

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 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 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, Americo Craveiro, Dennis J. Wilkinson, Deolinda Francis
	7:00 P.M.	Dorothy Heter by Jim & Cathy LaCroix
Mon., Jan 16,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Jan 17,	8:00 A.M.	Emily J. DeSimone by Beverly
Thurs., Jan 19,	8:00 A.M.	Sr. Rita Pelletier by Jane Britton
Fri., Jan 20,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., Jan 21,	4:00 P.M.	Celina C. Oliveira by Lynne
Sun., Jan 22,	8:30 A.M.	Laurier Audette by family
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Joao Gaspar, Elizabeth Ferreira, Americo Perry, Celestina G. Pacheco, Leonilde Aguiar, Rita Lafrance
	7:00 P.M.	Julio Cardozo by family



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

Icon Candle: In Memory of Elizabeth & Joao Ferreira by 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.

There are a number of **Icon & Memorial Candles** available for this year. The cost for the Icon candle lit for one week is \$10.00 and the Memorial candle lit for two weeks is \$20.00. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

Budget: \$956. **Expenses:** Plowing (Dec.): \$100 **Insurance (church & pastoral center):** \$4000.
Assessment: \$7000. **Fire Alarm repair:** \$196

Religious Education

Class for all First Penance students will be held this Sunday, January 15 beginning with the 8:30 mass until 10:20AM.

First Penance class will be celebrating the *Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 21, 2017 at 11:00AM* in the Church. Please pray for them as they prepare for this special occasion.

Religious Education class cancelations due to inclement weather can be found on: our website at www.stmarysnb.com, on our Facebook page, local radio stations and WHDH Channel 7.

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

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



A word of gratitude to all those who came on Monday evening to store our Christmas decorations. A special thanks to Marty Flinn who organized this endeavor.

The budget envelopes now include a special monthly envelope for the **Diocesan Assessment**. You will recall that we have asked an extra \$5.00 per week to assist with this bill. That envelope as well as the Education and Building maintenance envelopes is not subject to the Diocesan Tax.

*The final **ciboriums and altar candle holders** are being re-plated. The list of donors will appear on a plaque in the sacristy shortly. The 6 Ciboriums are: In Memory of Celina C. Oliveira; In Memory of Jennifer Ann Lawrence by Frank & Carolyn; In Memory of Normand J. Bergeron by wife & son; In Memory of Henry Rodrigues by wife; In Memory of Simas & LaCroix Families by Cathy & Jim LaCroix; David & Vivian Medeiros. The 4 Candle holders: Mr. & Mrs. Roland Benjamin; Dr. & Mrs. John Bender & Family (2); In Memory of My "Mom", Mary Pilling.*

Looking ahead, the Panchal Candle for Easter has been reserved for this year. If anyone wishes to memorialize the matching altar candles, they are \$180. a pair.

Parish Lenten Mission Reserve the dates of March 6th through 8th, Mass at noon and 7 PM, directed by Father Thomas Washburn OFM. Plan now to make this your special time of prayer during Lent. A good way to begin Lent.

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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.

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.

Are You Registered at St. Mary's Church? "A Catholic in Good Standing" means belonging to a particular parish. Registration forms may be found at the entrance of the church. For information, call the parish office (508-995-3593) weekdays, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. All are welcome. If you receive no mailings from the church you are not registered.

Change of Address Please notify the parish office when you are moving. Our parish has to pay the post office when the budget envelopes are returned after parishioners have moved. You can notify us by simply writing your new address on your budget envelopes one to two months ahead of your move. You can also call or email the parish office. We ask that you do the same if you are leaving the parish. Thank you for helping us not to waste this money.

Winter Luck

Snowflakes... They come down so slow, And sometimes so fast, Looking like pretty stars falling down, down to the ground. Little stars with little holes, Bigger stars with bigger holes, They are all cuddly snowflakes stars. Snowflakes of the tiny snows, Snowstars of the bigger snows, I will catch you on my hand or on my tongue and make a wish... I will make a wish on my falling snowstar, And then have good luck all day, all night, all Ever. (Heartsongs by Mattie J.T. Stepanek)

