

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2016

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

Sat., Oct 29,	4:00 P.M.	Kenneth Knowles by wife, Muriel & family (8 th anniversary)
Sun., Oct 30,	8:30 A.M.	Norman L'Heureux by family (2 nd anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Jose M. Tavares, Clotilde B. & Manuel Torres, Jr., Alphonse Beaulieu, Mary Gentili, Beatrice Hebert, Jeannette Bobrowiecki, Dorothy M. Hardy, Michael Bryant
	7:00 P.M.	Blanche M. Brown by daughter, Deborah & Richard Brennan (24 th anniversary)
Mon., Oct 31,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Nov 1,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Holy Day	12:00 P.M.	Butler & Lenihan families
	7:00 P.M.	Evelyn Vieira by husband & daughters (1 st anniversary)
Thurs., Nov 3,	8:00 A.M.	M/M Frank Condez, Sr. by M/M Frank Condez, Jr.
Fri., Nov 4,	8:00 A.M.	Gilbert Mainville by wife, Yvette
Sat., Nov 5,	4:00 P.M.	All Souls recommended to our prayers
Sun., Nov 6,	8:30 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Jeannette Bobrowiecki
	7:00 P.M.	Celeste dos Santos by husband, daughters & grandchildren



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Evelyn Vieira by husband & daughters (1st anniversary)
In Memory of Richard MacBain by Priscilla (6th anniversary)

Icon Candle: In Prayer for Confirmation Class

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

*Tuesday, November 1, **All Saints Day** is a Holy Day of Obligation. To assist you in your obligation to attend Mass, we have three Masses: 8:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM. Please make every effort to attend Mass on this day. During November we will also pray for the Souls in Purgatory recommended to our prayers. In particular, each weekend in November, we will offer Mass for the Souls in Purgatory.*

Religious Education 2016-2017

The Confirmation Candidates participate in their Confirmation Retreat, this Sunday, October 30 from 9AM-3PM. Please pray for them as they prepare for their final Sacrament of Initiation into the Church.

Attendance at Religious Education Class and Sunday Mass is mandatory for all students Grades 1-9. Please make sure your child arrives on time.

Budget: \$5817. Expenses: Electric: \$1148. Gas: \$207.

On Veteran's Day, November 11, we will have our annual Anointing of the Sick at 10:00 AM (no 8:00AM Mass that day). All over 65 are eligible to receive this wonderful sacrament as well as others who have chronic or other illnesses. Please come. I would be grateful if some could volunteer to act as secretaries, ushers, and a nurse, if possible, to assist me at this celebration.



First Friday, November 4th, 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.

There will be no St. Vincent de Paul Meeting for the month of November.



St. Mary's Holiday Fair – Saturday, November 5th & and Sunday, November 6th

Saturday: 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Sunday: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Full kitchen, crafts, bake table, white elephant table, Chinese Auction and much more. Many new vendors!

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 Mary Ellen - 508-998-2087.**

A **Special Collection** has been authorized by the Bishop. **This weekend, October 29-30**, all non-envelope money in the second collection will be for the **hurricane victims in Haiti**.

Our **Grand Annual Collection** continues. Please make your contribution at your convenience. This collection, which remains in our parish, is used to cover expenses our ordinary collection cannot cover. If you have not received a card for your donation, they are available at the main entrance to the church.

Our total this week is **\$29,030**. representing the giving of **31%** of our parishioners.

Join Bishop DaCunha in a **Holy Hour for Vocations** at 3:00PM Sunday, November 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River. National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

To God's Faithful People of Our Diocese of Fall River:

Allow me this opportunity to ask for your assistance regarding a matter of great importance for the students in our schools, their families and our communities. On Election Day next month, citizens of Massachusetts will be asked to vote on a proposal to legalize recreational use of marijuana. If this referendum is approved, there will be an extremely damaging impact on our society, particularly children and young people. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC) issued a statement providing citations from numerous research studies concerning the detrimental effects that follow from the legalization of marijuana. The MCC statement can be found on our website www.fallriverdiocese.org and under Latest News click on "Massachusetts Bishops Urge Voters to Vote NO on Question 4".

As our society battles the devastating opioid crisis, which each day claims the lives of those who have been snared in the trap of addiction, it is beyond reason that we would legalize a gateway drug that, in addition to its own damaging effects, has led far too many users to the destruction of opioids. It is notable that Governor Baker, Attorney General Healy and many others strongly oppose the legalization of marijuana, with particular recognition of the harm such an action would bring to children and young people. I ask that you please seriously consider this issue as you plan to vote on November 8th. We have an obligation to express our concern about the consequences of the legalization of marijuana. Thank you for your assistance with this critical issue, which will be voted on just a few days from now. Your dedication, commitment and genuine care for our young people and their families is a gift and a blessing for us all.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and all whom you hold dear, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D. Bishop of Fall River

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 ~ BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience.

Bishop Stang High School invites families of middle school-aged children to join them for a fun and informative **Open House on Sunday, November 6 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. Faculty and students will be available to highlight all that a Bishop Stang High School Catholic education has to offer. For more information, visit www.bishopstang.org.

St. John Neumann Women's Guild "Christmas Bazaar" St. John Neumann Parish Hall located next to Cathedral Camp on Route 18 – Middleboro Road in East Freetown, MA, on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

~FREE ADMISSION~ ~Wheelchair Accessible~ Hearty Lunch will be served. For more info go to: www.sjnfreetown.org

