

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Jul 23,	4:00 P.M.	Alfred Freitas by daughter, Ann & son, Gary (12 th anniversary)
Sun., Jul 24,	8:30 A.M.	William Butler, Sr. by St. Vincent de Paul Society
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Normand & Ernest Richard, Therese Poitras, Celina Oliveira
	7:00 P.M.	Augusta Mimoso by family
Mon., Jul 25,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Jul 26,	8:00 A.M.	Linda Oliveira by family
Thurs., Jul 28,	8:00 A.M.	Lorraine Marshall Marashio by family
Fri., Jul 29,	8:00 A.M.	Peter Colangelo by father, Angelo (7 th anniversary)
Sat., Jul 30,	4:00 P.M.	Butler & Lenihan families
Sun., Jul 31,	8:30 A.M.	Francis Kwiatkowski by wife
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Therese Poitras, Celina Oliveira
	7:00 P.M.	Gertrude T. Mello by husband, James



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Edward Couto by sisters, Rita & Dolores
In Memory of Lazaro S. Rosa by wife, Maria, children & grandchildren

Icon Candle: In Memory of Adriano Correia by family & friends

Hosts for July: In Memory of Nelson Fernandes by wife, Hilda (4th anniversary)

On the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church there is a priest prayer request calendar for July. Please take one and say a prayer for the priest on that day. Thank you.

Perhaps you might want to start your day off with Mass during the week. If not every day – how about once a week? We have daily mass on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. at 8:00AM.

St. Mary's is part of the **Pokémon GO** phenomenon. Our bell is one of the locations to be found - another reason to come to St. Mary's.

Budget: \$5548.

Expenses: Fire Alarm: \$200.

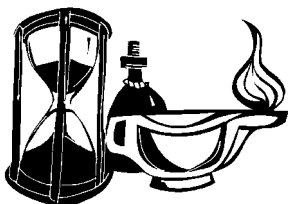
Water: \$187.

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open. The offering is **\$10.00** for the **Sunday community mass** and all **weekday masses** and **\$20.00** for all **individual weekend masses**. Registered parishioners may reserve up to two masses on weekends and two masses on weekdays until all requests are filled. Those who are not registered or from another parish may add names to the Sunday community mass at 10:30 A.M.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting will be Wednesday, August 3rd, at 6:45 PM.

Due to the winter frozen pipes, the rugs in the office must be replaced. The starting date for this project is July 25th. During that week the office will be closed. We will be answering phone messages as needed. I apologize for any inconvenience. The rugs have not been replaced since the church was built in 1988, so it is time and the insurance coverage will pay for most of it.

Do you feel God asking you to do more for Him? One way to help in His Vineyard would be to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or as a Pastoral Volunteer to pray with residents. If you feel called to help with this important ministry, please contact: Pauline C. Gates, OCDS, Director of Pastoral Care: Sacred Heart Home, 359 Summer St., New Bedford; 508-996-6751, ext.124. Help is needed.



Please permit me to express, on behalf of my family and myself, our gratitude for your kind prayers, cards and mass enrollments on the occasion of the death of my mother. I am also grateful to so many of you for your presence at her funeral mass.

Year of Mercy - As we celebrate the Year of Mercy, you will find a suggestion for your use as corporal or spiritual work of mercy. When possible, please try to utilize these suggestions in the coming weeks – Thank You.

**Spiritual Works of Mercy ~ BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
SAY A PRAYER FOR A FELLOW MOTORIST WHO “ANNOYS” YOU.**

We unite ourselves with all those attending **World Youth Day** in Krakow, Poland, July 25-31, joining in the official pilgrim prayer: *God, merciful Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman. We entrust to you in a special way young people of every language, people and nation: guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day. Heavenly Father, grant that we may bear witness to your mercy. Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt, hope to those who are discouraged, love to those who feel indifferent, forgiveness to those who have done wrong and joy to those who are unhappy. Allow the spark of merciful love that you have enkindled within us become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth. Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us. Saint John Paul II, pray for us. Saint Faustina, pray for us.*

We ask all our parishioners to pray for the success of this world Youth Day event, for Pope Francis, for all the youth and particularly for Emma Braga who will be representing our parish.

There are a few **vocation prayer cards** available at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to take one for yourself and some to share with others to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Heading To College In The Fall? You are invited to a free retreat! On August 9-10, 2016, Fall River Catholic Campus Ministry will offer an overnight program, entitled Embark, at Sacred Hearts retreat Center in Wareham. This gathering provides an opportunity for incoming first year students to meet the diocesan ministry team, and to meet other students who will be heading to college in the fall. You'll have an opportunity to explore the transitions that define our past, present, and future. Take time away to reflect with others and on your own and listen to the experiences of a young adult team as you prepare to transition from high school and home life to living on your own. Embark is open to any first year (resident or commuter) student attending any university. There is no charge to attend. Registration is limited, so register today at www.umassdcatholics.com/embark. Any questions please contact Deacon Frank Lucca at flucca@umassd.edu or Fr. David Frederici at FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love - Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family

Chapter Six: “Some pastoral perspectives”

In the sixth chapter the Pope treats various pastoral perspectives that are aimed at forming solid and fruitful families according to God's plan. The chapter uses the Final Reports of the two Synods and the catecheses of Pope Francis and Pope John Paul II extensively. It reiterates that families should not only be evangelized, they should also evangelize. The Pope regrets “that ordained ministers often lack the training needed to deal with the complex problems currently facing families”. On the one hand, the psycho-affective formation of seminarians needs to be improved, and families need to be more involved in formation for ministry; and on the other hand, ‘the experience of the broad oriental tradition of a married clergy could also be drawn upon’.

The Pope then deals with the preparation of the engaged for marriage; with the accompaniment of couples in the first years of married life, including the issue of responsible parenthood; and also with certain complex situations and crises, knowing that “each crisis has a lesson to teach us; we need to learn how to listen for it with the ear of the heart”. Some causes of crisis are analyzed, among them a delay in maturing affectively.

Mention is furthermore made of accompanying abandoned, separated or divorced persons. The Exhortation stresses the importance of the recent reform of the procedures for marriage annulment. It highlights the suffering of children in situations of conflict and concludes: Divorce is an evil and the increasing number of divorces is very troubling. Hence, our most important pastoral task with regard to families is to strengthen their love, helping to heal wounds and working to prevent the spread of this drama of our times”. It then touches on the situations of a marriage between a Catholic and a Christian of another denomination (mixed marriages), and between a Catholic and someone of another religion (disparity of cult). Regarding families with members with homosexual tendencies, it reaffirms the necessity to respect them and to refrain from any unjust discrimination and every form of aggression or violence. The last, pastorally poignant part of the chapter, “When death makes us feel its sting”, is on the theme of the loss of dear ones and of widowhood.

(The full, unabridged text, can be found on the Vatican website: <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-apostolic-exhortation-on-the-joy-of-love>)

