



Mass Intentions of the Week

Second Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016

Saturday, April 2nd 5:00PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, April 3rd 8:00AM	Allen E., Allen S. & Mollie Norcross
11:00AM	Rudy Vaccari
Monday, April 4th 7:30AM	Sheddon Sangunetti
Tuesday, April 5th 7:30AM	Joseph Slamiak, Sr.
Wednesday, April 6th 7:30AM	Albert C. & Rosalena A. Johnson
Thursday, April 7th 7:30AM	No Intention
Friday, April 8th 7:30AM	Joseph Cody
Saturday, April 9th 5:00PM	Virginia Ramos, Ralph "Skippy" Correia John Correia, Alfred & Clara Barrows
Sunday, April 10th 8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	John O'Sullivan

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

Baptism Parents Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be **Sunday, April 24** at **12:30pm** in the Parish Center (lower church). **Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.** Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30pm September to June.

Religious Education

April 3: Grades 1-7	NNS from 9:30 to 10:30AM
Confirmation I:	Parish Center from 9:30 to 10:30AM
April 10: Grades 1-7:	NNS from 9:30 to 10:30AM
Confirmation I:	Parish Center from 9:30 to 10:30AM
Confirmation II: RETREAT	

The Confirmation Class (grade 9) will have their special retreat next Sunday, April 10th, beginning with the 11 am Mass. Let's pray for them in a special way.



Confirmation

Celebrating Sacraments With Our Youth

Confirmation will be celebrated on

Ascension Thursday, May 5th. Retired Bishop of Fall River, Most Reverend George Coleman, will be the confirming prelate.

First Communion will be May 14th:
9:00AM in English and 2:00PM in Spanish.



Holy Communion

Please pray for the students preparing for these sacraments, their parents and teachers.



High School Seniors

Check the High School website for scholarship opportunities offered by the parish and by our Knights of Columbus. Deadline for applications is approaching.

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, Davy Walker, 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, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Suzanne Wright, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Fred Sirianni. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; 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

Stewardship A Way of Life

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"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed." Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living in joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

2/28 Easter Flowers	\$ 2,385.00
3/13 & 3/24 Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 4,348.50
3/25 Good Friday-Church in Eastern & Central Europe	\$ 907.00
3/27 Easter Sunday 1 st Our Parish	\$12,029.00
3/27 2 nd Retired & Infirm Priest	\$ 3,617.00

Mark Your Calendars

Retreat directed by Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM, Cap. this summer: He will preach at all Masses July 30 and 31, and preach the retreat each day August 1-4. More to come... Father was warmly received when he gave his first retreat here a few years ago. It's sure to be an inspiring spiritual journey.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, April 4: 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. Nine months from this day we will celebrate the birth of the Lord. Transferred to this date, because March 25, usual date, was during Holy Week.

Tuesday, April 5: St. Vincent Ferrer, O.P., priest (+ 1419). Born in Valencia, he was a noted orator and missionary preacher.

Thursday, April 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest (+ 1719). He was a canon of the diocese of Rheims, and gave away his fortune to found the Brothers of the Christian School (FSC) in 1680.

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.



Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl if you have not yet done so.



LORD, HAVE MERCY

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began 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 we will keep the Pope's plea in mind by using “**LORD, HAVE MERCY**” as the response to the Universal Prayer or General Intercessions.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Through the weeks of the Easter Season we will reflect on the corporal works of mercy. Our focus this Sunday will be Visit the Sick. Next Sunday we'll reflect on Feed the Hungry.

Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It With Others

There are still a few copies of this wonderful book in the vestibule. Please take one, if you have not already done so.

Easter Thank you



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 decorators, the servers, the readers, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the ushers, the musicians and the singers, and the leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thanks also to those who made our Easter Egg Hunt so much fun for all.

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



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).

Ever think about attending weekday Mass?

The numbers at weekday Mass (Monday through Friday) are dwindling. Some of our senior citizens who attended faithfully have gone home to God. Others have become unable to get out. It's time for a new generation to bring the needs of their families, the Church, and the world to weekday Mass. It's a great opportunity to thank the Lord for His blessings, to praise and adore Him, and to bring our needs to Him. Try coming once or twice a week as a special devotion. Bring a relative or friend, then have a treat for breakfast!