentions

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



Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday Oct 16 8:00 AM
Tuesday Oct 17 8:00 AM
Thursday Oct 19 8:00 AM
Friday Oct 20 8:00 AM

For parishioners of St. Mary
Sharon Durant by Joyce & Normand Audette
Wanda Kinney by Martin & Mary Ellen Flinn
Walter Britton by Sue & family (15th anniversary)

Next Weekend

Saturday Oct 21 4:00 PM
Sunday Oct 22 8:30 AM
10:30 AM
7:00 PM

Louis "Pete" Dumont by wife, Peggy & children (9th anniversary)
Edward Corrie by Eric & Andrea (1st anniversary)

Community Mass: Cecile Savaria Lawrence, Joao Gaspar, Demas Amaral, Mary Katon, Matthew Tesser
Isaura Medeiros by daughter

14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of **Linda Oliveira** by husband, Tony
In Memory of **Mary "Cussie" Santos** by Gloria

Icon Candle:

In Memory of **Yvonne Barrett** by Bob & Maria Wilkinson

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 8th Collection
\$5619

This weekend's second collection is for the
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT COLLECTION

Annual Appeal to date \$8,920
Puerto Rican Free Will Offering \$1,741

Thank you for your
faithful stewardship!!

The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Fall Breakfast and program on "Immigration and its impact" on Saturday, October 21 at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford starting at 9:00AM. Tickets are \$25. For more info call 508-995-1604.

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.

October 22nd Class for ALL 1st Penance/1st Communion students. Meet in the gym of ASCS

October 28th MANDATORY Retreat for ALL Confirmation I candidates including those who attend Catholic Schools.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

will be **Tuesday, October 24, at 6:45 PM.**
(Please note day change.)

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 has 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

Holiday Fair

We are looking for **volunteers** for this year's *Holiday Fair* to help with parish tables and in the kitchen, and also to help move items from the Parish Center to the school on Fri. Nov. 3rd at 5:30 PM, and on Sun. Nov. 5th after 3:00 PM, to help take down tables and return things to the Parish Center. **Anyone wishing to volunteer call Mary Ellen at 508-998-2087.**

Anyone interested in baking for the "**Bake Table**" at this year's **Holiday Fair**, please call Rhea Charron at 508-995-6347. This is one of the most visited tables of the Fair; please help make it one of the most profitable and "tastiest".

Attention Business Owners & Generous Parishioners!

Jim Bochiechio from **Liturgical Publications (LPi)** will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin in the month of October. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc.

We need and appreciate your help. If you are interested or would like more info, please call Jim directly **781-389-2198**. Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!

ANNUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS: VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th at 10:30AM

Many people are still under the impression that only near death do you call for the priests of the church to administer the "anointing", sometimes referred to as the last rites. The last rites of the church are to administer the Eucharist or Viaticum or "food for the journey" as the person nears the end of this life's journey.

The Sacrament of the Sick is administered to any baptized Catholic who is suffering from serious physical illness or advanced age, or emotional/ psychological illness. It allows the Lord who experienced human suffering to be present to those who might also be experiencing suffering of mind/body/soul or been diagnosed with a serious physical illness or is anticipating serious surgery. The Sacrament should be received at the beginning of the serious illness. While you could receive the sacrament of the sick after a weekday Mass by request, we will, on Veteran's Day Holiday, celebrate our annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick on, **Friday, November 10th at 10:30AM for Parishioners. There will be no 8AM Mass that Friday. Such sacraments can only be received by registered parishioners of a parish. If you belong to another Parish, you would receive this sacrament in that parish.** To allow for preparations, if you plan to attend and receive the anointing, please call the parish office. **Deadline to register is November 3rd.**

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).

SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM

You're help is needed to form the Spiritual Life Team, a community of parishioners that believes the parish community is the environment that nurtures friendship, stimulates prayer, and promotes ministry among its members. The SLT meets quarterly in the parish center. Our mission is to enhance the spiritual life of our parish by offering parishioners a chance to step out of their busy lives and take the opportunity to nourish their souls, enjoy fellowship, and embrace God's love by offering prayer and faith sharing opportunities, times for reflection, and special programs. St. Mary's Catholic Christian Community SLT invites you to love, to serve and to nourish each other by sharing our talents and our faith. Through prayer, faith sharing and fellowship, the SLT offers the parish opportunities to tell God's story and to live life as a 21st Catholic Christian. Won't you join us? Please call Barb at 508-496-8326 for info or to join.

PART TIME CUSTODIAL/HANDYMAN POSITION AVAILABLE:

We are seeking an individual to work 10 hours a week 3-5pm, M-F to clean our Annex Middle School classrooms and lavatories. This individual would dry mop the classroom and corridor floors daily and wash the floors weekly, dust horizontal surfaces, wash/sanitize tables/desks, remove trash, wash windows, spot clean walls, check paper towels, hand soap and toilet paper, occasionally power wash the annex school entry ramp, etc. If interested, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office or email at revdlacroix@aol.com.