



*Mass Intentions of the Week
Easter Sunday*

Saturday, Holy Saturday, March 31st

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

Sunday, Easter April 1st

8:00 AM Our Parish Family
11:00 AM For All We Remember & Honor with the
Easter Flowers

Monday, April 2nd

7:30AM Fr. Francis Wallace

Tuesday, April 3th

7:30AM Frederick Padula

Wednesday, April 4th

7:30AM Joseph M. Cody

Thursday, April 5th

7:30AM Ingela Gram

Friday, April 6th

7:30 AM Jack Diamond

Saturday, April 7th

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 8th

8:00AM Ernest Oliver, Sr.
11:00 AM Margaret Bazin

BAPTISM PARENTS MEETING

The next Baptism Preparation Class will be Sunday, April 29 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. 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 April 8th for all grades

RESPONSES TO THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

In respect for the mystery of the Resurrection which we celebrate in a special way during the whole Easter season, during that time our response to the Universal Prayer, or the General Intercessions, will be: **"Risen Lord, hear our prayer."**

CLOW: Children's Liturgy of the Word

This liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children takes place during the 11 am Mass on Sunday. This wonderful program provides a liturgical experience of the Word of God for our children.. We are always in need off more leaders and assistants. This is a great way for parents to get involved in the religious formation of their children. If you can help, please contact Leslie Bresette at 508.228.9728 or Leslie.bresette@gmail.com

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 Podurgiel, 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.

Easter Sunday

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Mar. 24 & 25: Stewardship: \$5,166.00

Up-Coming Collections

Easter, March 31- April 1: At all the Easter Masses there will be two collections:

- the first will be your Easter gift for the support of our parish.
 - the second will be for the support of the retired and infirm priests of our diocese who have spent their lives in the service of the Lord and His people.
- Your generosity will be appreciated

THIS WEEK AT MASS



HAPPY EASTER

The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. The wonder of Easter is too great to be captured in one day or one Mass. So this whole week of Easter can be considered as one great Easter Sunday during which we celebrate again and again the wondrous joy of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We also celebrate our share in this life stronger than death and more powerful than sin by virtue of our baptism. The Easter season continues for 50 days, culminating with the Feast of Pentecost (May 20). During this time the Easter candle or "Pascal" candle will be lit each time we gather for Mass.



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.

Listening Sessions with Bishop Da Cunha

Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church! Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts into that process. They are scheduled as follows: April 5, Christ the King Parish, Mashpee; April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 18, St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans; April 20, St. Julie Billiart Parish, Dartmouth; and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00PM with the exception of the final one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00PM.

Parish Mission Statement

Our Pastoral Council has established a Mission Statement for our parish. It identifies who we are and what our goals are. It provides us with guidance and tells guests and visitors what is important to us. The statement: *St. Mary Our Lady of the Isle Parish is a loving Catholic Faith community. Inspired by the Gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to live out our faith through action and service to all. United, we bring together year-round and seasonal parishioners of many different heritages from our diverse island community to foster hope and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Redeemer.*

Homily Series on Priestly Ministry

Father Marcel Bouchard will be leaving us and beginning his retirement in a little more than two months. Plans are underway for a farewell/retirement celebration. Details and date should be announced soon. We must also be preparing ourselves to warmly welcome our new pastor. The bishop is expected to announce his name and arrival date, soon. Meanwhile, our native Nantucket priest, Father Kevin Cody, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination on June 10 (at the 11:00 Mass). With all this in mind, Father Marcel is preparing a series of homilies on priestly ministry and his experiences. They will be preached, through the Easter season, from next Sunday through Pentecost (May 20). A list of topics will be published here next week.

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS WITH OUR YOUTH



First Communion: Will be celebrated at parish Masses (English and Spanish) on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, 2018: 5 pm Saturday and 11 am Sunday in English and 5 pm on Sunday in Spanish.



Confirmation: Will be celebrated on Ascension Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 4 pm. Our retired Bishop, George W. Coleman, will be the confirming prelate. Let's pray for our students preparing for these sacraments, and their families.



High School Seniors

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