



Mass Intentions of the Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

Saturday, April 23rd	
5:00PM	Zachary Lopian
Sunday, April 24th	
8:00AM	Michele Magee Benedict
11:00AM	Our Parish Family
Monday, April 25th	
7:30AM	Michael Coppinger
Tuesday, April 26th	
7:30AM	Ruth Ann Flanagan
Wednesday, April 27th	
7:30AM	Anthony Riccio
Thursday, April 28th	
7:30AM	Beau Biden
Friday, April 29th	
7:30AM	Richard E. Lewis, Jr.
Saturday, April 30th	
5:00PM	James Duarte
Sunday, May 1st	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Our Parish Family

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 **this 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.

Faith Formation Program

With the classes on April 10 our Religious Education Program for grades 1 and 3-8 ended for this school year. 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, Kathy Sherman. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Stewardship A Way of Life

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In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

4/17 First Weekly Stewardship \$3,063.56

4/17 Second Building Improvements \$1,380.00

Up coming second collections:

First: 4-24 Weekly Stewardship Offering



K of C Upcoming Events

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities:

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations before and after all Masses on Daffodil weekend, April 30 and May 1 in support of this statewide effort. Please enjoy a Tootsie Roll as a token of appreciation.

Spaghetti Supper for Scholarships: Saturday, May 7 at 6 to 8pm. Adults: \$10. children: \$5. Tickets will be available before and after weekend Masses, April 23/24 and April 30/May 1 and at the door. Or contact Mike at 508-228-9439 or Dave at 508-228-4887.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, April 25: St. Mark, evangelist (+first century). He was a cousin of Barnabas and associated with Saints Paul and Peter. The gospel ascribed to him is the oldest (probably written before the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD) and the shortest.

Thursday, April 28: St. Peter Mary Chanel (+1841), was a French Marist missionary on the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futura, where he was martyred.

Friday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church (+1380). She was a Dominican tertiary, a mystic, and an author.

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.

Diocese of Fall River

The Bishop has assembled a Parish Pastoral Task Force to work with the Office of Pastoral Planning to conduct a **"Parish Evaluation of Criteria for Planning."**

In each parish a Core Team will be assembled to assist the pastor in completing a parish survey, which will provide the foundational information for this process, called: **REBUILDING IN FAITH AND HOPE.**

Our parish will join all the others in our diocese in conducting this process. Names of those invited to the Core Team will be announced soon.

An online survey will be available to any parishioner who would like to participate. As soon as it is made available we will provide the link to it here in the bulletin, on the website and on the App. The goal is to accomplish all this by May 31.



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. **Next Sunday we'll hear from him at all Masses via modern technology (DVD!).** The Appeal extends from May 1 to June 30, 2016.



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 **Bury the Dead.** Next Sunday we'll reflect on **Welcome the Stranger.** We'll do this as we share Bishop da Cunha's appeal for our generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

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.

Honoring Significant Wedding Anniversaries An Invitation

At the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, June 25 we'll bless with special prayers the marriages of those having significant wedding anniversaries this year. This will include those married 1, 25, 40, 50, and 60 years (and any couples married longer than that!). After Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the rectory yard. So that we can send invitations, we need to know who is celebrating these milestones; our census information is not complete in this regard. Please let us know if you or anyone you love is having one of these anniversaries in calendar 2016 – they can be full or part time residents, regular visitors, or occasional guests. Send a note to the office, call, or email stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org (write "anniversary celebration" on the subject line, please).

Goin' Gatsby A Cabaret

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

Dixieland Direct Jazz Band from DC

Saturday, April 30

8 to 11 pm

Nantucket Hotel Ball room

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