

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 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., Sep 17,	4:00 P.M.	Mark Richard by wife & family
Sun., Sep 18,	8:30 A.M.	Hortense Hogan by family
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Georgiana & Napoleon Ouellette, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel L. Medeiros, Joao Gaspar, Clotilde B. & Manuel Torres, Jr., Justin Frias
	7:00 P.M.	Frank & Lois Giambo by family
Mon., Sep 19,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Sep 20,	8:00 A.M.	In Thanksgiving for Amanda
Thurs., Sep 22,	8:00 A.M.	Frank A. DeSimone, Jr. by Beverly Condez
Fri., Sep 23,	8:00 A.M.	Linda Oliveira by family
Sat., Sep 24,	4:00 P.M.	Henri Lemieux by wife, Annette (4 th anniversary)
Sun., Sep 25,	8:30 A.M.	Ron & Hazel Dupont by daughters
	10:30 A.M.	Community Mass: Francisco Marques, Justin Frias
	7:00 P.M.	Cosme Medeiros by sister



14-day Memorial Candles: In Memory of Lucien Gallant by Rick (1st anniversary)
In Memory of Andre Richard by wife, Theresa (5th anniversary)

Icon Candle: In Memory of Linda Oliveira by family

Hosts for September: In Memory of Simone & Randall Villeneuve by family

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

Religious Education Registration 2016-2017

This Sunday, September 18th after the 8:30AM and 10:30 AM masses in the Memorial Chapel.

Registration Fee : \$35.00 per child or \$60.00 per family

First Penance/First Communion preparation is \$50.00 per student

Confirmation preparation (grade 9) is \$75.00 per student

Students registering for the first time are asked to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate unless baptized at St. Mary's Church. **Classes begin on September 25th.** Families must be registered and active (attending mass weekly) in St. Mary's Parish before enrolling in the Religious Education Program.

Do you have a child entering 1st Grade in the public school system? Remember to register your son or daughter for Religious Education. Children, who will receive First Penance and First Communion in Grade 2, must successfully complete the 1st Grade level.

Please contact Mrs. LaCroix with any questions at 508-995-3593 or cathylacroix@stmarvsnb.com.

The Religious Education teachers will be commissioned at the 10:30 mass this Sunday, September 18th. A meeting for all teachers will follow in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Parent Meeting – Sunday, September 25 at 12:30PM in the Parish Center.

We are pleased to offer an adult exercise class on Thursday evenings at 7PM. The class is held in the Pastoral Center (gym). We are grateful to Sally Clementino.

Budget: \$5342.

CRAFTERS WANTED: St. Mary's Holiday Fair is scheduled for November 5^h and 6th. For more information please call Linda at 508-995-4166.



A SPECIAL NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH NEEDS CREATED BY THE EXTREME FLOODING OCCURRING IN LOUISIANA WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2016. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOUR MEANS ALLOW. ALL CASH IN THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THIS COLLECTION.

Month long “Prayer for Peace” – Bishop da Cunha has asked us to pray for peace beginning September 9th and ending on October 10th – Columbus Day weekend, and our annual Mass & Procession for Peace. He reminds us that Fr. Peyton has said: “A world at prayer is a world at peace.”

Next year will mark the **100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima** asking prayers for peace. Bishop da Cunha said, “As Our Heavenly Mother, we know she would like all her children to live in peace with each other. So she is very much interested in our peace and in a peaceful world. She would not want to see any of her children suffering. Where there is violence and war there is suffering. Therefore we pray through her intercession for an end to violence and war, so that people may be spared the suffering these evils bring and peace may reign among all God’s people.”

Please say a prayer for peace daily during this month-long initiative in our Diocese. At St. Mary’s we recite the rosary daily before weekday masses and before mass on Saturday and Sunday during October. Join us.

Sign-ups for St. Mary’s Basketball teams will take place on Sunday, September 25 in the front hall of St. Mary’s Pastoral Center (All Saints Catholic School), after CCD (approx.. 10:20AM) and after the 10:30 mass. Boys and girls in Grades 4-6 (C Division), and Grades 7-8 (A Division) are eligible. For any questions, or if you cannot make the sign-ups, please contact Bernie Flood at 508-995-3524.

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.

Corporal Works of Mercy ~ CARE FOR THE SICK

DRIVE SOMEONE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT OR VOLUNTEER AT THE SENIOR CENTER TO BE A DRIVER FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Hymn Sing for the Year of Mercy A music event to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 25 at 3:00PM. There will be familiar hymns for all to sing with the hope of filling St. Mary’s with the sound of voices uplifted in sung prayer. Several choirs will present selections that help us reflect on the mercy of the Father and how we can practice the works of mercy in our own lives. Please share this invitation with others and plan to enter through the Holy Door with your family and friends on that afternoon.

The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Women extend to you an invitation to attend presentation by Kaylee Peixoto, a student at Bishop Stang High School, of her recent trip to Poland to greet His Holiness, Pope Francis, on Saturday, September 24th here at our St. Mary’s Parish Center. Coffee and pastries will be served at 9:00AM - Presentation will begin at 10:00AM.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration – will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2016. This celebration will take place Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 PM at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fall River. **If you would like an invitation, please call the parish office by October 17.**

Adult Confirmation classes Bishop Stang High School (Chapel Entrance) 500 Slocum Rd., N. Dartmouth. Thursdays 7:00-9:00PM, October 6th – November 10th. Holy Cross Parish Center, 225 Purchase St., Easton, MA. Wednesdays 7:00-9:00PM, October 5th – November 9th. Mandatory retreat for all candidates will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 4256 Acushnet Ave. on November 12th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, December 3, 2016 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00PM. **Please call the rectory office for more information.**

The annual **Red Mass** will be celebrated in the Fall River Diocese at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2016, in St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fall River. Offered widely throughout the nation, the Red Mass is celebrated to invoke God’s guidance on judges, attorneys and others working in the areas of law and justice. All are welcome to attend. Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, OFM Cap., will be principal celebrant and homilist of this 20th observance of the Red Mass in our Diocese, which he instituted while serving as Bishop. Mass will conclude with the presentation of the St. Thomas More Award to members of the legal community to recognize dedicated service. For more info, call Red Mass Committee Chairman, Atty. Michael Harrington at (508) 994-5900.

