



*Mass Intentions of the Week
First Sunday of Advent*

Saturday, December 2nd	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 3rd	
8:00AM	Joseph Santos
11:00AM	Sharlene L'Heureux Sullivan
Monday, December 4th	
7:30AM	Suzy Barnes
Tuesday, December 5th	
7:30AM	Priscilla Reid
Wednesday, December 6th	
7:30AM	Christopher Martin
Thursday, December 7th	
7:30AM	Ruth L. Thompson
5:15 PM	Margaret Powell
Friday, December 8th	
7:30AM	Armina Perry
Saturday, December 9th	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 10th	
8:00AM	Michael & Mary Clarke
11:00AM	Sauna Pekarcik

Baptism Parents Meeting

Baptism Preparation Class for December **will be by appointment**. Please contact the office for information. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from October to June, and at 1 pm July to September.

Religious Education News

Classes on 12-3, 12-17

No Religious Education on 12-10, 12-24, 12-31

NNS-at 9:00AM to 10:30AM. **Grades 1-7**

FGH—at 6:00PM to 7:30PM, **Grades 8 & 9.**

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Church Decorating

Church Decorating: Friday, December 22 at 8AM

For information please get in touch with:

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Parish Christmas Tree for Stroll

Location: Front of church, 3 Federal Street

Theme: Random Acts of Kindness

Thanks to Judy DeBaggis and the students of our Religious Education Program.

Prayer Request

Book provided in the Lobby for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer. Let us continue to hold each other up in prayer. **Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way. SICK:** Pray for: Michael Ferreira, Kimberly Feinsod, Irene Garnett, Gladys Soverino, Kathleen A. Meehan, Julie Grimaldi, Bernard Walsh, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almodobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Marie Blasi, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Richard Ross, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage, Santiaguita Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurgiel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahan, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partdrige & Fernando Gutierrez,. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Stewardship

A Way of Life

First Sunday of Advent

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

Stewardship:

11-25 & 26 Stewardship \$4,296.00

Christmas Flowers \$2,005.00

Up Coming Second Collections:

12-10 Retirement Fund for Religious

12-17 Diocesan Assessment

Blessing of Liturgical Ministers

First Sunday of Advent:

December 2 and 3 at all Masses.

First Reconciliation

Saturday, December 9, 2018. Please pray for our second graders, who will experience the saving love of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, December 4: St. John Damascene, priest (+749). Became a monk and later a priest at the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem. He was the first in the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma. He defended the veneration of images, composed hymns, and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin.

Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas, bishop (+ 4th Century). He was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor and a model pastor noted for charity. He is popularized as Santa Claus (anglicized from the Dutch "Sinter Claus").

Thursday, December 7: St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church (+ Holy Saturday, 397). He was born in Trier of noble parents and classically educated; while still a catechumen, he was chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan and consecrated on this date in 374. He baptized St. Augustine.

Friday, December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. This feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" originated in the 7th Century and was established as a solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. We celebrate the fact that in preparation for her role as the mother of God Mary was kept free from the stain of sin from the first moment of her conception.. Under this title Mary is the patroness of the U.S., Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. See elsewhere in the bulletin for the Mass schedule.

For more information on saints of the day click on www.americancatholic.org, the daily features, saint of the day. There is a link on our website.



Mark Your Calendars
Christmas Mass Schedule
See Insert

Church Exterior Restoration

Thank you to the parish committee who helped organize and accomplish this work of keeping our church beautiful and in good repair: Joseph Topham, Patrick Hehir, Brian Davis, Jeanette Topham, and Maria Zodda.

All the work is completed (except the foundation, to be finished in the spring), so we also thank our contractors: Nantucket Heritage Painters, Ben Moore Woodworking, Steve Lamb, mason, and Barber and Sons (staging and gutters).

We also thank the Nantucket Community Preservation Committee for a grant of \$55,000, and donors who helped us reach the final \$30,000. of the project. Their generosity is very much appreciated.



Carol Marks Retires

Father Bouchard presents a gift to Carol as a token of the appreciation and gratitude of our parish for her twenty years as our secretary and office manager. The presentation was made at a small reception for Carol at the rectory on November 22, which marked the beginning of her retirement. We thank Carol for her dedicated service and hope she enjoys her much deserved retirement.

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The date has been set!

Our parish gathering will be there **on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5 to 7 pm.** At that time Father Bouchard will be on the Southwest Coast for vacation. If you are interested in attending, please provide the office with your winter contact information at stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org or 508-228-0100.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center.
All are welcome.

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

This liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children takes place during the 11 am Mass on Sunday. This wonderful program provides a liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children.. We are always in need off more leaders and assistants. This is a great way for parents to get involved in the religious formation of their children. If you can help, please contact Leslie Bresette at 508.228.9728 or Leslie.bresette@gmail.com

Soo Woodley: New Office Manager

Soo Woodley has accepted the invitation to become our new parish secretary and office manager. Having prepared by assisting Carol Marks, she is ready to take on this role. We welcome her and thank her for her dedicated commitment to service.