



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Second Sunday of Advent*

Saturday, December 9th	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 10th	
8:00AM	Michael & Mary Clarke
11:00AM	Shauna Pekarcik
Monday, December 11th	
7:30AM	Peter McLean
Tuesday, December 12th	
7:30AM	Arnold Teasdale
Wednesday, December 13th	
7:30AM	James J. Bruder
Thursday, December 14th	
7:30AM	The Newtown Twenty
Friday, December 15th	
7:30AM	No Intentions
Saturday, December 16th	
5:00PM	Walter Folger
Sunday, December 17th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Elizabeth & Charles Polachi

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 12-17

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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CHRISTMAS FAIR

A great big thank you to all who made our Fair such a big success – those who came, those who planned and staffed it, and especially to our chair: Emilia Miner.

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, Gisela MacDonald For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Stewardship

A Way of Life

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John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live---the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Stewardship:

12-2 & 3: Stewardship \$6,509.00

Fuel Offering: \$2,432.00

Up Coming Second Collections:

12-17 Diocesan Assessment

Come, Lord Jesus

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of the Lord – not just His first coming in Bethlehem, but His coming again as King and Lord of glory. In tune with this theme of joyful waiting and anticipation, we will use this phrase, this prayer, as our response to the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions) during Advent: **COME, LORD JESUS.**

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Weekday Masses will be daily Masses for Advent except:

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Today's feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from Dec. 9 to 12, 1531 to the native convert, Juan Diego. She was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and this celebration was raised to the rank of feast for all the countries of the Americas on March 25, 1999. The Aztec equivalent of Guadalupe means "she will crush the serpent of stone."

Wednesday, December 13: St. Lucy, virgin and martyr (+ c. 304). Because of her name she is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

Thursday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the Church (+ 1591). Born in Spain, he was a mystic and a poet, and an ally of Teresa of Jesus of Avila in founding the reformed ("Discalced") Carmelite friars. Because of the several notable books he wrote he is known as the "Mystical Doctor." 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.

First Reconciliation

Yesterday, December 9. Please pray for our second graders, who celebrated the saving love of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families. Students names appear on the sheep of the Good Shepherd banner in the sanctuary.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Would you like to help us make our church beautiful for Christmas- and have your loved ones remembered in prayer during the Christmas season? If you have not already done so, please use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope in your "packet" (extras are at the church entrance) to make your donation and list those you would like remembered, living or deceased. The Christmas 10 pm Vigil Mass will be offered for them, and we will remember them in prayer throughout the Christmas season. A list of names will be published in the bulletin after Christmas.



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.



Church Decorating

Church Decorating: Friday, December 22 at 8AM
For information please get in touch with:
Deborah Wilson at 508-367-1633
gardenservices37@gmail.com

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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.