



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Saturday, February 3rd	
5:00PM	Freddy Egan
Sunday, February 4th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	Mary and Elizabeth Congdon
Monday, February 5th	
7:30AM	Henry Dussault
Tuesday, February 6th	
7:30AM	Rene A. Canuel
Wednesday, February 7th	
7:30AM	Hermogenes Cespedes
Thursday, February 8th	
7:30AM	Ralph Spinner
Friday, February 9th	
7:30AM	Special Intention Living Andrew Cody
Saturday, February 10th	
5:00PM	Paul Barklage
Sunday, February 11th	
8:00AM	Special Intention Living Jane and Jim Kelly & Family
11:00 AM	Our Parish Family

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

Baptism Preparation Class **will be February 25th 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

Classes for grades 1-7: February 11th
Classes for grades 8 & 9: February 11th
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Guarding Against the Spread of the Flu

We have implemented the following changes temporarily to guard against spreading germs:

1. We will eliminate the greeting of those around us before Mass.
2. We suggest refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer.
3. We will eliminate the Sign of Peace.
4. Communion of the Precious Blood from the chalice will be suspended. **We will need only the first three Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on the schedule.**
5. It is suggested that communicants receive the host in their hands. If you truly desire to receive the host on the tongue, please come in the Communion line to the priest, who has training and experience in avoiding contact with lips, tongue, and saliva.
6. We ask that you refrain from hand-shaking and embracing when leaving church after Mass.

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, 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, Santiagueta Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurriel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahon, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, Gisela MacDonald & Felix Soares For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Stewardship

A Way of Life

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."

1-27,28: Stewardship: \$3,430.00
Upcoming Second Collections:
Diocesan Assessment Feb. 11th
Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th Evangelization

Father Bouchard To Be Away

Father Bouchard is away on vacation (somewhere warm, he hopes!) until February 9. Father Paul Canuel, previous pastor here, will care for our parish during that time. Father Kevin Cody will also be available to assist. We thank these priests for their generous ministry.

Tax Reports

If you would like a record of your donations for **2017** for tax filing purposes, please contact our office. Thanks for your generosity throughout the year.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, February 5: St. Agatha, virgin, martyr (+ c. 251). This early saint is the patroness of Palermo and Catania, and is invoked for protection against volcanic eruptions and fires.

Tuesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki and companions, martyrs. Paul Miki, Jesuit scholastic, and his 25 companions, including two other Jesuits, six Franciscans, fifteen tertiaries, and two laymen, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi on February 5, 1597 at Nagasaki. Among them was the Mexican, Filipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified. They were canonized in 1862 by Pope Pius IX.

Thursday, February 8: St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin (+1947). Born around 1869 in Sudan and raised in the Islamic faith, she was kidnapped around the age of seven by slave traders who gave her the name, "Bakhita," meaning "lucky one." Around twelve she was sold and brought to Italy, where she was introduced to the faith, baptized, and eventually granted freedom. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity, and for 25 years served the sisters as cook, seamstress, and portress of their houses in Venice, Verona, and Schio. She was noted for her sweet nature and her musical voice. In 2000 she was canonized at the first Sudanese saint, as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

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.

Time To Return Last Year's Palms

Please return dried palms from last year to the basket in the vestibule no later than February 11th. They will be burned; some ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday and any surplus will be properly disposed of in the earth.

Lenten Devotions This Year

Believe it or not, Lent is "just around the corner." Ash Wednesday is February 14. Among other devotions this year (in addition to daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc.) will be daily Rosary – to be prayed before daily Mass and beginning at 7:10 am.

Thank You from the Cape Cod Council of Churches

A sincere note of thanks and appreciation has been received from Edye Nesmith, the Executive Director for the **800 pounds of coats, jackets, and warm accessories** that we collected and donated in December. They were distributed through A Baby Center, Hands of Hope, and Youth Street Reach, and have helped keep people warm and dry this winter.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, February 11, 2018 at St. Mary's Parish Center 8 am to 1 pm

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverage.
Tickets: \$10/adult; \$5/children
Benefits Seminarian Assistance Fund, providing scholarships for seminarians of our diocese.
Tickets available after Masses this weekend and at the door February 11th.

Nantucket in Naples (Florida, that is)

Our gathering took place Wednesday, January 31st at the home of Phil and Maureen Heasley. Deacon Don and Pam Battiston joined us from the East Coast and Ed and Wanda DeSeta came from South Carolina!

A great time was had by all who attended. A special thanks to our host and hostess for their warm welcome.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS WITH OUR YOUTH



First Communion: Will be celebrated at parish Masses (English and Spanish) on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 2018: 5 pm Saturday and 11 am Sunday in English and 5pm on Sunday in Spanish.



Confirmation: Will be celebrated on Ascension Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 4 pm. Our retired Bishop, George W. Coleman, will be the confirming prelate. Let's pray for our students preparing for these sacraments, and their families.

Nantucket Gathering on East Coast of Florida



Through the kindness of a parishioner, there will be a reception for members of our parish who are in the area of West Palm Beach during the week of February 19 to 23 (including Fr. Bouchard!). If you or someone you know will be in that area, please provide contact information to our office at 508-228-0100 or stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org.