

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 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., 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, Emily Tiago, Lazaro S. Rosa
	7:00 P.M.	Frank & Lois Giambo by family
Mon., Oct 3,	8:00 A.M.	Evelyn Vieira by husband & daughters
Tues., Oct 4,	8:00 A.M.	Mateus Bernardo by daughter
Thurs., Oct 6,	8:00 A.M.	Henri Lemieux by wife, Annette
Fri., Oct 7,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., Oct 8,	4:00 P.M.	Louis "Pete" Dumont by wife, Peggy & family
Sun., Oct 9,	8:30 A.M.	Francis Kwiatkowski by wife
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Lois Giambo, Cecile Savaria Lawrence
	7:00 P.M.	Abilio Carreiro by daughter



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro S. Rosa by wife, Maria, children & grandchildren
In Memory of William C. Thompson, Jr. by daughter, Sandra

Icon Candle: In Memory of Evelyn Vieira by husband & daughters

Hosts for October: In Memory of Hilda Figueira by Edward & family

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

Religious Education 2016-2017

Religious Education classes have begun. 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 are held on Sunday mornings from 11:45AM-1:00PM in the Parish Center. Parents should have received a schedule at registration.

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

At least one parent is required to attend this meeting.

NO classes next weekend, October 9, for the Columbus Day holiday.

Budget: \$6256. **Expenses:** Monthly Insurance (Church & Pastoral Center: \$3965. Gas: \$113. Electric: \$2083.

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** today 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.) SVdP would like to thank everyone who through their generosity to our Poor Box and food pantry, help us help those in need in our community.

First Friday, October 7th, will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 P.M. 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.



A word of gratitude to all those who expressed wishes on my recent birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The Month of Prayer for Peace is underway throughout our Diocese; this period of intense prayer will culminate with the annual Mass and Peace Procession in Fall River on October 10th. Bishop da Cunha is encouraging each and every member of our Diocesan Church, during this month of intense prayer, to offer a daily rosary for peace in our city and in our world. Our prayers for this major intention will be united with the prayers of millions of Catholics throughout the country.

October is the month of the Rosary. To celebrate that, along with the reciting of the rosary before the 4PM Mass, we will also pray the rosary before the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning Masses. Come a little early to join us.



End of the month Budget (collections) for September

\$31,600 (\$7900 x 4 weeks) needed for the month (includes \$5370. monthly tax assessment) **\$31,200** was collected. You will note a shortfall of **\$400.** in last month's budget needs. 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 since these collection are not taxable for our assessment fee. **Thank you for your continued support.**

If anyone would like to donate to this year's **Holiday Fair Chinese Auction**, gift certificates would be most appreciated. Other items are also needed. If you can help, please call Celeste at 508-998-1295. The Holiday Fair is scheduled for **November 5th and 6th.**

We are looking for **volunteers** for this year's **Holiday Fair** to help with parish tables and in the kitchen, and also to help move items from the Parish Center to the school on Fri. Nov. 4th at 5:30 PM, and on Sun. Nov.6th after 3:00 PM, to help take down tables and return things to the Parish Center. **Anyone wishing to volunteer please call Rhea at 508-995-6347.**

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.

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 ~ BURY THE DEAD

Go to a wake or funeral if it is possible – even if you are tempted to skip it. You may not talk that day to the grieving person, but your presence can be a great comfort.

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.**

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.

The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses presentation **Functional Medicine – A New Example For Chronic Disease Management** "The medical/psychological effects on well-being" will be held at White's of Westport on **Saturday, October 15, 2016** from 8:30 A.M.- 3:30 P.M. **Deadline for registering is: October 8, 2016.** Morning refreshments and lunch are provided. Fee is \$45.00. All are welcome. For information contact Betty at 508 678-2373.

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, October 10th for the Columbus Day Holiday.

