

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

### Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Nov 25	4:00 PM	Henry Provencal by Annette
Sunday	Nov 26	8:30 AM	Jeanette Bobrowiecki by M/M Victor Tavares & family
		10:30 AM	<b>Community Mass:</b> Eugenie Boucher, Frank & Lois Giambo, Rocco Morra, Jose Pires, George Wilkinson, All Souls
		7:00 PM	Manny & Jeannette Costa & Leslie Jane Medeiros by Linda

### Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday	Nov 27	8:00 AM	Peter Dumont by Mom & family
Tuesday	Nov 28	8:00 AM	Robert & Maria Wilkinson (30th Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday	Nov 30	8:00 AM	For Parishioners of St. Mary
Friday	Dec 1	8:00 AM	Irene Lacroix

### Next Weekend

Saturday	Dec 2	4:00 PM	Edward Soares by wife, Mary Lou & family
Sunday	Dec 3	8:30 AM	Isabelle Boucher by Frank & Carolyn (2nd anniversary)
		10:30 AM	<b>Community Mass:</b> Michael G. Soares
		7:00 PM	Priests who have served at St. Mary's

### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of M/M Raymond Dupont, Sr. by daughter-in-law

In Memory of Edward & Annie Fernandes by David & Susan Whitney

### Icon Candle:

In Honor of Maria & Robert Wilkinson 30th Wedding Anniversary

### Hosts for November:

In Memory of Simone & Randall Villeneuve by family

### Parish Financial

**THANK YOU** to all who share their talent, time, presence, and support with our Parish.

**November 19th Collection**

**\$4964.**

This weekend's second collection is for the

**HEATING ASSISTANCE**

**Annual Appeal to date \$24,860.**

**Thank you !**

**Through the Sacrament of Baptism,** we recently welcomed into our parish family Mia Maria Fernandes child of John Fernandes and Angela Ruggeri; and Alivia Grace Medeiros child of Tiago and Stephanie (Rebelo) Medeiros.

Please keep these families in your prayers that they may continue on their journey of faith.

**First Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>,** will open with prayers after the 8:00 A.M. Mass, followed by **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until before Benediction & Rosary with the students of All Saints Catholic School at 1:00 P.M.** A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance of the church.

### Faith Formation

We would like to take this opportunity wish all of our Faith Formation students and parents a *Very Happy Thanksgiving*. A special word of *Thanks* to all of our catechists who, through their ministry, help bring the children to a greater knowledge and love of God.



### Up Coming Dates to Remember:

1<sup>st</sup> Penance/Communion Class for ALL students -- December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:25 meet at ASCS Gym  
 First Penance Celebration – December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM  
 No Class on December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>

**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Thursday, December 7, at 6:45 PM. Note change of day. ~**

~Many thanks to those who donated winter clothes or made a cash donation for the victims of Hurricane Maria. This will be the last week for donations.

### Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers:

Sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses are in the Priests' Sacristy. Please sign up if you are available to serve at any of the Masses. Lector workbooks are available to be picked up in the Priest's Sacristy.

The New Bedford Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) (parishioner, Megan DaCosta co-chair) is sponsoring a **children's book drive** through December 1, 2017. The book drive in partnership with Meeting Street Early HeadStart is asking the community to help by donating new or gently used children's books for children in need. Donations are being accepted in the red box at the main entrance of the church. Books can also be dropped off at the office from 9-3:30, Monday-Friday. **THANK YOU!**

**EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED TO ASSIST AT CARE-ONE :**  
*Volunteers meet every Wednesday morning to bring the Eucharist to the residents. For more information please call the parish office at 508-995-3593.*

The Peace Light will be available at St. Mary's on Sun. Dec. 3 at all Masses. Bring a candle (or a lantern that can be safely transported) to be able to take the flame home. Lighting a candle "infuses" the spirit of the Peace Light into it which can be re-lighted at home later. Candles will also be available for 25 cents.

#### **LASALETTE SHRINE CHRISTMAS TRIP**

*St. Mary's Parish will be sponsoring a trip to visit the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro for viewing of the Christmas lights on Wednesday, December 6th. We will leave the church parking lot by bus at 5:00PM and will depart LaSalette at 7:30PM for our return to the church parking lot. Any child in attendance MUST be accompanied by a parent. Unaccompanied children will not be allowed to board the bus. In order to plan our group attendance and bussing, you are asked to sign up at the entrance of the church by this Sunday, November 26.*

#### **Attention Business Owners & Generous Parishioners!**

As of December 3, **Liturgical Publications (LPi)** will be publishing our parish bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. **We need and appreciate your help.** If you are interested or would like more info, **please call Jim directly 781-389-2198.** Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!

**The Giving Tree:** Once again we are having the **Giving Tree** here at St. Mary's. It is a wonderful way to respond to the needs of others at Christmas. Starting the first week of Advent, you are asked to take a gift tag from the tree in the Memorial Chapel, buy the gift, wrap it and attach the tag to the gift, which makes sorting the gifts easier. **Please return wrapped gifts by Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** if you are able to make someone's Christmas brighter. Thank you!

#### **BIBLE MEET & GREET**

Just a note to thank the parishioners who brought breakfast or desert to the October and November gatherings and to those who helped with the clean up. Thank you for your help and service to the parish.



#### **ADVENT WREATH**

The church begins its new liturgical year with the Season of Advent on December 3rd. During the four Sundays of Advent and its vigils, I invite

any individual or family to light the Advent Candles during the Liturgy. Sign up sheets are located near the interior main doors of the church.

All this involves is an individual or family to pick a week and the Mass time they would attend, and I will call them forward after the penitential rite and before the opening prayer to come to the sanctuary and light the respective candles.

**VOCATIONS TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT** With the realization that there are possibly 3 pastors retiring this June and 3 ordinations in June, we might feel we are breaking even. But we have 20 retirements within the five years and only about eight of those men are within those five years. I am the last vocation from St. Mary's parish and that was 30 years ago! The Bishop has asked that each parish has a vocations team to promote vocations among its We are looking for 3-6 people to make this team work. Please contact Fr. Dan

#### **Hospitalized, Sick and Homebound Parishioners:**

If you know of any parishioner who is hospitalized, sick or homebound, going into rehab or a nursing home, or you yourself are going in for surgery (major or minor), please notify the office so that Fr. Dan may send a get-well card, as is our custom. We no longer receive any notifications from the hospital due to the privacy law. One of our new ministries is the pastoral care of our parishioners. This information would greatly facilitate this ministry's work.

#### ***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, or email ([stmarysnb@stmarysnb.com](mailto:stmarysnb@stmarysnb.com)). Holy Communion is brought to our shut-ins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We thank all the parishioners who help in this ministry.

**Bishop Stang School** will administer the **Entrance/Placement Examination on Saturdays, December 2 & 9 at 8:00 am.** Students take this exam only once and should choose the day that best fits their schedule. Students should arrive by 7:45 am. The application and examination procedure will last until approximately 11:30 am. There will be a \$20.00 fee, payable at the time of application. Information regarding courses, activities, and financial aid, etc. will be given at the time of the exam, or can be obtained by contacting the school.