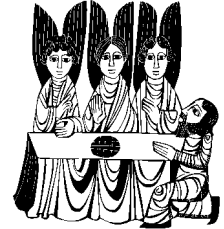


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

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

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| Sat., Jul 16, | 4:00 P.M. | Hilda R. Figueira by Edward & family |
| Sun., Jul 17, | 8:30 A.M. | Dr. Richard San Souci by Celeste & John LeBoeuf |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Community Mass: Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel L. Medeiros, Ron Dupont, Joao Gaspar, Rita Hebert, Maria Justina Martins |
| | 7:00 P.M. | For parishioners of St. Mary |
| Mon., Jul 18, | 8:00 A.M. | Edward Couto by Rita |
| Tues., Jul 18, | 8:00 A.M. | Isabelle Lawrence by Frank & Carolyn (8 th anniversary) |
| Thurs., Jul 21, | 8:00 A.M. | James P. McCafferty by Pat (16 th anniversary) |
| Fri., Jul 22, | 8:00 A.M. | Linda Oliveira by family (7 th anniversary) |
| Sat., Jul 23, | 4:00 P.M. | Alfred Freitas by daughter, Ann & son, Gary (12 th anniversary) |
| Sun., Jul 24, | 8:30 A.M. | William Butler, Sr. by St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| | 10:30 A.M. | Community Mass: Normand & Ernest Richard, Therese Poitras, Celina Oliveira |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Augusta Mimoso by family |



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Edward Couto by sisters, Rita & Dolores
In Memory of Lazaro S. Rosa by wife, Maria, children & grandchildren

Icon Candle: In Memory of Adriano Correia by family & friends

Hosts for July: In Memory of Nelson Fernandes by wife, Hilda (4th anniversary)



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

The weather is improving. We have daily mass on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. Perhaps you might want to start your day off with Mass during the week. If not every day – how about once a week?

Budget: \$5018.

The Mass Book for 2017 will open on Monday, July 18th, from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. The offering is \$10.00 for the Sunday community mass and all weekday masses and \$20.00 for all individual weekend masses.

Registered parishioners may reserve up to two masses on weekends and two masses on weekdays until all requests are filled. Those who are not registered or from another parish may add names to the Sunday community mass at 10:30 A.M.

Due to the winter frozen pipes, the rugs in the office must be replaced. The starting date for this project is July 25th. During that week the office will be closed. We will be answering phone messages as needed. I apologize for any inconvenience. The rugs have not been replaced since the church was built in 1988, so it is time and the insurance coverage will pay for most of it.

Do you feel God asking you to do more for Him? One way to help in His Vineyard would be to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or as a Pastoral Volunteer to pray with residents. If you feel called to help with this important ministry, please contact: Pauline C. Gates, OCDS, Director of Pastoral Care: Sacred Heart Home, 359 Summer St., New Bedford; 508-996-6751, ext.124. Help is needed.



At this time my family and I thank so many of you for your prayers and support on the occasion of the death of our mother. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Year of Mercy - As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, you will find a suggestion for your use as corporal or spiritual work of mercy. When possible, please try to utilize these suggestions in the coming weeks – Thank You.

Spiritual Works of Mercy ~ CONVERT SINNERS

None of us go to bed at night having had a perfect day – examine where you fell short – say an act of contrition.

World Youth Day will be celebrated from July 25 to July 31 of this year in Krakow, Poland. Youth from all over the world will gather with Pope Francis for many different events and celebrations. Our parish will be represented by our young parishioner, Emma Braga, as one of a group of students from Bishop Stang High School. Emma offered to take with her any special intentions our parishioners would like her to, personally, present and pray for during this celebration. We recommend these intentions be written on a piece of paper and be given to Emma or brought to the sacristy or rectory. We ask all our parishioners to pray for the success of this world Youth Day event, for Pope Francis, for all the youth and particularly for Emma.

Heading to UMass Dartmouth in the Fall? You are invited to apply to NOVUS UMass Dartmouth's Catholic Campus Ministry's NOVUS transition program for incoming Catholic students prior to fall orientation will be held September 2-4 on campus at the Newman House. Novus 2016 is not a retreat. It is two days of having fun, learning more about UMass Dartmouth and yourself, and spending some time in service. Meet upperclassmen peer ministers who will help guide you through the opening of the semester. Have a great time with other first year students and peer leaders. Participate in the Freshman 5 mentoring program following your Novus experience. There is no charge to participate. The deadline to register for Novus is July 22, 2016 or until full.

As Christ's sons and daughters we are called to be imitators of Him; to die to our selfish, self-centered ways and follow Him. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are September 17-18 (Medway, MA) and October 21-23 (Contoocook, NH). For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME, visit www.wwme.org or www.facebook.com/Wwmema

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family

Chapter Five: "Love made fruitful"

The fifth chapter is entirely focused on love's fruitfulness and procreation. It speaks in a profoundly spiritual and psychological manner about welcoming new life, about the waiting period of pregnancy, about the love of a mother and a father. It also speaks of the expanded fruitfulness of adoption, of welcoming the contribution of families to promote a 'culture of encounter', and of family life in a broad sense which includes aunts and uncles, cousins, relatives of relatives, friends. Amoris Laetitia does not focus on the so-called "nuclear family" because it is very aware of the family as a wider network of many relationships. The spirituality of the sacrament of marriage has a deeply social character. And within this social dimension the Pope particularly emphasizes the specific role of the relationship between youth and the elderly, as well as the relationship between brothers and sisters as a training ground for relating with others. *(The full, unabridged text, can be found on the Vatican website: <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-apostolic-exhortation-on-the-joy-of-l>)*

In this summer period many have left the city and find themselves at tourist sites or in their homeland for their vacations. My wish for them is that this awaited rest serves to strengthen their mind and body, which, given the hectic course of modern existence, daily undergoes a continuous fatigue and strain. The holidays also afford a precious opportunity to spend more time with relatives, to visit family and friends, in a word, to give more space to those human contacts whose desired cultivation is impeded by the rhythm of daily duties. For many, vacation time becomes a profitable occasion for cultural contacts, for prolonged moments of prayer and of contemplation in contact with nature or in monasteries and religious structures. Having more free time, one can dedicate oneself more easily to conversation with God, meditation on Sacred Scripture, and reading some useful, formative book. Those who experience this spiritual repose know how useful it is not to reduce vacations to mere relaxation and amusement. Pope Benedict XVI

