

Mass Intentions of the Week

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017

Happy New Year

Saturday, December 31st

5:00PM

Helene & Harold Pike
Myra & Philip Marks, Sr.
Spanish Mass

7:00PM

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:00AM

Our Parish Family
Rosanne McGuinn

11:00AM

(NO Spanish Mass on Sunday, January 1, 2017)

Monday, January 2nd

7:30AM

Liam Davidson-special intentions-Living

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:30AM

No Intention

Wednesday, January 4th

7:30AM

Maxine Teasdale

Thursday, January 5th

7:30AM

No Intention

Friday, January 6th

7:30AM

No Intention

Saturday, January 7th

5:00PM

Edward & Catherine (Souza) Piculell

Sunday, January 8th

8:00AM

Our Parish Family
Warren VanderBurgh

11:00AM

Happy New Year!

Parish Office Closed, Monday, January 2, 2017
Will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at
9:00AM

Baptism Parents Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Classes will be **Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center.** Please contact the parish office for details. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from September to June.

Live Streaming in "realtime" of our Church

At any time during daylight hours "visit" our church on your computer or mobile device: Go to our website and click on Live Streaming, or use our App (found at St. Mary, Nantucket). Visit during Mass times to pray with the celebration of the Eucharist.

WORD MADE FLESH, HEAR OUR PRAYER

During the Christmas season, from Christmas to the Baptism of the Lord, we use this refrain as our response to the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful/General Intercessions). It will help us reflect our joy that the Son of God has been born among us. At the end of each petition please respond: **WORD MADE FLESH, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Thank You

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Thank you to those who donated so generously so that our church can be so beautiful for the Christmas season. Please see bulletin insert for the names of those living and dead that you asked to be remembered.

Decorating the Church

Thanks to all those who gave their time and energy to the decoration of the church, under the direction of Deborah Wilson. Your work helps us celebrate the joy of Christmas.

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, Joan Wilson Godeau, Peter Dugan, Bill Iller, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almadobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, Marie Blasi, Lee Rand Burne, Roy Barrett, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Ceil Dragon, Barbara Carvalho, John Grangrade, Phyllis Slattery, Tom Murphy, Xavier Andrade, Shannon Reeves, Kathy Sherman, Patricia & Charlie Andrade, Barbara Mintz, Richard Ross, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage. Santiaguita Hernandez For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:1-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
or 3:28, 31-34, 36, 38

First Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

Stewardship A Way of Life

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the old law and have become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

12-25 Christmas \$9,034.00

Upcoming collections:

Jan 1: First-Parish Stewardship

Second-Diocesan Assessment

St. Vincent de Paul-any basket during the month

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church. Basil (+ 379) was a hermit who became bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Gregory Nazianzen (+ 379) was the Patriarch of Constantinople and was noted for his knowledge of sacred Scripture, his outstanding teaching abilities, and his eloquence.

Tuesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus. Through the particular efforts of St. Bernadine of Siena devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus (= "Yahweh is salvation") was promoted through the inscription of the monogram of the Holy Name IHS (an abbreviation of the Greek name for Jesus (the first three letters in Greek), and the addition of the name of Jesus to the Hail Mary.

Wednesday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (+ 1821). Raised Episcopalian, wife and mother of five children, foundress of the first congregation for woman religious in the USA, the Sisters of Charity, devoted primarily to the education of the poor and to teaching in parochial schools. She was the first native born citizen canonized (1975).

Thursday, January 5: St. John Neumann, bishop (+1860). He was a missionary from Bohemia, a Redemptorist, and became the bishop of Philadelphia. He was known for his holiness and learning and promoted parochial schools. He was the first American bishop canonized (1977).

Friday, January 6: St. Andre Bessette, religious (+1937). He was orphaned at 12 and became a Holy Cross Brother. He spent four years in the US as a mill worker. Called the "Miracle Man of Montreal," where he founded the Oratory of St. Joseph. Over one million people paid their respects at the time of his death. Canonized October 17, 2010.

The Christmas season extends to the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 9, 2017.

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.



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 8, 2017
5pm to 7pm

Please provide your winter contact information to the office.

TIME TO SIGN UP!

Thank You

A heart-felt thank you to all who helped make our celebration of Christmas so beautiful, prayerful and devout. Thanks to the musicians, the choir and cantors, the lectors, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the altar servers, the sacristans, sanctuary and linen cleaners, the ushers and collectors, and especially to the decorators, who so enhanced the simple beauty of our church. And thanks to all who came to worship with us.

A special personal thank you to all who sent cards, gifts, goodies, and other surprises to celebrate the season. You add warmth and fond memories to the gift of allowing me to be your pastor. I appreciate all you do to help me in my ministry among you.

Love,

Fr. Marcel

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Western Europe

October 18 to 31, 2017 Father Bouchard will be spiritual director for a pilgrimage to many of the shrines of European saints, including Fatima, Santiago, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes and Paris. Please contact Father Bouchard if you are interested or have any questions.

Foundation to Advance Catholic Education **Winter Brunch**

The 12th annual Foundation to Advance Catholic Education, Inc. (FACE) winter brunch will be hosted by The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Bishop of Fall River: Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the Coonamessett Inn of Falmouth from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Proceeds from the event benefit FACE, which provides need-based scholarships to children attending Catholic schools on Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts. Please contact Jane Robin at 508-759-3566.

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