



Mass Intentions of the Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016

Saturday, April 16th 5:00PM	Isabelle & Charles Raneri
Sunday, April 17th 8:00AM	Joan Elrick Clarke
11:00AM	Our Parish Family
Monday, April 18th 7:30AM	Michele Magee Benedict
10:40AM	Our Island Home
Tuesday, April 19th 7:30AM	Patricia G. Newhouse
Wednesday, April 20th 7:30AM	John Charles DeNiro
Thursday, April 21st 7:30AM	Dianne T. Whelden & Elaine T. Parlow
Friday, April 22nd 7:30AM	No Intention
Saturday, April 23rd 5:00PM	Zachary Lopian
Sunday, April 24th 8:00AM	Michele Magee Benedict
11:00AM	Our Parish Family

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

Parish Office closed Monday, April 18 for Patriot's Day. Have a safe long weekend.

Baptism Parents Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be **next Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 pm** 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



Confirmation



Holy Communion

Celebrating Sacraments With Our Youth

Confirmation will be celebrated on
Ascension Thursday, May 5th at 4:00pm.

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.

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

With the classes on April 10 our Religious Education Program for grades 1 and 3-8 ended for this school year. Classes for First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 9) continue. Thanks to all who participated, especially our dedicated and faith-filled teachers, aides and assistants under the direction of Michelle Allen.

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. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Stewardship A Way of Life

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Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

4/10 Weekly Stewardship \$2,2919.00

Up coming second collections:

First: 4-17 Weekly Stewardship Offering
Second: 4-17 Monthly Building Improvements
First: 4-24 Weekly Stewardship Offering

Gluten Free Hosts

Now available, upon request for those with celiac disease or wheat allergy. Please see the sacristan ten minutes prior to the Mass.

Faith Formation Program

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Thursday, April 21: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (+1109). Abbot of Bec in Normandy; later archbishop of Canterbury. He is known as the "Father of Scholasticism."

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.

Other 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 15. During this time the Easter candle will be lit each time we gather for Mass.

Noting the Easter Season in Church and Liturgy

The Easter Season extends until Pentecost, May 15 this year. Until then the special baptismal font will honor the "bath of regeneration" that is baptism, and the Easter Candle will remain next to the ambo and be lit whenever we celebrate the Eucharist. At Sunday Mass the Sprinkling Rite will replace the Penitential Act (to remind us of baptism); and we will use the Apostles' Creed because it is so similar to our baptismal promises renewed at Easter.

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!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

Catholic Charities Appeal

Soon you should receive information about the 2016 Catholic Charities Appeal. Once a year, Bishop da Cunha invites each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan apostolates and ministries that enhance our church by helping all of God's children build deeper and more meaningful relationships with Him. The Appeal extends from May 1 to June 30, 2016.

The Summer Fair

Believe It Or Not!

It's time to begin planning and preparing for our Summer Fair, which will be July 2, 2016. If you can help in any way, please come to our first planning meeting: **Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the Parish Center, at 5:15 pm.** Amanda Congdon, who will be working with Judith Wodynski, will chair the meeting.



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 **Clothe the Naked.** Next Sunday we'll reflect on **Bury the dead.**

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

Please note chapters concerning the "Work" on which we will reflect each Sunday.

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.

Goin' Gatsby A Cabaret

To benefit the Addiction Solutions Fund – aiding the recovery of Nantucket residents who are struggling with opioid addiction.

Dixieland Direct Jazz Band from DC

Saturday, April 30

8 to 11 pm

Nantucket Hotel Ball Room

Tickets: cfan.tix.com; general admission \$125.00 person.