

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for Raymond N. Beaulieu & Elsie DeCotis whose funeral masses were celebrated here; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Dec 31,	4:00 P.M.	James R. Collins by mother & sisters
Sun., Jan 1,	8:30 A.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by John & Celeste LeBoeuf
Holy Day	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Ann Margaret Ranieri, Evangeline Costa, Leonard Oliveira, Jeanne Chausse, William Furtado, Sr.
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Mon., Jan 2,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Jan 3,	8:00 A.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by David & Sue Beaulieu
Thurs., Jan 5,	8:00 A.M.	Celina Oliveira by Msgr. John Oliveira
Fri., Jan 6,	8:00 A.M.	Conrad Letendre by wife
Sat., Jan 7,	4:00 P.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by Noel & Rhea Charron
Sun., Jan 8,	8:30 A.M.	Joseph Simas, Jr. by Cathy, Jim & Heather (1 st anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Antonio Souza, Frank & Lois Giambo, Jose Deus, Jr.
	7:00 P.M.	Margaret Coucci by St. Mary's Women's Guild



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Leonard Oliveira by family
In Memory of Laurent & Evelyn Robert by Jeannette & family

Icon Candle: In Memory of Leonard Oliveira by family

Dedication Candles: In Memory of Hilda Figueira by Edward & family (2)
In Memory of Normand Bergeron by Shirley & son (2)

Hosts for January: In Memory of Edward & Annie Fernandes by David & Susan Whitney

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



Budget: \$6319.

Expenses: Gas: \$1714. Electric: \$1588. Budget envelope mailing: \$811. Fall clean up: \$1511.

No CCD class January 1 for Christmas break. Mass attendance is still required.

Class for all First Penance students next Sunday, January 8 with Mrs. LaCroix beginning with the 8:30 mass until 10:20AM.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors schedules for January & February are available in the sacristy and on-line on our parish website

Parish Offices will close Monday, January 2 to allow our staff time to enjoy the holidays.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th, at 6:45 PM, and they would like to thank everyone for their generosity this holiday season. They were able to help many families have a happier Christmas. Please don't forget that even though the holidays are over, the need for food has not diminished. Please remember St. Vincent's Food Pantry. Thank You!

There will be no First Friday Adoration & Benediction this month. The usual 8:00AM Mass will be offered.



As we begin a New Year, I pray the days of 2017 will be filled with much joy, good health, and peace for each of you. Let us ask that we be aware of the Lord's guiding hand in our life. Let us pray for His assistance in doing His will in the coming year. May we say "yes" to His will as Mary did as we celebrate her feast this weekend.

Once again I wish to express my gratitude to all those who assisted in any way to make our Christmas celebration as beautiful as it was. The donations for flowers, the preparation of the church inside and outside, those who participated in the liturgical celebrations, etc.; to all of you, please accept my thanks and that of the parish community.

Personally I wish to thank all those who sent a card, baked something, made cookies or candy, or sent a gift. Your thoughtfulness is very sincerely appreciated. Be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

End of the month Budget (collections) for December

\$31,600 (\$7900 x 4 weeks) needed for the month (includes \$5370. monthly tax assessment) **\$32,400** was collected. You will note an increase of **\$800.** in last month's budget needs. Our parish has requested a weekly increase of \$5.00 to meet this expense. A monthly donation of \$20.00 can be placed in the Diocesan Assessment envelope included in your budget envelopes. This collection, along with the Building and Education Funds are not taxable for our assessment fee. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Our **Giving Tree** provided 725 gifts which were distributed to FIBRA, CareOne, Capeway Adult Daycare, Sacred Heart Home, Our Lady's Haven, and the Honduran Mission. Thank you to everyone for making Christmas a little brighter for so many.

An Anchor envelope is enclosed with the February envelopes should you chose to subscribe to *The Anchor*. The cost for the year is \$20. for Diocesan and Catholic news. If you chose not to subscribe, just discard the envelope. Should you have any questions just call the office.

Calendars - Once again we are grateful to Rock Funeral Home and Partners Insurance for providing Christian calendars for our use. We express our gratitude for their generosity to our parish.

Struggling in your marriage? – You are not alone! If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe **Retrouvaille** can help. Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The upcoming New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends in 2017 will be held on: Jan 13-15, 2017, Mar 31- Apr 2, 2017, Sep 8-10, 2017. To register for a weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us. We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives. In this New Year, let us realize that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as Truth, to be spoken, as Life, to be lived, as Light, to be lighted, as Love, to be followed, as Joy, to be given, as Peace, to be spread about, as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbors and all people. Amen.

