



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Saturday, December 23rd	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, December 24th	
9:00AM	William "Bill" Haddon
Christmas Eve, December 24th	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
10:00PM	In memory/honor of Christmas Flower Donations
Monday, December 25th	
9:00AM	Our Parish Family
Tuesday, December 26th	
7:30AM	Ruth L. Thompson
Wednesday, December 27th	
7:30AM	Arthur Pregana
Thursday, December 28th	
7:30AM	Freddy Egan
Friday, December 29th	
7:30AM	Damien & Wendy Turbini
Saturday, December 30th	
5:00PM	H. Flint Ranney
Sunday, December 31st	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	Maura Fuller

Baptism Parents Meeting

Baptism Preparation Class for **will be January 21 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center.** 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

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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Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2018

Not a Holy Day of Obligation when on a Monday

Parish Mass at 9:00 am

to make it more convenient to attend.

No Spanish Mass on this day.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Please note that for Christmas our office will close Friday, December 22 at noon and open Tuesday, December 26.

It will also close Friday, December 29 at noon and open Tuesday, January 2.

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 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: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Stewardship

A Way of Life

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In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes"—"I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."---that the promise finds fulfillment.

Stewardship:

12-16 & 17:	Stewardship:	\$3,424.00
	Diocesan Assessment:	\$1,156.00

WORD MADE FLESH, HEAR OUR PRAYER

During the Christmas season, from Christmas to the Baptism of the Lord, we use this refrain as our response to the Universal Prayer(Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions). It will help us reflect our joy that the Son of God has been born among us. At the end of each petition please respond: **Word made flesh, hear our prayer.**

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season (General Norms, 31).

The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 8, 2018.

Tuesday, December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr (+ around 35). He was one of the seven deacons of the Acts of the Apostles and the first disciple to be martyred.

Wednesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (+ around 100). He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James, the "disciple Jesus loved." He authored three letters, the book of Revelations, and the most spiritual of the gospels. He is symbolized by the eagle (cf. Ez. 1) and is the patron of Asiatic Turkey.

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, martyrs. In an effort to eliminate the "newborn king of the Jews" Herod ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under (see Matthew 2:1-18). This feast remembers their sacrifice and the devastation of the parents who lost their children.

Friday, December 29: The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Trinity.

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.

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 bulletin during the Christmas season. Please use them at home to keep Christmas a Christ-centered moment in your life and your family's.



Merry Christmas

The parish staff joins me in praying that this Christmas season finds you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace, as we celebrate the feast of the Lord's birth.

Fr. Bouchard

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys & girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local competition to be held January 6, 2018 at 2:00PM at the Nantucket Boys & Girls Club. Entry forms available at the NBGC, Public and Charter Schools or TEXT: Arthur Dwyer 774-368-0566

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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.

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.

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