



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Third Sunday of Advent*

Saturday, December 16th 5:00PM	Walter Folger
Sunday, December 17th 8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Elizabeth & Charles Polachi
Monday, December 18th 10:45AM	No morning Mass Our Island Home
Tuesday, December 19th 7:30AM	Edmund M. Reggie
Wednesday, December 20th 7:30AM	Christopher Martin
Thursday, December 21st 7:30AM	Lawrence Flynn
Friday, December 22nd 7:30AM	No Intentions
Saturday, December 23rd 5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 24th 9:00AM	William "Bill" Haddon

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 12-24, 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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The Advent Wreath



This Sunday three candles will be lit – including the pink one.

The priest's vestments will be rose marking our joyful anticipation of the celebration soon to come.

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, 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 McMahon, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, & Gisela MacDonald For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Stewardship

A Way of Life

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All of the people in today's readings—the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist—seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

Stewardship:

12-9 & 10: Stewardship: \$1,365.00

Retired for Religious: \$2,432.00

Immaculate Conception: \$464.00

Reconciliation

Extra times for Confessions

In addition to 4 pm on Saturday, December 23 , Reconciliation will be celebrated (confessions will be heard):

Tuesday, December 19 from 8:00 to 8:30 am (after Mass)

Saturday, December 23 from 8:30 to 9:00 am.

Renew God's saving love for you as a preparation for Christmas!

THIS WEEK AT MASS

During these last few days leading up to Christmas we celebrate the Advent weekday Mass each day. 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.



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.

THE "O" ANTIPHONS

Beginning with December 17 they are sung at Vespers (Evening Prayer). They mark the final days of Advent leading to Christmas. The familiar hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is based on these antiphons. They can also be used for the Gospel Acclamation on these days.



Mark Your Calendars
Christmas Mass Schedule
See Insert

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.**



Church Decorating

Church Decorating: Friday, December 22 at 8AM
For information please get in touch with:
Deborah Wilson at 508-367-1633
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KEEPING THE SEASONS

Please note the insert in this Sunday's bulletin, from the series, *Keeping the Seasons*. A different insert will be offered in each Advent bulletin. Please use them at home to keep Advent and the preparation for Christmas a Christ-centered moment in your life and your family's.

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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.



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

Live Streaming in "realtime" of our Church

At any time during daylight hours "visit" our church on your computer or mobile device: Go to our website and click on Live Streaming, or use our App (found at St. Mary, Nantucket). Visit during Mass times to pray with the celebration of the Eucharist.