

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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., Mar 11,	4:00 P.M.	Alexander A. Dupre by family
Sun., Mar 12,	8:30 A.M.	Edna Schard by St. Mary's Women's Guild
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: David Silva, Arthur E. Coia, Frank & Lois Giambo, Wilfred & Yvonne Hebert, Paul Lareau, Clotilde St. Pierre
	7:00 P.M.	Joyce Rodrigues by Shirley & Nina
Mon., Mar 13,	12:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Mar 14,	12:00 P.M.	Lydia Gonet by Jane Britton
Wed., Mar 15,	12:00 P.M.	Stephen Mendrala by Janet & Richard Moreau (5 th anniversary)
Thurs., Mar 16,	12:00 P.M.	Clara Freitas by Ann & Gary (17 th anniversary)
Fri., Mar 17,	12:00 P.M.	Helen C. McIntyre & William Reilly by family
Sat., Mar 18,	4:00 P.M.	Joseph Janik, Jr. by sister, Joyce & brother, Phillip (15 th anniversary)
Sun., Mar 19,	8:30 A.M.	Edna Schard by John & Celeste LeBoeuf
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel Medeiros, Scott Cummings, Joao Gaspar, Confirmation Candidates
	7:00 P.M.	Celeste dos Santos by husband, daughters & grandchildren



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family
In Memory of Rosa Fernandes & Mary C. Reilly by family

Icon Candle: In Memory of Joao Gaspar by family

Hosts for March: In Memory of Simone Villeneuve by family



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. There are also **7:00PM Sunday Masses** still available as well. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

Please note that during Lent, daily Mass is celebrated at Noon, Monday – Friday.

Budget: \$5965.

Expenses: **Plumbing:** \$201. **Monthly assessment:** \$7000.
Monthly insurance (church & pastoral center): \$4000.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00PM by Bishop Edgar da Cunha to the candidates from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome to attend.

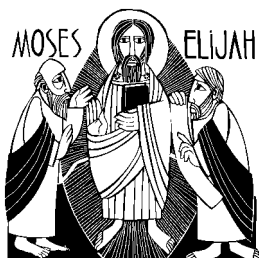


Rehearsal for sponsors and candidates is Sunday, March 19 following the 10:30 Mass. If a sponsor cannot be present, someone must take his/her place to note the sponsor's place for the ceremony.

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare for their full initiation into the Church.

Reminder: First Communion Parent Meeting – Monday, March 20, 6:00PM in the Parish Center

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors schedules for March & April are available in the sacristy and on-line on our website.



End of the month Budget (collections) for February

\$31,600 (\$7900 x 4 weeks) needed for the month (includes monthly tax assessment)

\$31,600 was collected.

You will recall our parish council 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.**

Dispensation Granted for St. Patrick's Day This year, the celebration of St. Patrick's feast day on March 17th falls on a Friday during Lent. In consideration of the culinary traditions of this feast and in response to a number of requests, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., has granted to Catholics in the Fall River Diocese a dispensation from the Lenten rule of abstaining from meat on that day. Catholics are asked to fast and practice abstinence in Lent as means of penance to unite in the suffering and death of Christ, and to prepare for His resurrection on Easter. In granting the dispensation, Bishop da Cunha encourages those who choose to make use of the dispensation to carry out some other sacrificial act or work of charity in keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season.

Rice Bowls: CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in action program. It offers daily opportunities for your family to engage in the spiritual pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is an opportunity for our parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out the Gospel call to go to the margins and encounter those in need. We are excited that this is journey that we will take as a parish community. I hope you will take home a CRS Rice Bowl located at all the entrances of the church. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

St. Julie's Caregiver Support Group Join us Tuesday, **March 14, 2017**, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. If coming for the first time, Call Pat [508-971-4191](tel:508-971-4191) or the Parish Office [508-993-2351](tel:508-993-2351).

Caregiver Tip of the Month - "Treat yourself once a month to a Caregiver Support Group. You'll be glad you did!"

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: **March 26, 2017 – St. John Neumann Church.**

Middle School Rally "He Lives In You" - Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Bishop Stang High School, 6PM arrival to 8PM, cost \$5 – paid by the parish. The keynote speaker is Cooper Ray, a dynamic and light-hearted speaker and musician who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives. Please call the rectory office to register. Parents invited as well.

Lent: A Season for Fasting, A Season for Feasting

- FAST from judging others; FEAST on Christ living in them.
- FAST from harsh words; FEAST on words that build up others.
- FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.
- FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.
- FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.
- FAST from worry; FEAST on God's care.
- FAST from complaining; FEAST on appreciation.
- FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.
- FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion for others.
- FAST from discouragement; FEAST on hope.
- FAST from facts that depress; FEAST on facts that uplift.
- FAST from suspicion; FEAST on truth.
- FAST from thoughts that weaken; FEAST on promises that inspire.
- FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on silence with a purpose.

