

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

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., Jul 30,	4:00 P.M.	Butler & Lenihan families
Sun., Jul 31,	8:30 A.M.	Francis Kwiatkowski by wife
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Therese Poitras, Celina Oliveira, Claudette Quintin
	7:00 P.M.	Gertrude T. Mello by husband, James
Mon., Aug 1,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Aug 2,	8:00 A.M.	Peter Dumont by mother & family (4 th anniversary)
Thurs., Aug 4,	8:00 A.M.	William Butler, Sr. by Normand & Joyce Audette
Fri., Aug 5,	8:00 A.M.	Horace Joaquim by niece, June
Sat., Aug 6,	4:00 P.M.	Bill Hunter by wife & family
Sun., Aug 7,	8:30 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Frank & Lois Giambo
	7:00 P.M.	Augusta Mimoso by family



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Edward Couto by sisters, Rita & Dolores
In Memory of Linda Oliveira by family

Icon Candle: In Memory of Francis O. & Elizabeth F. LaRoche by Mary Elizabeth & Patrick

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 August. Please take one and say a prayer for the priest on that day. Thank you.

There are a few **vocation prayer cards** available at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to take one for yourself and some to share with others to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Perhaps you might want to start your day off with Mass during the week. If not every day – how about once a week? We have daily mass on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. at 8:00AM.

St. Mary's is part of the **Pokémon GO** phenomenon. Our bell is one of the locations to be found - another reason to come to St. Mary's.

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open. 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.

All Saints Catholic School Summer Program A safe and affordable childcare program, offering theme based activities. 7am – 5pm daily through August 19. Pre-registration required/enrollment limited. \$35 per day– all payments due one week prior to week of attendance. No refunds for unused days/non-attendance. Additional fees charged for field trips. Please call Virginia at 508-995-3696.



St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Wednesday, August 3rd, at 6:45 PM.

First Friday, August 5th, will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at Noon. A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Please remember all the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.



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 ~ FORGIVE OFFENSES WILLINGLY

SHOW COMPASSION FOR SOMEONE YOU DO NOT LIKE AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM.

Next week, our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Pawtucket Red Sox "Catholic Night" – Friday, August 5th at 7:00PM. Please consider joining others throughout the Diocese to enjoy a summer night at the ballpark and support our ability to provide scholarships for needy students who want to attend the schools in the Diocese. Anyone choosing to attend the game will have \$5 directed to the Foundation to Advance Catholic Education. Ticket package is \$15. For more information please contact Jack Verducci at 401-721-5265.

Heading To College In The Fall? You are invited to a free retreat! On August 9-10, 2016, Fall River Catholic Campus Ministry will offer an overnight program, entitled Embark, at Sacred Hearts retreat Center in Wareham. This gathering provides an opportunity for incoming first year students to meet the diocesan ministry team, and to meet other students who will be heading to college in the fall. You'll have an opportunity to explore the transitions that define our past, present, and future. Take time away to reflect with others and on your own and listen to the experiences of a young adult team as you prepare to transition from high school and home life to living on your own. Embark is open to any first year (resident or commuter) student attending any university. There is no charge to attend. Registration is limited, so register today at www.umassdcatholics.com/embark. Any questions please contact Deacon Frank Lucca at flucca@umassd.edu or Fr. David Frederici at FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com.

Substance abuse is a growing problem that can start as early as grade school. Warning signs can be sudden changes in behavior or moods, significant changes in eating or sleeping habits, and increased secrecy and hostility. If you believe that your child may be involved with drugs or alcohol, contact the school's social worker and/or your child's physician. Early detection and treatment are crucial to long-term physical and emotional health. Are you aware of the dangers lurking in every convenience store? Synthetic drugs such as bath salts are not regulated, are often packed to look innocent, and can be sold to anyone. Even one dose of some drugs can cause brain damage and death. For more information, please contact the Office for Child Protection at 508-997-7337.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family
Chapter Seven: "Towards a better education of children"

The seventh chapter is dedicated to the education of children: their ethical formation, the learning of discipline which can include punishment, patient realism, sex education, passing on the faith and, more generally, family life as an educational context. The practical wisdom present in each paragraph is remarkable, above all the attention given to those gradual, small steps "that can be understood, accepted and appreciated."

There is a particularly interesting and pedagogically fundamental paragraph in which Francis clearly states that obsession, however, is not education. We cannot control every situation that a child may experience... If parents are obsessed with always knowing where their children are and controlling all their movements, they will seek only to dominate space. But this is no way to educate, strengthen and prepare their children to face challenges. What is most important is the ability lovingly to help them grow in freedom, maturity, overall discipline and real autonomy".

The notable section on education in sexuality is very expressively entitled: "Yes to sex education". The need is there, and we have to ask "if our educational institutions have taken up this challenge ... in an age when sexuality tends to be trivialized and impoverished". Sound education needs to be carried out within the broader framework of an education for love, for mutual self-giving'. The text warns that the expression 'safe sex' conveys a negative attitude towards the natural procreative finality of sexuality, as if an eventual child were an enemy to be protected against. This way of thinking promotes narcissism and aggressivity in place of acceptance".

(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>)

