



Mass Intentions of the Week

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015

Saturday, December 5th

5:00PM

Grace C. MacEachern

Sunday, December 6th

8:00AM

Michael & Mary Clarke

11:00AM

Toni Ramos

Monday, December 7th

7:30AM

Irene A. (Rock) Morin

7:00PM

Holy Day Vigil-Spanish

Holy Day -Tuesday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM

Edmond & Eloise Menard

5:15PM

Our Parish Family

Wednesday, December 9th

7:30AM

Erin Van Flandern

Thursday, December 10th

7:30AM

Jorge Rivera

Friday, December 11th

7:30AM

Joseph Cody

Saturday, December 12th

5:00PM

H. Flint Ranney

Sunday, December 13th

8:00AM

Children of Newtown Connecticut

11:00AM

Our Parish Family

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil: Monday, December 7:

Mass at 7pm in Spanish

Tuesday, December 8, 2014

Masses at 7:30 am and 5:15 pm in English

Followed by Lite Bite meal and presentation on the 50th.

Anniversary of the ending of the Second Vatican Council.

Liturgical Ministers sign-up sheet posted in vestibule.

Church Reforms at Vatican II

50th. Anniversary of the Council's Conclusion

December 8, 2015, Tuesday 6:15pm (after 5:15pm Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass) "Church Reforms at Vatican II." On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we'll mark the 50th anniversary of Vatican II's conclusion. After a Mass at 5:15, there will be a "lite bites" supper in the Parish Center, a presentation, and a discussion of where we are in the history of Church reforms. We Hope that every interested parishioner can participate. All are welcome.

Baptism Parents Meeting The next Baptism Preparation Class will be **Sunday, December 27 at 12:30pm. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.** Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually



at 12:30pm September to June.

Please join St. Mary's Youth Group and all Religious Education Students for a special Caroling Session at the Church.

December 11 from 5 pm to 6:30pm.

Refreshments will be served.

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 Slattery, Suzanne Wright, Tom Murphy, Marsha Limperis. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Stewardship A Way of Life

Second Sunday of Advent

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

November 22nd First Collection \$3,415.00

November 22nd Second-Human Development \$1,420.00

November 29th: \$3,942.00

LECTORS

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (+397). Born of noble parents and classically educated; while a catechumen he was chosen by popular acclaim as bishop of Milan and consecrated on this date in 374. He was a compelling preacher and defender of the faith against Arianism. He baptized St. Augustine, and along with Saints Jerome, Augustine, and Gregory is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church.

Tuesday, December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – **a holy day of obligation.** This feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" originated in the 7th. Century and was established as a solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. We celebrate the fact that in preparation for her role as the mother of God Mary was kept free from the stain of sin from the first moment of her conception. Under this title Mary is the patroness of the U.S., Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **See Mass schedule above.**

Wednesday, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin ("talking eagle"). In 1531 Our Lady appeared four times to this native convert at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. A member of the Chichimeca people, he was perhaps a leader of his own people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry. Known for his holiness, he devoted himself, tradition says, to the pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image of Mary imprinted on his cloak. Pope John Paul II canonized him July 31, 2002. All other days are weekdays of Advent. 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.

The Advent Wreath



This Sunday two candles will be lit.

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.

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.



Nantucket in Naples (Florida, that is)

A gathering of parishioners and friends in the Southwest Region of Florida that takes place while Father Bouchard is vacationing in that area.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

5pm to 7pm

Please provide your winter contact information to the office.

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.

- This new parish assessment policy will not affect the Catholic Charities Appeal. The annual springtime campaign provides funding for the charitable services and programs sponsored by the Diocese such as Catholic Social Services to help those in need throughout Southeastern Mass., Cape Cod and the Island.
- Monies held for Perpetual Care for the Cemeteries are held in a separate fund and are whole and intact.



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.

Reconciliation (Individual Confession)
Saturday, 4 to 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 to 6:00pm
Tuesday, December 22, 8:00 to 8:30am