

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

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.

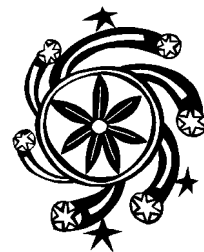
Sat., Jan 7,	4:00 P.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by Noel & Rhea Charron
Sun., Jan 8,	8:30 A.M.	Joseph Simas, Jr. by Cathy, Jim & Heather (1 st anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Antonio Souza, Frank & Lois Giambo, Jose Deus, Jr., Rev. Robert Donovan, Horace J. Costa
	7:00 P.M.	Margaret Coucci by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Mon., Jan 9,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Jan 10,	8:00 A.M.	Antone & Hilda Cordeiro by daughter, Arlene & family
Thurs., Jan 12,	8:00 A.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by Norm & Joyce Audette
Fri., Jan 13,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., Jan 14,	4:00 P.M.	Helen Janik by daughter, Joyce & son, Phillip (9 th anniversary)
Sun., Jan 15,	8:30 A.M.	Joseph, Elizabeth and Bernard Flinn by Flinn family
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Maria & Manuel Canastra, Carol Simas, Lawrence Gajewski, Jr., Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Lazaro Rosa
	7:00 P.M.	Dorothy Heter by Jim & Cathy LaCroix



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family
In Memory of A Special Intention

Icon Candle: In Memory of Cecile Silveira by Ron & family

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: \$5023. Expenses: Bulletin: \$1161.

Religious Education

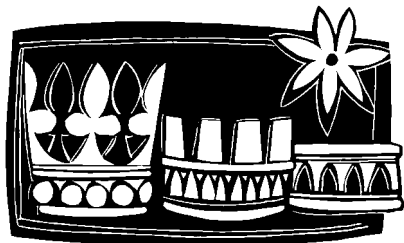
CCD Classes resume this Sunday, January 8, 2017

Class for all First Penance students this Sunday, January 8 with Mrs. LaCroix beginning with the 8:30 mass until 10:20AM. Sacrament of Reconciliation - January 21, 2017 at 11:00AM in the Church.

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

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we recently welcomed into our parish family Scarlett Reign Rita Andrade child of Skylar Andrade and Haley Levesque, and Sophia Rose Bras child of Bruno and Angela (Bannister) Bras. Please keep these young families in your prayers that they may continue on their journey of faith.

In Observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday, Parish Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th.



Help Needed: As the Christmas season concludes it is time to store the decorations for next year. Please come and help on Monday, January 9th at 6PM. Thank You!

This past Friday I underwent some surgery on my left foot. I am grateful to Fr. Thomas Washburn for covering for me for what I hope will not be a long absence. Please keep me in your prayers.

Save the date: March 26, 2017 – St. John Neumann Church – Fr. Tad Pacholczyk will address the important moral question of Physician Assisted Suicide. You may wish to attend to inform yourself regarding this important matter.

Men's & Women's Conference – March 11, 2017 – Stonehill College More information will be following. Topic: *Thirsting for Hope – Can you drink the cup I drink?* Cardinal O'Malley will be a speaker. This will be a good Lenten day to schedule for your spiritual growth.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Looking for a great learning environment for you child? Safe, nurturing, engaged learning, living Catholic faith and values, after school activities, before and after school care and more! Conveniently located at 115 Illinois Street, New Bedford. **Open House on Sunday, January 29th** following the 10:30 Mass. Contact smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or [508-995-3696](tel:508-995-3696) for more information or to schedule a tour.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society has an ongoing Prayer Shawl ministry. If you know anyone in need of a Prayer Shawl due to illness, loneliness, etc., or if you wish to be a part of this ministry, please contact Mary Ellen at 508-998-2087 or call the rectory.

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you know of any parishioner who is hospitalized, you may notify the office so that Monsignor may send a get-well card, as is our custom. We no longer receive a list of parishioners at St. Luke's due to the privacy law.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: If you have a loved one confined at home because of illness or advanced age, or you know of a parishioner in the same situation, who wishes to receive Holy Communion and/or go to confession, please call the rectory (508-995-3593) during office hours, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. or email stmarysnb@stmarysnb.com. Holy Communion is brought to our shut-ins on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We thank all the parishioners who help in this ministry.

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.



A Family Blessing

Lord of all, Bless our families. Be they formed by blood or by circumstance, Make them holy. May we find you in our relationships. In our marriages, in our families, in our households, in our communities, in our global humanity. May we look across all that divides us and see family, and embrace as a family does. And love as a family ought to. For where two or three gather in your name, There are you. Amen.

