



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Second Sunday of Easter*

Saturday, April 7th	
5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, April 8th	
8:00 AM	Ernest Oliver, Sr.
11:00 AM	Margaret Bazin
Monday, April 9th	
7:30AM	John Morgan, III
Tuesday, April 10th	
7:30AM	John & Grayce O'Neill
Wednesday, April 11th	
7:30AM	Barbara Knight
Thursday, April 12th	
7:30AM	Ralph F. Spinnler
Friday, April 13th	
7:30 AM	Bill Hays
Saturday, April 14th	
5:00PM	Virginia Ramos, John & Ralph Correia, Alfred & Clara Barrows
Sunday, April 15th	
8:00AM	Joan Elrick Clarke
11:00 AM	Our Parish Family

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday, April 29 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

**All classes meet this weekend April 8th.
Next class, and the last class, is April 29th.**

Easter



A great big thank you to all who helped make our celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter such prayerful and inspiring liturgies. Thanks to the Liturgy Committee, the decorators, the servers, the readers, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers, the collectors, the musicians, the singers, and the leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It was obvious that everybody did their best to be devout, dedicated and prayerful. Our parishioners and guests appreciated our efforts in the name of the Lord, and as pastor I am very grateful. Thank you for making my Easter so beautiful. Thanks, also to those who provided offerings for flowers and decorations. Finally, thanks to those who sent cards, notes, and "goodies."

Fr. Bouchard

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

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Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Mar. 31 & Apr. 1: Stewardship: \$4,460.00
Special Collection: Easter Flowers \$2,031.00
Upcoming Second Collection: Apr. 15 Diocesan Assessment

Noting the Easter Season in Church and Liturgy

Until Pentecost (May 20) the Easter Candle will be lit whenever we celebrate the Eucharist. At Sunday Mass the Sprinkling Rite will replace the Penitential Act; we will use the Apostles' Creed; and our response to the Universal Prayer, or the General Intercessions, will be: **"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."**

Sacrament of Marriage

Please remember this couple in your prayers as they celebrate this special sacrament on April 14, 2018.

Michael McGonagle & Caitlan Williams

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, April 9: The Annunciation of the Lord – when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of God's Son. Bewildered at first, Mary in trust and faith gave her *fiat* – "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." And by the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus was conceived in her womb. Transferred from March 25 because of Holy Week. Nine months from that date we will celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Wednesday, April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr (+1079). The patron of Poland, he was slain by the oppressive and savage king, Boleslaus.

Friday, April 13: St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr (+656). As a deacon he served at the imperial court in Constantinople. As pope he was forced from Rome to Constantinople where he was tried for treason. He was the last pope to be martyred.

Remaining days are weekdays of the Easter Season.

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.

Listening Sessions with Bishop Da Cunha

Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church! Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process. They are scheduled as follows: April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 18, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans; April 20, St. Julie Billiart Parish, Dartmouth; and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville; May 4, in Spanish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, New Bedford; May 9, St. Ann Parish, Raynham; May 11, in Portuguese, St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00PM with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00PM.

Parish Mission Statement

Our Pastoral Council has established a Mission Statement for our parish. It identifies who we are and what our goals are. It provides us with guidance and tells guests and visitors what is important to us. The statement: *St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle Parish is a loving Catholic Faith community. Inspired by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to live out our faith through action and service to all. United, we bring together year-round and seasonal parishioners of many different heritages from our diverse island community to foster hope and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer.*

HOMILY SERIES ON PRIESTLY MINISTRY

Father Marcel Bouchard will be leaving us and beginning his retirement at the end of June. Plans are underway for a farewell and retirement celebration on June 24 (details will be announced soon). We must also be preparing ourselves to warmly welcome our new pastor – our bishop will announce his name soon. Meanwhile, our native Nantucket priest, Father Kevin Cody, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 10 (at the 11:00am Mass). With all of this in mind, Father Marcel is preparing a series of homilies on priestly ministry and his experiences as a priest for 46 years. They will be preached, through the Easter season, from this weekend through Pentecost (May 20).

APRIL 7 – 8 Fr. Bouchard is celebrating the 5:00pm and 11:00am Masses. Based on the readings, his topic is "Parishes: Communities I have experienced".

APRIL 14 – 15 Fr. Bouchard will most likely be celebrating the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses. Based on the readings, his topic will be: "Ministry at Funerals".

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 5 pm 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.



Scholarships for High School Seniors

Our parish is happy to be able to award three scholarships this year. Two or three will be presented through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus (T.J. McGee Council #2612). The third will be the St. Mary's John Pardi Scholarship. The deadline for applying is fast approaching. For details on applying see the Nantucket High School website; look under Community Scholarships. They are arranged alphabetically.

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

This liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children takes place during the 11 am Mass on Sunday. This wonderful program provides a liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children.. We are always in need of more leaders and assistants. This is a great way for parents to get involved in the religious formation of their children. If you can help, please contact Leslie Bresette at 508.228.9728 or Leslie.bresette@gmail.com