

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

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

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, Maria Terese Viveiros
	7:00 P.M.	Augusta Mimoso by family
Mon., Aug 8,	8:00 A.M.	Gary Rodrigues
Tues., Aug 9,	8:00 A.M.	Conrad Letendre by wife
Thurs., Aug 11,	8:00 A.M.	Joseph Costa by daughter, Dolores
Fri., Aug 12,	8:00 A.M.	Joseph & Helen Gonet, & Wanda Mogilnicki (100 th birthday) by Wanda
Sat., Aug 13,	4:00 P.M.	Robert Dupont by wife
Sun., Aug 14,	8:30 A.M.	Shirley Smith by husband & family
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Edward W. Figueira, Napoleon & Georgiana Ouellette, Wilkinson family, Manuel L. Medeiros, Lazaro Rosa
	7:00 P.M.	Francisco Medeiros by daughter (1 st anniversary)



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro S. Rosa by wife, Maria, children & grandchildren
In Memory of Thomas McKenna by wife, Norma



Icon Candle: In Memory of Souls in Purgatory

Hosts for August: In Memory of Celina C. Oliveira by St. Vincent de Paul Society

There are still a few **Icon Candles** available for this year. The cost for the candle is \$10. and it is lit for one week. If you are interested please call the parish office.

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.

The Church celebrates the Assumption of Mary into heavenly glory each year on August 15th. This year the 15th falls on a Monday. Usually, the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation, however because of its proximity to Sunday, the bishops have determined not to oblige the faithful to attend Mass that day. However, this feast to Mary is still a Solemnity or a high feast; it is still therefore a Holy Day and a day on which every joyful Catholic looks forward to attending Holy Mass. We will have Mass to celebrate this feast on Monday at 8:00AM.

Religious Education Registration for the 2016-2017 Year will take place on Sunday, September 11th and Sunday, September 18th after the 8:30AM and 10:30 AM masses in the Memorial Chapel.

Registration Fee : \$35.00 per child or \$60.00 per family

First Penance/First Communion preparation is \$50.00 per student

Confirmation preparation (grade 9) is \$75.00 per student

Students registering for the first time are asked to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate unless baptized at St. Mary's Church. Classes begin on September 25th. Families must be registered and active (attending mass weekly) in St. Mary's Parish before enrolling in the Religious Education Program.

Budget: \$5373.

Expenses: Parking lot lights: \$1330 Electric: \$1643. Gas: \$111.

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open. The offering is **\$10.00** for the **Sunday community mass and weekday masses** and **\$20.00** for all **individual weekend masses**. Registered parishioners may reserve up to two masses on weekends and two 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.



End of the month Budget (collections) for June

\$39,500 (\$7900 x 5 weeks) needed for the month (includes \$5370. monthly tax assessment) \$40,700 was collected.

You will note a gain of \$1200. in last month's budget needs. This will help with last month's shortfall of \$3800. Our parish has requested a \$5.00 increase in giving weekly to meet all our expenses. Should you prefer a monthly extra donation of \$20.00 please deposit it in the Building Fund envelope since this collection is not taxable for our assessment fee. **Thank you for your continued support.**

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence Collection** is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

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 ~ COMFORT THE SORROWFUL

START A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE WHO APPEARS SAD OR DISTRAUGHT.

CRAFTERS WANTED: St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for November 5^h and 6th. For more information please call Linda at 508-995-4166.

*All Saints Catholic School will be hosting **CPR Training** on August 23, 2016 from Noon to 3PM. Any parishioner is invited to attend. A special request is made that parish ushers make an effort to attend. The program will be held in the Parish Pastoral Center utilized by All Saints Catholic School.*

Talent Show - Come and see Bishop daCunha and various priests, deacons and other talented members of the Diocese entertain you with songs and laughter. St. John Neumann Parish, 157 Middleboro Rd., E. Freetown on Sunday, August 14 at 1:30PM. Door prizes-50/50 Raffle-\$150 lottery basket-refreshments. Tickets are \$10 each. Call Fran Brezinski at 774-218-2693 or Helen Stager at 508-992-6680. There are 3 tickets here at the rectory office, if interested call 508-995-3593.

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

Chapter Eight: "Guiding, discerning and integrating weakness"

The eighth chapter is an invitation to mercy and pastoral discernment in situations that do not fully match what the Lord proposes. This Pope uses three very important verbs: guiding, discerning and integrating, which are fundamental in addressing fragile, complex or irregular situations. The Chapter has sections on the need for gradualness in pastoral care; the importance of discernment; norms and mitigating circumstances in pastoral discernment; and finally what the Pope calls the 'logic of pastoral mercy'.

Chapter eight is very sensitive. In reading it one must remember that the Church's task is often like that of a field hospital. Here the Holy Father grapples with the findings of the Synods on controversial issues. He reaffirms what Christian marriage is and adds that 'some forms of union radically contradict this ideal, while others realize it in at least a partial and analogous way'. The Church therefore 'does not disregard the constructive elements in those situations which do not yet or no longer correspond to her teaching on marriage'.

The overall sense of the chapter and of the spirit that Pope Francis wishes to impart to the pastoral work of the Church is well summed up in the closing words: "I encourage the faithful who find themselves in complicated situation to speak confidently with their pastors or with other lay people whose lives are committed to the Lord. They may not always encounter in them a confirmation of their own ideas or desires but they will surely receive some light to help them better understand their situation and discover a path to personal growth. I also encourage the Church's pastors to listen to them with sensitivity and serenity, with a sincere desire to understand their plight and their point of view, in order to help them live better lives and to recognize their proper place in the Church.

On the "logic of pastoral mercy", Pope Francis emphasizes: At times we find it hard to make room for God's unconditional love in our pastoral activity. We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the Gospel.

(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>)

