

Divine Mercy Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

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

Sat., Apr 22,	4:00 P.M.	Cecile Silveira by Ron & family
Sun., Apr 23,	8:30 A.M.	Elaine Fournier by Frank & Carolyn (12 th anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Jeanne Provencal, Joseph Rapoza, Jose M. Tavares, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel Medeiros, Gertrude Mello, Joao Gaspar, Ernest N. Dube, Yvonne Barrett
	7:00 P.M.	Jeremy Moniz by family
Mon., Apr 24,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Apr 25,	8:00 A.M.	Jennifer Lawrence by Frank & Carolyn (5 th anniversary)
Thurs., Apr 27,	8:00 A.M.	Claire Roy
Fri., Apr 28,	8:00 A.M.	Edna Schard by M/M Robert Bourgeois
Sat., Apr 29,	4:00 P.M.	Lucilia Sousa by family
Sun., Apr 30,	8:30 A.M.	Alfred Pereira by wife, Dolores (6 th anniversary)
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Frank & Lois Giambo, Susan Darling, Julia Macaluso, Hector Pedro, Maurice Jodoin
	7:00 P.M.	Raymond St. Don by family (2 nd anniversary)



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Homidas Trial by Louis & Louise Trial
In Memory of Rita Thompson by daughter, Sandra

Icon Candle: In Memory of Ernest N. Dube by family

Hosts for April: In Memory of Mark Richard by parents

Paschal Candle: In Memory of Normand J. Bergeron by wife, Shirley & son

Matching Altar Candles: In Memory of Alice M. Couture by daughter, Rona F. Mingola

Easter Dedication Candles: (4) In Memory of Celina C. Oliveira by Jim & Terry Gaffney



There are still a few **Icon Candles** available for this year. The cost for the Icon candle lit for one week is \$10.00. There are also **7:00PM Sunday Masses** available. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

Budget: \$6657. **Expenses:** Snow removal: \$350 Plumber: \$200. Liturgical supplies: \$947.
Door closers – restrooms: \$145. Chimney repairs & rebuilding: \$2850.

First Communion Mass will take place at 11AM on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Rehearsals are Wed., May 3rd and Fri., May 5th at 6 PM in the church. The certificate mass is Sun, May 7th at 8:30AM.

All Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and volunteers must pick up **CORI renewals** if you wish to continue in your ministry. They are available in the priest's sacristy. Any questions, please call Cathy LaCroix. **Please complete all forms fully and return by April 30.** Anyone with an expired CORI will not be able to serve or volunteer here at St. Mary's Church.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors schedules for May & June are available in the sacristy and on-line on our parish website.

Mother's Day, May 14th: Once again we will provide an opportunity to remember your mother on Mother's Day. Envelopes are available for your use at the entrance of church. For each \$5 donation, a rose will be purchased for our altar on Mother's Day weekend. All names submitted (living or deceased) will be remembered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Please return your envelope as soon as possible so proper arrangements can be made.



Easter Thank You

Please accept my sincere gratitude for all those who in any way made our Holy Week ceremonies so meaningful and our church so beautiful. Likewise, those who donated generously to our Easter flower collection are thanked. May God bless you and reward you for your participation.

It is a pleasure to express my gratitude to those who sent Easter greetings and delicacies for Easter. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God Bless you.

As the kickoff of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal** begins, please prayerfully consider giving as generously as possible to our brothers and sisters in need. The Catholic Charities Appeal supports many programs that serve the less fortunate. You can “Share” in this work of love. Your gift allows the agencies and ministries of our Diocese to reach out to our neighbors and friends in need throughout southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands. Please allow us to continue to teach, guide, heal, console, and alleviate the pain and suffering of thousands of people by your generous support of the 2017 Appeal. Perhaps a pledge, which more and more families are doing, will allow you to make a larger contribution easier to pay over ten months with the first payment not due until July. **No gift is too small!**

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY Our Lady of Fatima Parish, New Bedford, **SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. “Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.” Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.



All Saints Catholic School Safe, nurturing, engaged learning, living Catholic faith and values, after school activities, before and after school care and more! Now accepting registrations for 2017-2018, Pre-K (ages 3 & 4) through Grade 8. Contact Principal Sue Massoud at smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or [508-995-3696](tel:508-995-3696) for more information or to schedule a tour.

French Meat Pie Dinner St. Joseph-St. Therese Parish Hall, Saturday, April 29, 5:00 - 7:00PM. Tickets available at SJST rectory during office hours, 9AM – 2:30PM, until April 24. (\$12 – Meat Pie Dinner, \$6 – 2 Hotdogs) Please call their parish office at 508-995-5235 for more information.

Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, 565 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 at 9:00AM with Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha S.D.V. Breakfast and speaker will immediately follow at Holy Family-Holy Name School, 91 Summer Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Our Speaker — Arthur Boyle — author of “Six Months to Live” who tells his story of a journey to Medjugorje to seek a miracle cure and he found one. Please join us to listen to this inspiring story. If interested, please send a check payable to FRDCCW for \$25.00 to Betty Laranjo, 7 Seventh Street, Taunton, MA 02780.

St. Luke’s Hospital has a Pastoral Care Team ministering to the Catholic patients in our community daily. We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, commissioned in their parish, to offer Communion at the Hospital one day a week. If you are interested in volunteering please call 508-997-1515 x25493.

To Maintain Our Parish Church For The Glory of God in the Future requires more than the weekly collection provides. One great act of love for God and for this parish would be, after providing for one’s family and loved ones, to put St. Mary’s in one’s will, which would help to ensure the long-term future of the parish. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. One can give needed support for this parish by simply including the following words in his or her will: “I give, devise and bequeath to St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church in New Bedford, MA (*insert amount being given here*) to be used to support its continued renovation and maintenance.” A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. One can also name St. Mary’s as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in his or her will is no longer living. It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

