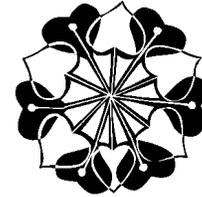


# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

**Your prayers** are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for Wayne Dubois whose funeral mass was celebrated here; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

Sat., Feb 11,	4:00 P.M.	Cecile Silveira by Ron & family (13 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Sun., Feb 12,	8:30 A.M.	Carol Simas by Cathy, Jim & Heather
	10:30 A.M.	<b>Community Mass:</b> David J. Rego, Joao Ferreira, Jose Aguiar, Mary Anna Frechette, Natalia Santos
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Mon., Feb 13,	8:00 A.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary
Tues., Feb 14,	8:00 A.M.	Laurie Letourneau by Louis & Louise Trial
Thurs., Feb 16,	8:00 A.M.	Antonia Aguiar & Maria Teresa Viveiros
Fri., Feb 17,	8:00 A.M.	Mary Gentili by St. Mary's Women's Guild
Sat., Feb 18,	4:00 P.M.	Hilaria & Manuel Lima by family
Sun., Feb 19,	8:30 A.M.	Joseph & Carol Simas by Cathy, Jim & Heather
	10:30 A.M.	<b>Community Mass:</b> Joao Gaspar, Frank & Lois Giambo, Grace, Tony & Peter Colangelo, Manuel Medeiros, William T. Wilson, Gertrude Mello
	7:00 P.M.	For parishioners of St. Mary



**14-day Memorial Candles:** In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by wife, Maria & family  
In Memory of A Special Intention

**Icon Candle:** In Memory of Arnold Avellar by Rita & Leroy Medeiros

**Hosts for February:** In Memory of Edna Schard by DeTerra & LeBoeuf families



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

There are a number of **Icon & Memorial Candles** available for this year. The cost for the Icon candle lit for one week is \$10.00 and the Memorial candle lit for two weeks is \$20.00. Please call the rectory if you would like to memorialize any of these.

**Budget:** \$6532.      **Expenses:** Roof repair: \$340.    Insurance (church & pastoral center): \$4000.  
Assessment (monthly): \$7000.

## Religious Education

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will be administered here at St. Mary's Church on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00PM** by Bishop Edgar da Cunha to the candidates from St. Mary's and Our Lady of Fatima.

**No Religious Education classes February 19th for Winter Break**

An Anchor envelope is enclosed with the February envelopes should you chose to subscribe to *The Anchor*. The cost for the year is \$20. for Diocesan and Catholic news. If you chose **not** to subscribe, just discard the envelope. Should you have any questions just call the office.

**Parish Lenten Mission** Reserve the dates of **March 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass at noon and 7 PM**, directed by Father Thomas Washburn OFM. Plan now to make this your special time of prayer during Lent. A good way to begin Lent.

**In Observance of Presidents' Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.**



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On Sunday, there will be an event in the city in which residents will be able to stop at various locations throughout to get a **free blood pressure check**. The hope is to save someone who is at risk and to distribute some useful information concerning blood pressure. The event is sponsored by the city, and one of the locations will be Fire Station #9, 799 Ashley Blvd. and Tarkiln Hill Rd. from 11:30AM to 2:00PM.

The Bishop has called a **Men's & Women's Conference** which will take place **Saturday, March 11**, at Stonehill College from 9:00AM-4:00PM. Cardinal Sean O'Malley, is the keynote speaker. There will be breakout sessions for Men & Women. The cost of the day including lunch and refreshments is \$45. It should be a very interesting day and will be a great opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge. There will be confessions during the lunch break and catholic vendors during the downtime. The closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha will be at 3:00PM. I have put information flyers at the entrance of the church. You can also go to the Diocesan website [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) to get more information. In addition to Cardinal Sean, Sr. Terry Rickard will be speaking and Christian music artist, ValLimar Jansen will be speaking and singing. Michael Cumbie a lay evangelist and humorist will be leading the Men's breakout.

**Have you made your Confirmation?** Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation along with Baptism and Communion. Confirmation, along with other requirements, is necessary if one is to be a sponsor – Godparent – at Baptism or Confirmation. Each year the Diocese conducts special classes for those adults over 18 who are not yet confirmed. The schedule for Spring is: **Adult Confirmation classes** St. Bernard Parish 32 South Main St., Assonet. Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM, February 28<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>, or Holy Family Parish Center (east of the church) 438 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton. Saturdays 10:00AM-12:00PM, February 25<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mandatory retreat for all candidates will be held at St. John Neumann Parish on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Class registration fee is \$25. Retreat fee is \$20. (includes lunch). Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, May 13, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00PM. Please call the rectory office for more information.

**Priesthood Discernment Retreat** – The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a retreat for men ages 19-45 who are open to praying about a Vocation to the Priesthood. This retreat will be held **March 3-5** at the Betania II Retreat Center in Medway. For more information or to register please contact Fr. Chris Peschel at [discernmentretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:discernmentretreat@yahoo.com) or 508-398-2248.

**Charis Weekend Retreat** *The What Next? Finding Answers with Faith Retreat* is designed for men and women in their 20s and 30s who are interested in taking time out from their busy lives to prayerfully reflect on the transitions they have faced or are currently facing. This retreat allows young adults the opportunity not only to reflect on how their experiences of transition influence their faith, but also how their faith can guide, comfort, and support their journey of transition.

**Charis Retreat Weekend** – 5PM Friday, March 3 through 1PM Sunday, March 5. Cost is \$50/person for college students, or \$100/person for non-college students in their 20's and 30's if registered by Feb 14. Add \$25 after February 14. Sponsored by the Diocese of Fall River Office for Campus Ministry. For more information, visit <http://fallrivercampusministry.com> or contact Fr David Frederici at [FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com](mailto:FrDavid@fallrivercampusministry.com).

*A number of parishioners noted the discrepancy last week in the February calendar. A parish mathematician noted:* During the 252 year period from 1800 to 2051, the exact same February calendar configuration occurs 28 times. Every 28 years, this will occur 4 times, and the cycle pattern has a gap of 6 or 11 years. This means that this exact same configuration will next occur in 6 or 11 years. Our next one is only 6 years away in 2023 and 11 years later in 2034, the 11 years later in 2045 and again 6 years in 2051. Every month has at least 4 of each day of the week, and every February of 28 days has exactly 4 of each of the days of the week. This is 3 out of each 4 with a few exceptions such as at the turn of the century if the year is not divisible by 400.

