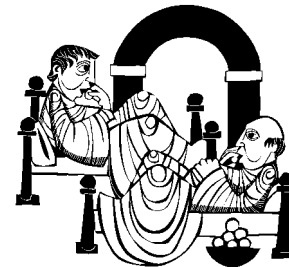


Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 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 24,	4:00 P.M.	Henri Lemieux by wife, Annette (4 th anniversary)
Sun., Sep 25,	8:30 A.M.	Ron & Hazel Dupont by daughters
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Francisco Marques, Justin Frias
	7:00 P.M.	Cosme Medeiros by sister
Mon., Sep 26,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Sep 27,	8:00 A.M.	Mark Richard by parents
Thurs., Sep 29,	8:00 A.M.	Mark Richard by parents
Fri., Sep 30,	8:00 A.M.	Lucien Gallant by Diane Botelho (1 st anniversary)
Sat., Oct 1,	4:00 P.M.	Manuel Couto by Marty & Mary Ellen Flinn
Sun., Oct 2,	8:30 A.M.	Hugh Murray by wife, Hazel
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Maria Teresa Viveiros
	7:00 P.M.	Frank & Lois Giambo by family



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lucien Gallant by Rick (1st anniversary)
In Memory of Andre Richard by wife, Theresa (5th anniversary)

Icon Candle: In Memory of Normand Bergeron by wife, Shirley

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 2016-2017

Classes for Grades 1-9 begin this Sunday, September 25, 2016.

Classes for Grades 1-8 are held weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20 in St. Mary's Pastoral Center (school building).

Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11:45AM-1:00PM in the Parish Center. Parents should have received a schedule at registration.

Confirmation Parent Meeting – Sunday, September 25 at 12:30PM in the Parish Center.

First Penance Parent Meeting – Monday, October 3 at 6:00PM in the Parish Center.

At least one parent is required to attend these meetings.

Budget: \$5870.

Expenses: Liturgical Supplies: \$269. Water: \$243.

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi: Get your dogs, cats, fish, birds, lizards, horses, goats, cows, hippopotamuses or what have you to our **Blessing of the Animals ceremony** on Sunday, October 2 at 12:30 by the bell. Stuffed pals are welcome, too!



St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Wednesday, October 5, at 5:45 PM.

Please note time change. Presidents' meeting to follow.

Holiday Fair Raffle: St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for November 5th and 6th. After the great success of this raffle, we would like to have a theme basket raffle again at this year's fair. If anyone would like to make up a basket, please contact Celeste at 508-998-1295. Some ideas are a baking basket, a soup basket, a movie basket, an automotive basket, or a theme of your choice.



Sign-ups for St. Mary's Basketball teams will take place this Sunday, September 25 in the front hall of St. Mary's Pastoral Center (All Saints Catholic School), after CCD (approx.. 10:20AM) and after the 10:30 mass. Boys and girls in Grades 4-6 (C Division), and Grades 7-8 (A Division) are eligible. For any questions, or if you cannot make the sign-ups, please contact Bernie Flood at 508-995-3524.

Registration Night for the 2016-2017 Girl Scout Season – Daisy and Brownie (grades K-3) – open to all parishioners. Thursday, September 29th at 5:45-7:00PM, St. Mary's Pastoral Center/All Saints Catholic School, 115 Illinois St. (use door near the playground). Any questions please contact Kathy Souza at Girls Scouts02745@gmail.com

Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has given out more than 200 shawls since its inception in 2009. The prayers and thoughts 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. Please consider joining this group on Mondays at 1PM on our Parish Center beginning October 3rd. For further information about this caring ministry, contact Mary Ellen Flinn at 508-998-2087.

We are pleased to offer an adult exercise class on Thursday evenings at 7PM. The class is held in the Pastoral Center (gym). We are grateful to Sally Clementino.

Hymn Sing for the Year of Mercy A music event to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place at the Cathedral this 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.

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 ~ VISIT THE IMPRISONED

SUPPORT A PRISON MINISTRY IN YOUR AREA WITH DONATIONS OF YOUR TIME, MONEY OR NEEDED SUPPLIES.

Bereavement Support Group – this group meets every Wed. at 6:30PM, through Nov. 7 at St. Mary's Parish, 793 Dartmouth St., S. Dartmouth. Contact Beni Costa-Reedy at 508-992-7505 or beni@stmarysdartmouth.org.

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.

St. Bernard Parish in Assonet will be hosting their **18th annual Harvest Festival** Sept 24-25. Saturday and Sunday feature games, rides, vendors, great entertainment, lots of food and much more. Hours 10AM-8PM on Saturday, and 9AM-4PM on Sunday. The parish is located at 30 South Main St. (Rte. 79) in Assonet. Call 508-644-5585 for more information.

“Born Free,” a **Spirituality for Everyday Living** mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA 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.

