



Mass Intentions of the Week

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017

Saturday, January 28th	
5:00PM	John McDonald, Sr.
Sunday, January 29th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Elizabeth "Bette" Cody
Monday, January 30th	
7:30AM	Helen Murray
Tuesday, January 31st	
7:30AM	No Intention
Wednesday, February 1st	
7:30AM	Arnold Teasdale
Thursday, February 2nd	
7:30AM	No Intention
Friday, February 3rd	
7:30AM	Prayer Service & Communion
Saturday, February 4th	
5:00PM	John Ingignoli
Sunday, February 5th	
8:00AM	Our Parish Family
11:00AM	Ghislain Abreu Nunez

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 **this 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 29nd: Grade 1-8, NNS 9:30 to 10:30AM

BLESSING OF THROATS ON FEBRUARY 3

On the feast of St. Blaise we bless throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. The blessing of throats is not just for throat ailments, but for protection from all diseases; and it is not just for the sick, but for everyone. Traditionally two crossed (unlit) candles, blessed on February 2, are used for the blessing. They may be tied with a red ribbon. Laypeople as well as priests and deacons may give the blessing. **The blessing of throats will take place at the 7:30 AM service on this day.**

CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS WITH OUR YOUTH

First Communion: Will be celebrated at all parish Masses (English and Spanish) on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, 2017.

Confirmation: Will be celebrated on Ascension Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 4 pm. Our Bishop, Edgar M da Cunha, will be the confirming prelate.

Let's pray for our students preparing for these sacraments, and their families.

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. Santiagueta Hernandez for visits by Fr. Bouchard please call the office.

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Sunday: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

First Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

First Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Stewardship A Way of Life

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Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!

1-22-2017 First-Stewardship \$2,827.00

Upcoming second collections:

2-5-2017 Black and Indian Mission

2-12-2017 Diocesan Assessment

2-19-2017 Anchor Diocesan Paper

THIS WEEK AT MASS

Tuesday, January 31: St. John Bosco, priest (+1888). He founded the Salesians, a religious community today numbering over 16,200. He was dedicated to the education of youth.

Thursday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord. This is the final "Christmas feast" and occurs 40 days after Christmas. It has also been known as Candlemas Day and the Purification of Mary. It is, however a feast of the Lord. And on this day traditionally candles for use in worship and for prayers at home are blessed. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more about the blessing of candles.

Friday, February 3: St. Blaise, bishop and martyr (+ 4th century). He was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and associated with the healing of throats. In memory of St. Blaise the **blessing of throats** will be given at today's service. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more information.

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.

Intentions – a Happy Problem

So many people are requesting Masses for their departed loved ones – especially Sunday Masses – that we are instituting the following policy to give more people a greater variety of Masses to choose from: **The Mass intentions book will open six months in advance only. So, on January 1, 2017 the book will be opened for intentions up to July 1, 2017. Please do not request a Mass beyond these parameters.**

Please note that the Church requests that the pastor celebrate one Mass for the people of his parish each Sunday. That's why on Saturday or Sunday there is always an intention for "Our Parish Family." This Mass is always for **YOU!**

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.

When You Have a Change of Information

Whenever you have a change of name, address, email address, phone number, etc. we would greatly appreciate your letting us know. This is especially important for mailing addresses because of the cost to the parish of return mail. You can contact the office, or just go to our website: www.stmarysnantucket.org, point to "Who we are" and click on "Change of Info Form."

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.

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



Our Own Parish App – Now Available!

Just go to your Android or iOS app store and search for St. Mary Nantucket. Or go to <http://stmarynan.solutio.us/download> on your computer.

You'll have all you need to know about Our Lady of the Isle right at your fingertips: Mass schedules, readings, ministry assignments, and much, much more.

2017 Women and Men's Conference

For Lent this year, the Fall River Diocese is offering something new! The 2017 Women and Men's Conference is a one-day program with enriching talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship for a deeper faith-filled journey towards Easter. It will take place on Saturday, March 11, 8AM to 4PM, at Stonehill College. Speakers will be Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.; RENEW International Director Sr. Terry Richard, O.P.; Christian music artist ValLimar Jansen; and lay evangelist and humorist Michael Cumbie. More information next week.