

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 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., Sep 3,	4:00 P.M.	Dennis Amaral by wife & children
Sun., Sep 4,	8:30 A.M.	Roy Rodrigues by daughter, June
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Frank & Lois Giambo, Manuel & Francelina Marques, Justin Frias
	7:00 P.M.	Dominic Imbriglio by Diane Botelho
Mon., Sep 5,	8:00 A.M.	Henry Rodrigues by wife
Tues., Sep 6,	8:00 A.M.	Henry Rodrigues by wife
Thurs., Sep 8,	8:00 A.M.	Maria Teresa Viveiros
Fri., Sep 9,	8:00 A.M.	Elsie Rapozo by M/M Frank Condez, Jr.
Sat., Sep 10,	4:00 P.M.	Camille Colangelo by wife & family
Sun., Sep 11,	8:30 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Dr. John & Bessie Poulos, Ramon & Robert Carreiro, Germano & Alda Marques, Frank & Lois Giambo, Justin Frias
	7:00 P.M.	Norman Fiano by wife & family



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Steven Fernandes by mother, Hilda (4th anniversary)
In Memory of Leo Goyette by Louis & Louise Trial

Icon Candle: In Memory of Priests who have served at St. Mary's

Hosts for September: In Memory of Simone & Randall Villeneuve by family

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

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.

Please contact Mrs. LaCroix with any questions at 508-995-3593 or cathylacroix@stmarysnb.com.

Eucharistic Minister & Lector schedules for September & October are available in the priest's sacristy and on our parish website. *Copies of "Workbook for Lectors" are available in the priest's sacristy.*

Budget: \$5065.

Expenses: Budget envelope mailing: \$888.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:45 PM.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we recently welcomed into our parish family Lana Evelyn Bernier, child of Buck and Melissa (Vieira) Bernier. Please keep this young family in your prayers that they may continue on their journey of faith.

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday.



End of the month Budget (collections) for August

\$31,600 (\$7900 x 4 weeks) needed for the month (includes \$5370. monthly tax assessment) **\$39,300** was collected.

You will note an increase of **\$7700.** in last month's budget needs. This increase will assist in meeting the extraordinary expense of the oil tank/propane tank removal mandated by city and fire codes (\$11,140.) and replacement of blacktop (\$2600.). Your generosity is greatly appreciated. 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 or Education Fund envelope.

When I renew the contract for envelopes next year, there will be a Diocesan Assessment envelope every month. The Assessment, Building and Education monthly envelopes are not considered taxable income by the Diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

A special offering has been made by a parishioner for an altar cloth for the church. We are very grateful for this generous donation to our parish. Please keep the donor and her family 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.

Corporal Works of Mercy ~ CLOTHE THE NAKED

Skip a purchase from a website or catalog and make a donation instead to a women's shelter or a social service agency.

Anyone interested in baking for the "**Bake Table**" at this year's **Holiday Fair**, please contact Mary Ellen Flinn at 508-998-2087. This is one of the most visited tables of the Fair, please help make it one of the most profitable and "tastiest".

Was Scouting part of your past? We are looking for adults to share their time and talent with boys 11 - 18. Contact Troop 333 to pass on your scouting heritage. CCTroop333.com, email: cctroop333@gmail.com, (508) 728-2684

Hymn Sing for the Year of Mercy A music event to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00PM. There will be familiar hymns for all to sing with the hope of filling St. Mary's with the sound of voices uplifted in sung prayer. Several choirs will present selections that help us reflect on the mercy of the Father and how we can practice the works of mercy in our own lives. Please share this invitation with others and plan to enter through the Holy Door with your family and friends on that afternoon.

Adult Confirmation classes Bishop Stang High School (Chapel Entrance) 500 Slocum Rd., N. Dartmouth. Thursdays 7:00-9:00PM, October 6th – November 10th. Holy Cross Parish Center, 225 Purchase St., Easton, MA. Wednesdays 7:00-9:00PM, October 5th – November 9th. Mandatory retreat for all candidates will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4256 Acushnet Ave. on November 12th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, December 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00PM. Please call the rectory office for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration – will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2016. This celebration will take place Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. **If you would like an invitation, please call the parish office by October 17.**

Scripture Alive 2016: *Being Disciples of Jesus* - Thursday mornings, Sept.15 to Oct.20 from 10:00 am to Noon - 6 weeks - Office of Faith Formation, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River. Fee is \$10 to cover cost of text and resource material. Facilitator: Sr. Frances Thomas. To register: please call Rose Mary Saraiva at the Office of Faith Formation at 508-678-2828 Ext. 27 by Sept. 8, 2016.

"A Relentless Teacher" a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wed., Sept. 14 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham from 10:00am -12:30pm. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at [508-548-9149](tel:508-548-9149) or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.

ESL – English as a Second Language College Courses (Intermediate & Advance Level) are available at Bristol Community College, New Bedford Campus; including English Grammar, Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Skills. Classes begin September 2016. Call 774-357-4002.

