



*Mass Intentions of the Week
First Sunday of Lent*

Saturday, February 17th	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 18th	
8:00AM	Kenny Aguiar
11:00 AM	Ryszard Wdowik
Monday, February 19th	
7:30AM	Edmund M. Reggie
Tuesday, February 20th	
7:30AM	Morgan Murray
Wednesday, February 21st	
7:30AM	For the intentions of Paige Matson
Thursday, February 22nd	
7:30AM	Margaret Bazin
Friday, February 23rd	
7:30AM	For the intentions of Erin Kelly
Saturday, February 24th	
5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, February 25th	
8:00AM	For the intentions of Michael & Karin Cody&family
11:00 AM	Michael Roche, Jr.

Mass at Our Island Home postponed until Monday, February 26th at 10:45am.

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

Next class March 11th for all grades

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.

Energize your day! Start with Mass!

Whatever your age- young, old, middle, teen, millennial, boomer-join us for a refreshing start to the day by attending daily Mass for an energizing launch. Conveniently timed at 7:30AM, it's an enriching opportunity to directly and personally thank the Lord for His blessings, to praise and adore Him, and to bring your needs directly to Him. Help fill St. Mary's with your energy, passion, and devotion. It'll make for a better world. Bring a relative or friend. Or six! Let's get this to go viral! Lent is a great time to start.

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 Podurgiel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahan, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partdrige, Fernando Gutierrez, Gisela MacDonald & Felix Soares For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Stewardship
A Way of Life

The water's of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through Christ."

Feb. 10,11: Stewardship: \$ 3,927.00
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment \$ 989.00
Upcoming Second Collections:
Feb.18th Catholic University of America

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday and Tuesday are weekdays in Lent.
Wednesday, February 21: St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church(+1072). He was a defender of the Gregorian reform while he was a monk; later he became the cardinal bishop of Ostia. He was a great promoter of religious life.

Thursday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle. Today's feast has its roots in the commemoration of dead relatives and friends celebrated in Rome between February 13-22. A chair was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the date of St. Peter's death was unknown, it came to be commemorated on February 22.

Friday, February 23: St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr (+around 155 at age 86). He was a disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna. His *Letter to the Philippians* witnesses to various New Testament writings. He was one of the first martyrs to be venerated. (The *Martyrdom of Polycarp* records his being burned at the stake.)

Thursday and Friday are weekdays of Lent.

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.



WEEKDAY MASS

Monday through Friday,

Mass will be at 7:30am

Rosary

Among other devotions this year, there will be a daily Rosary- to be prayed before daily Mass and beginning at 7:10 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekly during Lent on Wednesdays at

5:15pm, beginning February 21st,

**followed by lite bite meal
in the Parish Center.**

Spanish Stations of the Cross

Weekly during Lent on Fridays at 7:00pm

Reconciliation

There will be a **Lenten Penance Service** on Wednesday, March 21st, beginning at 5:45 pm after the Stations of the Cross.

REMINDER:

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



Encounter Majd and his family

Through the CRS Rice Bowl collection materials, we encounter Majd and his family, in Iraq. They were forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their home to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who supported our Pancakes for Priests- seminarian assistance breakfast. It was a great success. A special thanks to Fr. Bouchard for the use of the Parish Center.

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.

2018 Women and Men's Conference Be on Fire – Set the World on Fire

This one-day Lenten program, featuring guest speakers, prayer, music and Mass, will take place Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College. Get details and register online at www.fallriverdiocese.org.

Altar Servers Needed

We need new altar servers for Mass. Boys and girls grade 3 through high school are welcome to sign up for our training sessions: Monday's March 5, 12, 19, at 3:30pm-4:30pm. Please sign up by contacting Soo Woodley at the parish office: soo@stmarysnantucket.org.