



Mass Intentions of the Week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017

Saturday, January 21st	
5:00PM	Antonio & Lucia D'Amato
Sunday, January 22nd	
8:00AM	Ghislain Abreu Nunez
11:00AM	Our Parish Family
Monday, January 23rd	
7:30AM	Bonnie Woodley
Tuesday, January 24th	
7:30AM	Robert W. Allen
Wednesday, January 25th	
7:30AM	William Carroll
Thursday, January 26th	
7:30AM	No Intention
Friday, January 27th	
7:30AM	Prayer Service & Communion
Saturday, January 28th	
5:00PM	John McDonald, Sr.
Sunday, January 29th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Elizabeth "Bette" Cody

Tax Reports

If you would like a record of your donations for **2016** for tax filing purposes, please contact our office, and allow five working days for processing. Thanks for your generosity throughout the year.

Baptism Parents Meeting

The next Baptism Preparation Classes will be **next 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 October to June.

Religious Education

NNS=Nantucket New School
FGH=Fr. Griffin Hall

January 22nd: Grade 1-8, NNS 9:30 to 10:30AM
January 22nd: Confirmation Grade II FGH 6 to 7:30PM



Online Giving Tip

Are you having any difficulties accessing your accounts or making changes to their donation/payment information? The Our Sunday Visitor Support Team would be happy to assist you with any problems: Just call 800-348-2886, Option 4.

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.

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Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

Stewardship A Way of Life

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The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

1-15-2017 First-Stewardship \$3,924.00
1-15-2017 Communication Campaign \$1,000.00

Upcoming collections:

St. Vincent de Paul-any basket during the month

Information Session for Immigrants

January 22nd: 4:00pm to 5:30pm at St. Mary's Church.
In English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

* Presenters are immigration lawyers from our diocese's Catholic Social Services.

*Preparing for President Trump: how immigrants can protect themselves and their families."

Father Bouchard To Be Away

Father Bouchard will be away on vacation (somewhere warm, he hopes!) from February 1 to February 17. Father Paul Canuel, previous pastor here, will care for our parish during that time. We welcome Father and give thanks for his generous ministry.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, January 23: Day of Prayer and Penance (see below). Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life will be celebrated with white vestments.

Tuesday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church (+ 1622). As the Bishop of Geneva he sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings. He is the patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

Wednesday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends on this day, with the celebration of the conversion of St. Paul, who became the "apostle to the nations." For more information, see below.

Thursday, January 26; Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops (+ first century). Timothy was from Lystra in Asia Minor, and Titus was of Greek origin (maybe Antioch?). They were companions of St. Paul and overseers of the churches of Ephesus and Crete, respectively.

Friday, January 27: St. Angela Merici, virgin (+ 1540). She was the foundress of the Ursulines, the first teaching order especially for poor young girls.

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.

JANUARY 22 AND 23

DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* which legalized abortion. "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #373). Our observance of this sad anniversary, then, will take place this year on Monday, January 23. The 7:30 am Mass that day will use prayers from the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life."

Don't Forget!

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

This is the last chance to let us know your contact information.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 to 25, 2017

The 2017 theme: On the occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation, the theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen. The materials for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have two accents: reflection upon the main concerns of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation and secondly recognizing the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the unity of the Church. In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation. For more information go to: www.geii.org



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