



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Saturday, March 17th	
5:00PM	Stuart Chase
Sunday, March 18th	
8:00 AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	Girl Scout Sunday
Monday, March 19th	
7:30AM	Edmund Reggie
10:45AM	Our Island Home Marilyn Potoczak
Tuesday, March 20th	
7:30AM	Melissa Hilbig Herschap
Wednesday, March 21st	
7:30AM	Judy Minucci
Thursday, March 22nd	
7:30AM	Stanley "Bushy" Conway
Friday, March 23rd	
7:30AM	Mary "Bo" Toner
Saturday, March 24th	
5:00PM	H. Flint Ranney
Sunday, March 25th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00 AM	Wincenty Koziel

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

Because the last Sunday of March is Palm Sunday of the Passion, there will be no Baptism Preparation Class that day. **Instead, Baptism Preparation for March will be done by appointment.** Please contact the office for information. Baptisms take place the first Sunday of the month usually at 12:30 pm from October to June, and at 1 pm July to September.

Religious Education News

Next class March 25th for all grades

**A Palm Sunday Celebration of the Legacy of
Professor T. Frank Kennedy, S.J.**

Sunday March 25th
Gasson 100, Boston College



3:00pm	Music of the Baroque and the Jesuit Mission Works by Bach, Charpentier, Zipoli for orchestra and voices conducted by John Finney
4:30pm	Reception & Book Launch <i>Listening to Early Modern Catholicism</i> A collection of essays in memory of T. Frank Kennedy, S.J.

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, Kori Olsen, Dennis J. Dias, Ashley Andrade, Barbara Murphy, Fr. Tom Clements, Claire Schroeder, Davy Walker, Pamela Marchant, Dino Almodobar, Sandy Duarte, Elsie Dudley, Therese Woodward, Troy Towne, Lola Jagolta, 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, Stephen McCluskey, Kerry O'Keefe, Ron Bocage, Santiaguita Hernandez, Paul Gonnella, Nancy Pittman, Kevin Dugan, Linda LaConti, Jane Podurriel, Donna Perone, Stephen Rickard, Jean Duarte, Ray McMahon, Tish Meehan, Sylvia Lewis, Shirley Souza, Molly Elverson, Sarah Partridge, Fernando Gutierrez, Gisela MacDonald, Felix Soares, & Jerry & Brad Giles. For visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Stewardship
A Way of Life

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Mar. 10 & 11: Stewardship: \$2,707.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$1,072.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

Mar 17 & 18: Diocesan Assessment
Operation Rice Bowl. Please place in containers in vestibule.



**PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR SCHEDULE FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Girl Scout Sunday

This Sunday the Girl Scouts will join us for the 11am Mass to celebrate "Girl Scout Sunday." They will join us as a group and members will exercise various ministries.

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Monday, March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has been honored on this date since the end of the tenth century. He was declared Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX; patron of workers, carpenters, and of fathers – also of Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and (south) Vietnam.

Remaining days are seasonal weekdays of Lent.

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.



WEEKDAY MASS

Monday through Friday,

Mass will be at 7:30am

Rosary

Among other devotions this year, there will be a daily Rosary- to be prayed before daily Mass and beginning at 7:10 am.

Stations Of The Cross

Weekly during Lent on Wednesdays at 5:15pm by a lite

Spanish Stations of the Cross

Weekly during Lent on Fridays at 7:00pm

Reconciliation

See below.

REMINDER:

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Lenten Penance Service **Prepare for Easter with the** **Sacrament of Reconciliation** **God's forgiving love!**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
after Stations of the Cross (around 5:45 pm)
(No Lite Bite meal)

Father Bouchard and Father Cody will be available for individual confessions along with Father German Correa Agudelo for confessions in Spanish.

Palm Sunday of the Passion **March 24/25, 2018**

Note that palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass next Sunday. At the 5 pm and 8 am Masses there will be a modified procession. The main procession will be at the beginning of the 11 am Mass **starting at the rectory yard** (weather permitting).

St. Mary Cemetery

Please help us keep our cemetery neat and clean. Please remove all Christmas decorations and anything that you would like to keep no later than March 25th. The generous members of our K of C have scheduled a clean up. Whatever remains will be discarded.

Father Bouchard's Retirement

Bishop Edgar da Cunha of the Diocese of Fall River has informed the Personnel Board that he has accepted Father's request to retire. No date has been announced yet, but assignments in our dioceses typically take place late in June. This means the process for choosing Father's successor has begun. Both Father and the Pastoral Council have presented a profile of our parish to the Bishop.

Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary, our patroness

Covered Statues and Images

Veils over statues and crosses keep our mind on the promise of Easter.

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in - these last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.



EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS:

There are envelopes for this purpose in your packets, and extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. And you can give online. Just indicate those in whose memory (deceased) or in whose honor (living) you are making the offering, and drop the envelope in the collection basket at any time, or at the rectory. Names will be published soon after Easter, and the 11am Mass Easter morning will be offered for them.



Encounter Alefa

Through the CRS Rice Bowl collection materials, we encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

High School Seniors

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