



Mass Intentions of the Week
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015

Saturday, November 28th	
5:00PM	Beau Biden
Sunday, November 29th	
8:00AM	Frances Perry
11:00AM	Joseph Megliola
Monday, November 30th	
7:30AM	Beau Biden
Tuesday, December 1st	
7:30AM	Rita Tucker
Wednesday, December 2nd	
7:30AM	William Jackimczyk
Thursday, December 3rd	
7:30AM	Catherine (Kay) Mack
Friday, December 4th	
7:30AM	Joseph Cody
Saturday, December 5th	
5:00PM	Grace C. MacEachern
Sunday, December 6th	
8:00AM	Michael & Mary Clarke
11:00AM	Toni Ramos

REMINDER: Bulletin announcements must be in writing and in the office by Monday at Noon.

Baptism Parents Meeting

The next Baptism class will be **Sunday, December 27 at 12:30pm** at the Parish Center (church lower level). Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30pm during September to June. Please contact the office for information and to register.

BLESSING OF ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We will begin the new Liturgical Year on the first Sunday of Advent, this weekend. At Masses we will ask God's blessing on all who minister at our liturgies – choir and musicians, leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, servers, and ushers. They will be invited forward for our prayers and recognition at each Mass.

The Advent Wreath

This weekend we will bless our parish Advent Wreath and light the first candle.



By the Middle Ages, Christians used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (cf. John 3:19-21). By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.



St. Mary's Youth Group will be meeting at the Church for Christmas Caroling- December 11 at 5 PM.
More information to follow. Call Kenny Hilbig, Youth Minister with questions. 508-901-3311

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, Roger Godeau, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Bill Iller, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Gordon Gallagher, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Anne Woodley, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Rudy Vaccari, Davy Walker, Michaela Gulley, Bonnie Woodley, Gladys Zodda, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almadobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Joshua Elvis Butler, Charles Howard, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Marie Blasi, Lee Burne, Mary Steinemer, Roseanne McGuinn, Roy Barrett, Manuel Martin, Marge Mock, Joan McDonald, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Ethel Dunham, Phyllis Slaterry, Suzanne Wright, Marsha Limperis. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Stewardship A Way of Life

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"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

November 22- 1st Collection –

Second Collection-November 22-

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Amounts not available when bulletin went to print.



Newly Trained Altar Servers

Adney Brannigan, Gabriel Fitzpatrick, Joan Harris, Joseph Larrabee, Nora Sullivan, and Corey Washington. They will begin serving when the new schedule begins, this weekend. We congratulate them and thank them and their parents for their dedication to the Lord and to our parish.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle. He was the brother of Simon Peter and a disciple of John the Baptist. Tradition holds that he preached north of the Black Sea and in Greece, and died, bound to an X-shaped cross. He is the patron of Russia and Scotland, the Greek Church, and of the fishing industry.

Thursday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, priest (+1552). One of the founding Jesuits, he preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. With St. Theresa of the Child Jesus he is co-patron of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions. 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.

THANKSGIVING

Thanks to all who assisted us in celebrating Thanksgiving in such a beautiful way at Mass last Wednesday evening.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: December 24th at 5PM

Midnight: Replaced by Mass at 10PM – with all the solemnity of the midnight Mass.

Christmas Day: 9AM

Spanish Mass: Vigil: December 24th at 7 PM

Sign-up sheet for liturgical ministers at all English Masses are posted in the vestibule.

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

For Advent and Christmas devotion are available in the vestibule: Flat blue in English and glossy blue in Spanish.

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

CALENDARS FOR 2016

They are at the entrances. Please take one, and note the beautiful pictures of our Holy Father Francis. They have been made available by the John Lawrence Funeral Home: we thank them for their generosity.

LECTORS

Please pick up your new *Workbook for Lectors*. They are labelled and available at the rear of the church.



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NO Classes- Thanksgiving

December 6th

Grades 1-7: Nantucket New School, 9:30-10:30AM
Confirmation I: Parish Center 9:30-10:30AM

LORD, HAVE MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy starts on December 8, 2015. It will be a year to heed Pope Francis' call to "gaze even more attentively on mercy, so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." This whole liturgical year, beginning with this weekend, we will keep the Pope's plea in mind by using "**LORD, HAVE MERCY**" as the response to the Universal Prayer or General Intercessions.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Bishop da Cunha has announced that beginning in January 2016 the Fall River Diocese will begin to implement a parish assessment of its 82 parishes in order to fund the operations of the Diocese's central administration, which supports all diocesan parishes and institutions. Over the next few weeks we will present various factors that are involved.

- Assessment amounts will be equitable and proportionate to income. Parishes with the least income will be assessed 8%; those with mid-range income will be assessed 11%; those with larger incomes will be assessed 14%.
- Parishes are part of the Fall River Diocese and income offered through a parish assessment policy is another way to share in its overall mission.



Knights of Columbus



Coffee & pastries **this** Sunday after 11 AM Mass-
Parish Center



♦ ♦ ♦ **December 5th & 6th :after all Masses**
Drive for Children with Developmental Difficulties
(formerly the Tootsie Roll Drive)