

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

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

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
Mon., Mar 20,	12:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Mar 21,	12:00 P.M.	Elzira C. Vicente by Martin & Mary Ellen Flinn
Wed., Mar 22,	12:00 P.M.	Frank DeSimone, Sr. by Beverly
Thurs., Mar 23,	12:00 P.M.	Walter Kuczewski by sister
Fri., Mar 24,	12:00 P.M.	Theresa Pawelczyk by Corinne
Sat., Mar 25,	4:00 P.M.	Mary Gentili by John & Celeste LeBoeuf
Sun., Mar 26,	8:30 A.M.	Hugh Murray by wife, Hazel
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Loretta Patnaude, Jeannette Nunes, Ronald Richard, Susan Darling, Theresa Lizotte
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Hazel Correia by husband & sons (5th anniversary)
In Memory of Celeste dos Santos by husband, daughters & grandchildren

Icon Candle: In Prayer for Confirmation Class

Hosts for March: In Memory of Simone Villeneuve by family

Budget: \$5000.

Expenses: Snow removal (February): \$600.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Edgar da Cunha here at St. Mary's on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend.

Rehearsal for candidates & sponsors is this Sunday, March 19 after the 10:30 Mass in church.
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.



Confirmation Class 2017

<i>Justin Amaral</i>	<i>Kaitlin Aurelio</i>	<i>Alison Baptista</i>	<i>Siera Barbosa</i>
<i>Nathan Charkowski</i>	<i>Logan Cordoniz</i>	<i>Kerina Demers</i>	<i>Logan Docca</i>
<i>Madison Docca</i>	<i>Ty Fernandes</i>	<i>Olivia Ferreira</i>	<i>Kelsey Ferreira</i>
<i>Nicholas Furtado</i>	<i>Serena Gaudencio</i>	<i>Claire Hubert</i>	<i>Cassandra Lavigne</i>
<i>Kerry Lenihan</i>	<i>Luke Levesque</i>	<i>Isabella Medeiros</i>	<i>Aaron Mimoso</i>
<i>Madison Nightlinger</i>	<i>Kyle Pacheco</i>	<i>Sierra Pereira</i>	<i>Alyssa Pinarreta</i>
<i>William Pires</i>	<i>Julius Romalho</i>	<i>Kelsey Rezendes</i>	<i>Abigail Reardon</i>
<i>Coleen Sousa</i>			

We would like to thank **Mrs. Cathy LaCroix**, Director of Religious Education; **Ms. Sue Richard**, Religious Education Coordinator; and our 9th grade Confirmation teachers, **Ms. Grace Fidalgo** and **Mr. David Beaulieu** for their assistance.

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

First Communion Retreat will be Saturday, April 1 10AM-12PM in the Parish Center.



Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week please give generously to the CRSC and *help Jesus in disguise*. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Rice Bowls: Again this year we offer an opportunity for almsgiving through the use of the Rice Bowl. They are available as you leave church. Use them to make a sacrifice during Lent and return the contents at the end of Lent.

There is a resource for Lent called **Best Lent Ever**. It is a free, daily email program that offers to help make Lent more meaningful in every way. It is based on Matthew Kelly's latest best seller, *Resisting Happiness*. This book leads readers, in a daily personal way, to the realization that they cannot get to where they want to go without God. To use this resource, visit BestLentEver.com to sign up. It is part of the Dynamic Catholic Outreach. It is guaranteed to do more for you than just giving up chocolate for Lent. Give it a try.

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.

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: 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.



CANADIAN ROCKIES by TRAIN Join Father Roy of St. Julie Billiart Parish on a Collette tour of Western Canada, October 5-13. For information call Father Roy at [508-789-2451](tel:508-789-2451). The flyer can be viewed on line: www.saintjulies.org, click on Parish Events and then Canadian Rockies trip.

A Prayer For Lent

Stay with me, Lord,
because I am weak
and I need your strength.
You are my life and without you
I am without fervor.
You are my light
and without you
I am darkness.
Stay with me, Lord,
for I desire to love you
and always be in your company.
Stay with me, Jesus,
in life with all its dangers,
I need you. Amen.
-St. Padre Pio

