



*Mass Intentions of the Week  
Third Sunday of Easter*

**Saturday, April 14th**

5:00 PM Virginia Ramos, John & Ralph Correia,  
Alfred & Clara Barrows

**Sunday, April 15th**

8:00 AM Joan Elrick Clarke  
11:00 AM Our Parish Family

**Monday, April 16th**

7:30AM Donald Allen, Jr.  
10:45 AM Our Island Home

**Tuesday, April 17th**

7:30AM Pauline Minstrell

**Wednesday, April 18th**

7:30AM For the intentions of Jean Duarte

**Thursday, April 19th**

7:30AM Edmund M. Reggie

**Friday, April 20th**

7:30 AM For the intentions of Fr. Marcel Bouchard

**Saturday, April 21st**

5:00PM Leo E. Costa, Jr.

**Sunday, April 22nd**

8:00AM Our Parish Family  
11:00 AM Carol Keough

**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**

**Next class, and the last class, is April 29<sup>th</sup>.**



**EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS:**

Thank you for your generosity, which enabled us to decorate the church so beautifully. Please see insert for names of those remembered (deceased) or honored (living).

**Intentions – a Happy Problem**

So many people are requesting Masses for their departed loves ones – especially Sunday Masses – that we are instituting the following policy to give more people a greater variety of Masses to choose from: **The Mass intentions book will open six months in advance only. So, on April 1, 2018 the book was opened for intentions up to September 30, 2018. Please do not request a Mass beyond these parameters.**

Please note that the Church requests that the pastor celebrate one Mass for the people of his parish each Sunday. That's why on Saturday or Sunday there is always an intention for "Our Parish Family." This Mass is always for **YOU!**

**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.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Apr. 7 & 8: Stewardship \$4,137.00

**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 21, 2018.

Chris Lewis and Kathryn Kelly

## **THIS WEEK AT MASS**

All Masses this week are of the weekdays of the Easter Season. We celebrate the greatness of the Resurrection throughout the Easter Season, which extends to Pentecost, May 20.

For more information on saints of the day click on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org), the daily features, saint of the day. There is a link on our website.

### **Listening Sessions with Bishop Da Cunha**

At its last meeting (April 9) our pastoral council discussed the Bishop's recent letter on Strategic Planning and prepared remarks to be submitted to him. The following sessions remain – for anyone who might like to be involved in person:

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**

*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.*

### **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.

### **Tootsie Roll Drive after Masses on April 28 & 29**

This annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" is a nationwide effort made by the Knights of Columbus Organization. The goal is to raise money to assist those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities as well as the Special Olympics - a Tootsie Roll is offered to donors as a token of appreciation. Knights wearing the familiar yellow and red aprons will greet you after Mass. Thank you for your help.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14-15** This week, he is celebrating the Masses at 8:00am and 11:00am. His topic is "Ministry at Funerals".

**April 21-22:** Next weekend, he will be celebrating the Masses at 8:00am and 11:00am. His topic will be "Ministry with Children".

**April 28-29:** The Catholic Charities Appeal will be shown at all Masses. Father Marcel will introduce this with brief comments on "the Church at Large". He is scheduled to celebrate the 5:00pm and 11:00am Masses.

## **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.

### **Our Part-Time Residents**

Since this is your parish for part of the year, we would like to know who you are. Please register by contacting the office: 508-228-0100 or [stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org) Also, if you fill a liturgical ministry, we would like to have your help while you are here. Just let us know your ministry and which Mass you prefer to attend. Note: We always need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop da Cunha** - Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that day, Bishop daCunha will be leading a holy hour for vocations in our diocese at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River at 3:00pm. Deacon Dan Nunes, one of the transitional deacons for our diocese who is to be ordained a priest this June 9th will be preaching. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this beautiful time of prayer.