

Mass Intentions of the Week

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016



Monday, December 26th 7:30AM	Charles Forman & Family, living
Tuesday, December 27th 7:30AM	Alberico DiNicola
Wednesday, December 28th 7:30AM	Ursula Holdgate
Thursday, December 29th 7:30AM	No Intention
Friday, December 30th 7:30AM	Elizabeth "Bette" Cody
Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God	
Saturday, December 31st 5:00PM	Helene & Harold Pike Myra & Philip Marks, Sr. Spanish Mass
7:00PM	
January 1, 2017 8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Rosanne McGuinn
(NO Spanish Mass on Sunday, January 1, 2017)	

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

Holy Day of Obligation and a Sunday

English Masses: Usual Sunday schedule –
Saturday at 5 pm; Sunday at 8 and 11 am.

Spanish Mass: 7 pm Saturday, December 31
(No Spanish Mass on Sunday, January 1)



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.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Thank you to those who donated so generously so that our church can be so beautiful for the Christmas season. Names of those living and dead that you asked to be remembered will be listed in a future bulletin.

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.

The Nativity of the Lord **(Christmas)**

Sunday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Stewardship A Way of Life **Christmas**

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

12-18 First collection \$2,330.00

12-18 Diocesan Assessment \$1,027.00

December 24 & 25

One Collection:

Christmas Offering, Your Christmas Gift to Our Parish

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season (General Norms, 31).

The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 9, 2017.

Monday, December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr (+ around 35). He was one of the seven deacons of the Acts of the Apostles and the first disciple to be martyred.

Tuesday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (+ around 100). He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James, the "disciple Jesus loved." He authored three letters, the book of Revelations, and the most spiritual of the gospels.

Wednesday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, martyrs. In an effort to eliminate the "newborn king of the Jews" Herod ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under (see Matthew 2:1-18). This feast remembers their sacrifice and the devastation of the parents who lost their children.

Thursday, December 29: The fifth day in the octave of Christmas.

Friday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. This feast is not on the Sunday after Christmas this year because Christmas and its Octave day (Mary the Mother of God) are both on Sundays.

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.



Merry Christmas

The parish staff joins me in praying that this Christmas season finds you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace, as we celebrate the feast of the Lord's birth.

Fr. Bouchard

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.

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.**

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.



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!